

St. Luke's Table

SIXTH SUNDAY
of EASTER and
MOTHER'S DAY

If you love me,
you will keep my word,
and my Father will love you,
and we will come to you.
See John 14.23



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Good Morning and Welcome!

A Service of Morning Prayer, mostly created using two sources of material prepared by St. Mellitus College, for use by the Mothers' Union. www.mothersunion.org

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The Gathering of the Community

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

WELCOME!

Traditionally, today is a time to celebrate our Mothers and Grandmothers. We also come together today to give thanks to God for all those people who have nurtured us, and to offer ourselves to nurture others, with God's help. We have also come to acknowledge the pain of a hurting world.

We come to receive again from the God of compassion and mercy.

Prayer of Preparation

Loving and compassionate God,
as a mother hen gathers her chicks,
so you draw the whole human family to yourself.
Bring us together now, that we may today
and forever be united under your wing
in all our sorrows and joys.

Amen.

Opening Hymn:

The Comfortable Words

Hear the words of comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to him:

“Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

Silent Reflection



Love, Stratz, Wayne; Almon, Margaret; Halstead, Suzanne

Prayer of Penitence

We have failed to nurture the needy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to make space in our lives
for the broken-hearted.

Christ, have mercy.

We struggle to forgive those
who have withheld their love from us.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect of the Day

**Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Acts 10: 44-48



Holy Spirit Comes to the Disciples
Stadtbibliothek Trier, Trier, Germany

Acts 10: 44-48 - Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God.

Then Peter said, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 98, (alternating verses)

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in
the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to
the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

**Lord God, we see your righteous rule
in all your works, and we join our voices
with the song of your whole creation
in praising you, in and through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Second Reading

1 John 5: 1-6



Save the Holy Spirits -- RETNA – Marcus Lewis, Miami, FL

1 John 5: 1-6 - Faith Conquers the World

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world.

And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.
Who is it that conquers the world but the one who
believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood,
Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water
and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies,
for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

The Good News:
Gospel of Christ
according to
John 15: 9-17



Hands Across the Divide
Craigavon Bridge, Derry, Northern Ireland

Gospel of Christ according to John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Reflection



Messenger of Sympathy and Love -- Eugene Savage, Ariel Rios
Federal Bldg, Washington, DC

Offertory Hymn

Prayer over the Gifts:

**God of glory,
accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name. Amen.**

Prayers of
the People



Spirit of the Community
Belmont Civic Centre Australia

And now let us pray this

“Meditation on the Lord’s Prayer” (Form 2):

**Abba, Amma, Beloved,
your name be hallowed,
your reign spread among us,
your will be done well, at all times, in all places,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us the bread we need for today.
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Let us not fail in the time of our testing.
Spare us from trials too sharp to endure.
Free us from the grip of all evil powers.
For yours is the reign, the power and the glory,
the victory of love, for now and eternity,
world without end. Amen and Amen.**

Blessing

May the God of hope fill us all with joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

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