
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY

AS WE GATHER... Good news versus fake news. What is the difference? Whether from false teachers, Internet bloggers, social media users, misguided co-workers and fellow students, or even the news media itself, our experience of daily life can be overwhelmed by fake news: information that is misleading, unhelpful, or simply not true. We must be especially aware of this in matters concerning Jesus, faith, and forgiveness. God has testified this Good News concerning His Son, Jesus: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life (1 John 5:12)." In the face of so much fake news, take heart! Jesus—His life, death and resurrection—is God's final word of Good news for all people.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS...

P: God who testifies Good News concerning Your Son:

C: We admit that we have turned from You. We have been led astray by our listening to the many voices spouting fake news in our world. Tune our hearts to Your voice speaking Good News about Jesus in Your Word. Forgive us and heal us by Your love for Jesus' sake.

Silence for Reflection

...AND RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

SONG OF PRAISE "How Majestic is Your Name"

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name

O Lord, we magnify your name, Prince of Peace, mighty God

O Lord God Almighty

(Repeat)

BAPTISM OF Margaret Marie McFadden

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Lesson:

Acts 1:12-26

Peter leads the apostles in choosing a successor to Judas.

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And

it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Epistle:

I John 5:9-15

Jesus, the Son, is the testimony of God that He has given eternal life to His people.

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself.

Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Joyful Noise"

By Pepper Choplin

Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Shout to God, the Rock of our salvation.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Come to His presence with praise and jubilant singing.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Serve the Lord with love and gladness.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Gather to worship and bless His name forever.

Know that the Lord, the Lord is God, Creator, Who has made us.

We are the people of our God. We are the sheep, the sheep of His own pasture.

Make a joyful noise. Shout to God the Rock of our salvation.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Gather to worship and bless His name forever.

Know that the Lord, the Lord is God; His mercy is everlasting.

Know that the Lord, the Lord is God; His truth endures to ev'ry generation, all generations.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Serve the Lord with love and gladness. Make a joyful noise to the Lord. Gather to worship and bless His name forever.

Make a joyful noise (x4). Rise up and make a joyful noise!!

GOSPEL:

John 17:11b-19

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer for His disciples

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
His is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are still, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me'
From life's first cry to final breath,

Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And was born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate.

Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy Christian Church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions.

OFFERTORY

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

P: O God, restore us to oneness among our family of believers even as You have restored us to oneness with You through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Your Good News for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, help the leaders of the civil realm both here and around the world to follow paths of justice for all people, protect the weakest and poorest in every society, and practice honesty and integrity in all their affairs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, be with all people who suffer affliction of body, mind, or spirit (especially.....). Grant that all people look to You and experience healing and wholeness according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, You desire Your people to be of one mind. Strengthen our partnership with other Christian Churches. Today we thank you for Living Faith Church in Philomath. Bless their pastor, Jim Hall, and their people this day as they seek to grow in their faith of Your Son, Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, Your Son, Jesus, loved and honored His mother, Mary. Bless all mothers today on Mother's Day, and especially our own. Grant that we, having been taught Your way from them, may, by our fruitful lives, be a blessing to them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All glory, honor, power, and might be unto You, dear Father, who with Your Son, Jesus Christ, are living and reigning in communion and love with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and ever unto the ages of ages.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: "This is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; He shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; He speaks to me ev'ry where.

This is my Father's world; Oh, let me not forget
That, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!