



Happy
Mother's
Day

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OUR WORSHIP

A Mother's Love

SERVICE THEME Edwin H. Chapin, an American preacher toward the end of the 19th century, said, "No language can express the power and beauty and heroism of a mother's love." Perhaps that is why Jesus uses the illustration of a mother's love to express His deep loving-kindness and great *compassion* for us.

+ Preparing Ourselves to Hear God's Word +

INVITATION TO WORSHIP 94:1-2, 4-6, 9-11

Pastor: Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High

People: will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Pastor: I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,

People: my God, in whom I trust."

Pastor: He will cover you with His feathers,

People: and under His wings you will find refuge.

Pastor: If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"

People: and you make the Most High your dwelling,

Pastor: no harm will overtake you,

People: no disaster will come near your tent.

Pastor: For He will command His angels concerning you

People: to guard you in all your ways.

Pastor: When we were Baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, Jesus became our Savior and our shelter.

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen!**

INVITATION HYMN LSB 880, v. 4 “Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow”

**Lord Jesus, since You love me, Now spread Your wings above me
And shield me from alarm.**

**Though Satan would devour me, Let angel guards sing o’er me;
This child of God shall meet no harm.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION Psalm 51:1-5; 69:16-18; 116:5

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God,

People: according to Your lovingkindness;

Pastor: according to Your abundant *compassion*

People: blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

People: and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: For I know my transgressions,

People: and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: Against You, You only, have I sinned

People: and done what is evil in Your sight.

Pastor: Answer me, Lord, out of the goodness of Your lovingkindness;

People: in your great *compassion* turn to me.

Pastor: Hide not Your face from Your servant,

People: for I am in distress; make haste to answer me.

Pastor: Draw near to my soul, redeem me;

People: ransom me because of my spiritual enemies!

Pastor: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

People: our God is *compassionate*.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious Father, on this day when we celebrate our Mothers’ love, may we see in their desire to protect us from every danger, a *compassion* that is willing to risk life and limb for the sake of their child. And in this sheltering protection and compassion, send Your Holy Spirit to help us better understand and appreciate Jesus’ love for us. We ask in His name.

People: Amen!

+ Hearing God’s Word +

FIRST READING Isaiah 49:13-16a

¹³Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the LORD comforts His people and will have *compassion* on His afflicted ones. ¹⁴But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me, the LORD has forgotten me.”

¹⁵ “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no *compassion* on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! ¹⁶ See, I have engraved you on the palms of My hands.

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:1-8

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and *compassion*, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; ⁷ rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

Pastor: These Readings are the Word of our LORD!

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING Matthew 23:37

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, the tax collector, the twenty-third chapter:

People: Glory and blessing and honor be to You, O LORD Jesus!

³⁷ “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our LORD Jesus.

People: Everlasting praise be to You, our compassionate Christ!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “A Gift for Mom”

SONG OF THE DAY LSB 430, verses 1-2, 5, 7 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

**My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!**

**They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made a-way;
A murderer they save The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes
That He His foes From thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!**

MESSAGE "A Mother's Love"

Introduction

A mother's love is key to understanding Jesus' love for us.

In the Shadow of His Wings

Relationship: Keep me as the apple of Your eye. Psa. 17:8

Refuge: Let me dwell in Your tent forever. Psa. 61:4 (37:8; 57:1)

Rescue: You have been my help. Psa. 63:7

A Hebrew Word for Compassion

Psalm 51:1-5; 69:16-18; 116:5 – The verb is from a noun meaning *womb*.

Forgiveness – Face – Foes

+ Response to the Word +

OFFERING LSB 700 "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen!**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You have sent Your Holy Spirit into our hearts and minds through Your Word which we have heard today. May that Spirit assure us today and every day that Jesus is our compassionate, forgiving, loving, and accepting Savior. May we always dwell within the shelter of His wings. We ask in the name of our crucified and resurrected Savior; we ask in Jesus' name.

People: Amen!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord is blessing you
and watching over you;
The Lord is making His face to shine on you
and He is being gracious to you;
The Lord is smiling the biggest smile when He thinks of you
and He is giving you peace.

People: Amen!

SENDING SONG LSB 809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

***Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Refrain

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain

NEXT SUNDAY – May 15

THEME: A Thirsty World

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: “Are You Thirsty?”

MESSAGE: “Rivers of Life-Giving Water”