

SERVICE OF THE WORD

1 John 5:1-5 (Page 1210)

Matthew 20:20-28 (Page 977)

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John 15:9-17 (Page 1069)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

MESSAGE: *“A Mother’s Request with Love”* Krikor Youmshajekian

HYMN: *“Honour Christian Mothers”*

NOTICES - Elders’ & Council Meetings Wed 26 May 12:00 noon.

- **Pizza/Movie Night** - Tues 1 June 6:30 pm, start at 7:15 pm.

- **Combined Service with Lane Cove Uniting** on the occasion of the Uniting Church 44th Anniversary. Sunday 20 June 2021, here.

OFFERING - *Help us who have received so freely from you to give as freely in our turn, and so have the pleasure of giving.*

PRAYERS FOR MOTHERS

O Loving Lord, You have created mothers in love and blessed them with children. As they work tirelessly to support their families may they be showered with Your blessings. Give mothers strength to exercise compassion as they live each day under Your care.

May those who are joined in Your love, support mothers by their fervour of spirit and devotion to prayer. Amen.

We thank You, O Lord, for the gift of Motherhood.

May those blessed with children be granted the gifts of courage, perseverance and good health. May they face each new day with faith and hope in Your abiding love. May all families find in the strength of Your love the priceless gift of peace and so bear witness to Your glory. Amen.

HYMN: *“Shalom to You Now”*

SENDING OUT AND BENEDICTION

Father, thank You for Your love. Send us out from here in the power of the Holy Spirit and help us to share our gifts with those who are in need. For Yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. **Amen.**

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Longueville - St. Andrew’s Uniting Church



ORDER OF SERVICE

EASTER 6

9 May 2021

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come before the Lord in holy worship!

We come as we are, as we have so many times before, to worship our God and to give thanks.

Open your hearts to God's spirit and let Him renew your life.

We are ready. We are willing. We give ourselves to the renewing spirit of God.

HYMN: *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

OPENING PRAYER – *Seeking the Lord*

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek You, wisdom to perceive You, and patience to wait for You.

Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on You; eyes to behold You; ears to listen for Your word; a heart to love You; and a life to proclaim You; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(St. Benedict 480-543)

RESPONSIVE READING – *Psalms 98*

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvellous things;

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

The Lord has made His salvation known

and revealed His righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—

shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

let them sing before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

HYMN: *"O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder"*

TIME TO PRAY

In silence, please offer your prayers to the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOTHER'S DAY

Our Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have so planned that we should dwell in homes and families. We are grateful to You for our mothers whose love has sustained family life over the centuries.

We thank You for motherhood that is a symbol of strength and unselfishness.

We thank You for all the mothers whose wisdom has guided their children through the developing years of life.

We thank You for all the mothers whose trust has inspired youth to strive for high ideals, and whose lives have been a signpost pointing them to Christ.

Grant that we may express our gratitude to our mothers and honour them as we recall their loyalty and love, their kindness and patience, their sacrifice and perseverance.

Grant that their example may motivate us to love and serve You more, and reach out and touch the lives of our neighbours.

We pray, that You will bless our mothers today as we honour them, and bless the memory of those who are with You in glory.

Help us, O Lord, to grow in the love which gave us birth and guided our early steps.

Help us to bring about a true sense of love in our world beginning with our own homes.

Inspire us by the example of our mothers' faith that we may build a stronger foundation for our lives.

Unite us in Your love, O Lord, and bind us together as you guide us into greater service to You, to our parents, and to others, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN: *"Faith of Our Mothers"*

COLLECT

Almighty God, who has so ordained life that we should dwell together in families, bound into a strong unit by our love for one another. Grant that we may express gratitude for our parents, and especially our mothers. May we honour them as we recall their loyalty and love, their kindness and patience, their sacrifice and perseverance. May You so inspire us that we may fulfil their prayers for us, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**