

BIBLE READINGS -Proverbs 31:10-31 (*Page 657*)**Ian Butters**Matthew 15:22-28 (*Pages 971-972*)**MESSAGE:*****“A Bold Woman”*****Krikor Youmshajekian****HYMN:*****“Faith of Our Mothers”***

- NOTICES - Pentecost Service** - Sunday 28 May 10:00 am, St. Aidan’s.
 - **Festival of Music** - Sun 28 May 3:00 pm, Crows Nest UC.
 An afternoon of quality music by leading musicians. Tickets \$20 at the door. All proceeds to Mary’s House.
 - **Movie/Pizza Night** - 6:30 pm Tuesday 6 June 2023
 - **Bus Trip** - Wed 14 June 2023. Please put your name down.

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

HYMN:***“Honour Christian 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!***

THE LORD’S PRAYER**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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CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to God, all people of the earth, sing praises to the Lord! Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over all the land and whose power reigns above the skies. Praise be to God!

HYMN: 443 “*Come, Dearest Lord, Descend and Dwell*”

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)

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, we thank You for the splendour with which You have filled all creation; for the extent of the universe, which defies our understanding; and for the beauty of our world, which is greater than our words to describe it. We praise You for the place you’ve given us in Your creation. We give You thanks for all You have done for us. **Amen!**

RESPONSIVE READING – *Psalm 97*

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice;

let the distant shores rejoice.

Clouds and thick darkness surround Him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.

Fire goes before Him;

and consumes His foes on every side.

His lightning lights up the world;

the earth seas and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord;

before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim His righteousness;

and all the peoples see His glory.

For You, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth;

You are exalted far above all gods.

Let all those who love the Lord hate evil;

for He guards the lives of His faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light is shed upon the righteous

and joy on the upright.

Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous;

And praise His holy name.

HYMN: 155 “*O Lord My God, When I in Awesome Wonder*”

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!