

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Also Mothers' Day)

May 10, 2020

THEME FOR THE DAY While this is the Fifth Sunday in Easter, this Sunday is also recognized as Mothers' Day when we as Christians can take time to give thanks to God for the Mother who gave us life and especially for those Christian mothers that have brought their children to the feet of Jesus. Those who have brought them to be baptized, shared in their children's instruction in the Lord, and encouraged them in the Lord. Those who have shared in their children's new birth to a living hope in the Risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Most of us have so much to be thankful for!

Our Worship Service

HYMNS YOU MAY WISH TO SING 373 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

506 "Oh, Blest the House Whate'er Befall" 166 "The Day of Resurrection"

PRAYER OF THE DAY O Savior, Jesus Christ, you are the source of life, wisdom, all good things. Look with favor on all mothers who have given life to their children and who nurture them with loving concern and faithful instruction. May their children and grandchildren honor them and call them blessed, for you live and reign with Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 31:10-31 This portion of scripture is a beautiful picture of the "Wife of Noble Character". The writer asks, "Who can find her? She is a rare treasure! Worth more than rubies! She is strong, industrious and hard-working, plans ahead and is wise. Her children and husband praise her for her caring. But most importantly she is one who "fears the Lord" or is a believer. "Many women do noble things", but the noble wife surpasses them all. She deserves great praise even if her earthly accomplishment may seem to an unbelieving world to be few!

PSALM OF THE DAY:

Psalm 127 (Read in your Bible)

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 2:4-10 Christ is the cornerstone from which his Church is built. Many reject him as the one who is the all in all in God's kingdom to their judgment. But Peter encourages us to recognize that the Church – made up of believers is built on Christ alone. On His saving work! On his resurrection from the dead and his victory for us! He encourages us to build on that cornerstone and to serve as living stones as we join together to share the Gospel! What a blessing to have Christian parents and especially Christian mothers who have helped us build on Christ alone!

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Alleluia. (II Timothy 3:16)

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:13-16 People (more than likely mostly mothers) bring their little children to Jesus that he might receive them and bless them. The disciples try to send them away. Jesus rebukes his disciples. He reminds them and us that the simply faith of a little child is what all of us need to enter his Kingdom. May we take new courage from his death and resurrection to bring our children and grandchildren to Jesus' feet!

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SERMON 1 Peter 2:4-10 "Building The Spiritual House"

I. Build Upon the Living Stone!

II. Serve as living Stones!

The Lord's Prayer

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Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You.

The Lord Make His Face Shine on You and be Gracious to You.

The Lord Look on You with Favor and Give You Peace.

First Lesson – Epilogue: The Wife of Noble Character

10A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. 13She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls. 16She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. 17She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. 18She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. 19In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. 20She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. 21When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. 22She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. 23Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. 24She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. 25She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. **28Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." 30Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. 31Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.**

Second Lesson – I Peter 2:4-10

4As you come to him, the living Stone--rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him--5you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." 7Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone (NIV 2011 – 'cornerstone', "7Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," 8and, "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for. 9But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel Lesson - Mark 10:13-16 13People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 14When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." 16And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them.