

Anglican Church of Freiburg

Eucharist May 8, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day Service

White

Silent Preparation

Prelude

Opening Words

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous. Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

Anselm (1109)

Opening Hymn

ACF 75, vv 1 - 3 Joyful, joyful, we adore you (ODE TO JOY)

<https://youtu.be/2yZVweZ2Cvg>

Mothers Day

There is but one and only one,
Whose love will fail you never.
One who lives from sun to sun,
With constant fond endeavor.

There is but one and only one
On earth there is no other.
In heaven a noble work was done
When God gave us a Mother.

Gloria

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Confession

This morning we come before God and in a moment of quiet bring before God the brokenness of the world and of our lives. So let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ loved us.

Silence for reflection

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception.
We fail to live as your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ have mercy.

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. All Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Canticle/Psalm

Psalm 23

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦
therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦
and leads me beside still waters. [R]

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

3 He shall refresh my soul ♦
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; ♦
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [R]

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, ♦
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Refrain: I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

O God, our sovereign and shepherd,
who brought again your Son Jesus Christ
from the valley of death,
comfort us with your protecting presence
and your angels of goodness and love,
that we also may come home
and dwell with him in your house for ever.

The Reading

The reading is taken from Acts 9:36-43

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God

Our hearts and our minds are open

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

SoF 537 The Lord's my shepherd (CRIMOND)

<https://youtu.be/s3hNZT6ddJg>

The Gospel

The reading is taken from John 10:22-30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one

will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

Hymn After Homily

ACF 111 Take, O take me as I am

<https://youtu.be/fRpDeqmkYz8>

Farewell to the Outgoing Warden and Council members

A Response: Iris

A Prayer of Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand."

May God grant you always...
A sunbeam to warm you,
A moonbeam to charm you,
A sheltering angel, so nothing can harm you."

May the Saints protect you
And bless you today
And may troubles ignore you
Each step of the way."

God be on your road every way you go.

(An Irish travel blessing)

Acknowledging and Celebrating Our Mothers

Children sing ACF 89 My God is so big

<https://youtu.be/KA2D4C-8EF4>

Prayer

We thank you for all our mothers
For their warmth and care, nurture and nourishment
Love and Handholding
Sacrifice and Wisdom
Encouragement and disciplining
For connecting us to you
And teaching us to Live and Love
We acknowledge those denied the joy of being with mothers
We remember those for whom mother is a painful thought
Comfort and Console them
We remember those who are not mothers
Bless them
Help us see your love as the overarching mothering love
That cares for all of creation
Amen

Intercessions

ACF 34 Father, hear the prayer we offer

<https://youtu.be/r1-9wam-2Rk>

The Sharing of Peace

Preparation of the Table

SoF 519 Take my life and let it be

<https://youtu.be/FN3OaZJaNEE>

Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, ever living God. We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

(Sanctus)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'
After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

In remembrance of Christ we proclaim together

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise.

Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body.

for we all share in the one bread.

**O Lamb of God,
that takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God,
that takes away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Songs During Eucharist

ACF 11 Behüte mich, Gott

<https://youtu.be/A0oiBRED82E>

ACF 64 In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

<https://youtu.be/2hbH6kznJeA>

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father,
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

Benediction

Praise God who loves us.
All Praise God who cares.

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you: may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you: may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you. May almighty God bless you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
All Amen.

The Closing Hymn

ACF 47 God to enfold you
<https://youtu.be/MLwVGNkMDwQ>

The Announcements

The Sending

The Postlude

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/Mothering%20Sunday%20online%20service%20as%20at%2021%20March.pdf>