

The New Utrecht Reformed Church
13th of May 2007
Mother's Day/Ascension Sunday

In My Mother's Arms

*Love that has no measure,
Shelter from the harms
I could live forever
In my Mother's arms*

*Ever understanding,
Sharing all her charms
I know my safe haven
Is in my Mother's arms*

*If I could say what she means to me
I'm sure it would take an eternity
She showed me how to be all that I can be
And weather all the storms*

*She's always there, she's my best friend
Taught me how to stand and when to bend
I could stay forever,
In my Mother's arms*

*Her gentle caring eases my pain
Mysteries of life she can explain
Gave me wisdom to come in out of the rain
How my heart she warms*

*And I'll be grateful eternally
For the life and breath she gave to me
I will forever be in Mother's arms*

Happy Mother's Day

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OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Introit "She Will Be Called Blessed"

Welcome and Call to Worship: The Magnificat

My soul magnifies the Lord! **AND MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD MY**

SAVIOR!... God's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation.
**GOD HAS HELPED THIS SERVANT ISRAEL, IN REMEMBRANCE OF GOD'S
MERCY ACCORDING TO THE PROMISES GOD MADE TO OUR ANCESTORS,
TO ABRAHAM AND TO HIS DESCENDANTS FOREVER!**

*Hymn: "Faith of Our Mothers"

Unison Prayer: Prayer of Judith **O GOD, MY GOD, HEAR ME, A WIDOW...
FOR YOU STRENGTH DOES NOT DEPEND ON NUMBERS, NOR YOUR MIGHT
ON THE POWERFUL. BUT YOU ARE THE GOD OF THE LOWLY, HELPER OF
THE OPPRESSED, UPHOLDER OF THE WEAK, PROTECTOR OF THE
FORSAKEN, SAVIOUR OF THOSE WITHOUT HOPE. PLEASE, PLEASE, GOD
OF MY ANCESTORS, LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, CREATOR OF THE
WATERS, RULER OF ALL CREATION, HEAR MY PRAYER...LET YOUR
WHOLE NATION AND EVERY TRIBE KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT YOU
ARE GOD, THE GOD OF ALL POWER AND MIGHT, AND THAT THERE IS NO
OTHER WHO PROTECTS PEOPLE BUT YOU ALONE!**

Kyrie (sung) **LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US. CHRIST HAVE MERCY UPON US.
LORD HAVE MERCY UPON US.**

A Word of Assurance Isaiah 66: 10-13

The Summary of the Law (Mk 12: 29-31)

This is the first commandment: **HEAR O ISRAEL, THE LORD OUR GOD,
THE LORD IS ONE! THEREFORE YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND,
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.** This is the second commandment.
YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.

There is no greater commandment than these.

Anthem "O Blessed Day of Motherhood"

THE WORD OF GOD

*Responsive Reading: Mother's Day Proclamation

*Gloria Patri (Hymn No 623) **GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY GHOST. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE, WORLD WITHOUT END, AMEN, AMEN!**

The Greeting of Peace Announcements, Children's Moment

*Hymn 42 "Seek Ye First"

Acts 16:9-15 Epistle Ephesians 1; 15-23

The Celtic Alleluia! Gospel : Luke 24: 44 - 53

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*The Offering Doxology (625) and Prayer **PRAISE GOD FROM ALL WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW; PRAISE GOD ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW; PRAISE GOD ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS; PRAISE FATHER (CREATOR), SON (CHRIST) AND HOLY GHOST.**

Giving Thanks And Praise The People's Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Hymn 556 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

The flowers gracing the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our beloved mother, Josephine, grandmothers, Concettina Costarella and Mary Safay, and great grandmothers Louisa Santoro and Mary Tootikian by the Safay Family.

Faith of Our Mothers

Text: A. B. Patten

Music: Henri F. Hemi 1865

Tune: St. Catherine 88.88.88

Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air:
Faith of our mothers, living faith!
We will be true to thee to death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race:
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without:
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
Is truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds:
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation - 1870

Arise then...women of this day!
ARISE, ALL WOMEN WHO HAVE HEARTS!
Whether your baptism be of water or of tears!
Say firmly:

"WE WILL NOT HAVE QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY IRRELEVANT
AGENCIES,
OUR HUSBANDS WILL NOT COME TO US, REEKING WITH CARNAGE,
FOR CARESSES AND APPLAUSE.

Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn
All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.
WE, THE WOMEN OF ONE COUNTRY,
WILL BE TOO TENDER OF THOSE OF ANOTHER COUNTRY
TO ALLOW OUR SONS TO BE TRAINED TO INJURE THEIRS."

From the bosom of a devastated Earth a voice goes up with
Our own. It says: "DISARM! DISARM!
THE SWORD OF MURDER IS NOT THE BALANCE OF JUSTICE."
BLOOD DOES NOT WIPE OUT DISHONOR,
NOR VIOLENCE INDICATE POSSESSION.

As men have often forsaken the plough and the anvil
At the summons of war,

LET WOMEN NOW LEAVE ALL THAT MAY BE LEFT OF HOME
FOR A GREAT AND EARNEST DAY OF COUNSEL.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.
LET THEM SOLEMNLY TAKE COUNSEL WITH EACH OTHER AS TO
THE MEANS

WHEREBY THE GREAT HUMAN FAMILY CAN LIVE IN PEACE...
EACH BEARING AFTER HIS OWN TIME THE SACRED IMPRESS, NOT
OF CAESAR,
BUT OF GOD -

In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask
That a general congress of women without limit of nationality,
May be appointed and held at someplace deemed most convenient
And the earliest period consistent with its objects,

TO PROMOTE THE ALLIANCE OF THE DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES,
THE AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS,
THE GREAT AND GENERAL INTERESTS OF PEACE.