

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

May 10, 2009 at 10:00 AM
Fifth Sunday of Eastertide
Mother's Day

❖ *Please stand if you choose*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN G_D'S NAME

HYMN SING

ACOLYTES

Natalie Lorati and Anna Lorati

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

APNC

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

Christ the Lord Is Risen
(verses 1-5 only)

No. 2116

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist, David Marquis

One: *Give thanks to G_d who is good.*

All: G_d's steadfast love endures forever.

One: *We cry to G_d in our trouble.*

All: G_d redeems us and heals our lives.

One: *From East and West, G_d gathers the wanderers.*

All: From North and South, G_d saves us from distress.

One: *Let us tell of G_d's works with songs of joy.*

All: G_d's steadfast love endures forever.

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Mothering G_d, You Gave Me Birth

No. 2050

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Pause where indicated by the ellipses [...])

I confess that I poison myself with anger..., bitterness..., regret.

**I confess that I cripple myself with excuses..., complaining...,
procrastination.**

I repent.

I am ready to look at the most painful parts of my life and live.

I am ready to answer the hardest question—the question of whether I am willing to change.

Show me....

Ask me....

Forgive me.... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PROCLAIM G_D'S WORD

ANTHEM

Cantique de Jean Racine

Faure

*Verbe, égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux;
De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,
Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!*

Word of God the most high, our sole hope,
eternal day of the earth and heavens
as we break the silence of the peaceful night
divine savior, look down upon us.

*Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix;
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante,
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!*

Imbue us with the fire of thy great mercy
so that hell itself will flee at the sound of your voice
disperse the sleep which leads our
languishing souls
to stray from the path of righteousness.

*O Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle
Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé.
Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!*

O Christ show your favour to your faithful people
who have come together to worship you
receive the praises that they offer up to your
immortal glory
and may they come back laden with the gift of
your grace.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 5:1-9

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Limp In, Leap Out

Pastor Minshew

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE ON MOTHER'S DAY

One: *Loving G_d, the prophets have spoken of how you are a mother to us:
giving us life, teaching us the way to go, correcting us when wrong, feeding
and nurturing us with good things. We are grateful for all your mothering,
not only of us, but of all your creation.*

All: We thank you for our own mothers, those who gave us life, those who raised and taught us, those who sacrificed for us. Help us to forgive the times our mothers failed us or hurt us. If our mothers have died, we pray they rest from their labors in the peace of your love.

Men: We ask your blessings and help for all who are mothers. Give them partners along the way, for no one can raise a child alone. Bring healing and help to those mothers who have lost their way and abuse their children. Bring peace to those mothers who have had to relinquish their children to be raised by family or adoptive parents.

Women: Bless those who give so much as foster mothers, and grant them the support and resources they need to keep the children in their care healthy and strong. Give help and hope to those women seeking to be mothers who suffer from infertility; especially on this day they need your warm embrace in their pain. And be with those awaiting children by adoption that they might be graced with patience and trust. Bless those who are pregnant and awaiting motherhood that their pregnancies might be healthy and their spirits patient as well.

Men: Be especially with women the world over who are struggling to raise children in the midst of war, of poverty, of oppression, of fear. Be with refugees, the homeless, those caught in abusive relationships.

One: *Strengthen mothers of all nations whose children are soldiers or work in other dangerous professions as they fear for their safety daily. Comfort all mothers whose children have died or are seriously ill, and help them to lean on you.*

All: Help us as members of this church to take our baptismal promises seriously and act as godmothers and godfathers to the children of this church and as supports to their parents. May we remember always that we are all children of one G_d.

Women: Grant that all mothers everywhere may hold dear those moments of sheer joy in the presence of their children, never taking them for granted, but thanking you for the privilege of raising your children. Bless all mothers that they might be parents in your image; help them to reach out to you, remembering that you know what it is like to mother the world.

All: In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Piano Offertory *Sonata, Op. 35 Lento mov't "partial"*

Chopin

❖ Doxology for Eastertide

(sung to the tune "Praise G_d From Whom All Blessings Flow")

**O Jesus, risen now to bless,
Do thou thyself our hearts possess,
That we may give you all our days**

The willing tribute of our praise! Amen.

❖ Prayer of Dedication

In response to the One who welcomed little children, who honored the sanctity of the home, and who provided for his own mother at the time of his death, we present these gifts in loving concern for those who are loved by Jesus Christ. Amen.

GO IN G_D'S NAME

❖ **HYMN**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

No. 394

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Christ Is Alive!

No. 108

(verses 1 and 5 only – please join in singing with the choir)