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Sunday, May 8, 2022
4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
Mother's Day



INTRODUCTON

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PRELUDE

GATHERING SONG *God Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* 385

Mothers' Day Litany

P: All who gather here are sons or daughters.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

P: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

P: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

P: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

P: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.

P: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

P: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

P: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.

P: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

All: We pray for wisdom and patience.

P: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.

P: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

P: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,