



New Utrecht Reformed Church at home
5th Sunday of Easter, MOTHERS' DAY, May 10, 2020

We pray:

Dear Lord, together in our separation we gather to worship you, to praise you, to thank you, and to petition you for the many who are in need of healing. We have no God but you, and we are grateful that we are a family of faith united by you.

We sing:

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I date not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand—all other ground is sinking sand,
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We pray:

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.
You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide
me, for you are my refuge; into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed
me, O LORD, faithful God. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your
steadfast love.

(from Psalm 31)

We sing:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood from Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne;
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

Our prayer of confession (from *Ministry Matters*):

Patient and forgiving God, we come to you this day. For many there is a celebration of Mother's Day and all that our mothers have given to us and taught us; but for some, these memories are painful. Remind us that your blessings are poured out in many ways, through many people. Give us the confident faith that reaches beyond our own lives to help others. Forgive us when we sink into our

own selfishness and pettiness. For it is in those times that we turn our back on you. Bring us back to you, to the awareness of your eternal love. In Christ's name, we pray. AMEN.

Words of Assurance:

Isaiah says, "Trust in the LORD forever, for in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting Rock." Christ, our cornerstone and our salvation, offers to us hope and comfort.

On this Mother's Day Sunday, help us to make our home in you. AMEN.

Our Scripture Readings (please consult your own Bible):

- 1 Peter 2:2-10
- John 14:1-14

Our sermon: OUR ROCK AND OUR REDEEMER

*In thanks for God's Word and God's great work among us,
we will send our offering to Rita.*

We sing:

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom the world rejoices.
Who, from our mother's arms, has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

We pray:

Dear Lord, hear our prayers for the people we name who are in need of your healing hand and the inspiration of your Spirit; hear our prayers for the mothers in our lives, who love their children selflessly and serve you joyfully; hear our prayers for our city, our state, our country and the world as we all fight against a common enemy; hear our prayers of gratitude for all who serve, putting themselves at risk. Thank you for being our Lord and Savior; bless us all this day and this week, we pray, until we gather again in the Spirit of worship. In your holy name, Amen.

We pray this Benediction together:

May we be held in the hand of God the Father Almighty
May we be filled to overflowing with the Light of the world, His Son, our Savior Jesus
And may we always be safely protected at home, and if we need to go out,
by the shalom-making Holy Spirit.
Amen.