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(Sunday, June 26, 2022 - MCCA Women Lord's Day)

Hymn: "When Mothers of Salem" [# 486 VIP]

1. When mothers of Salem,
Their children brought
to Jesus,
The stern disciples drove
them back
And bade them depart;
But Jesus saw them ere
they fled,
And sweetly smiled, and
kindly said:
Suffer the children to come
unto Me.
2. How kind was our Saviour
To bid those children
welcome;
But there are many
thousands
- Who have never heard his name;
Dear Saviour, hear us when we
pray,
That they may hear thee to them
say:
Suffer the children to come unto
Me.
3. And soon may the heathen
Of every tribe and nation
Fulfil thy blessèd word, and cast
Their idols all away;
O shine upon them from above,
And show thyself a God of love;
Teach them, dear Saviour,
to come unto thee.

William M. Hutchings
(1827—1876)

Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" [# 218 VIP] or Special Item by the Choir

1. My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine:
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.
2. May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.
3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen,
stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul. **Amen.**

Ray Palmer (1808-87)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: God calls us to be a praying people. No matter where we are, where we are going, or what we are doing, we know that we find our help in Him... Let us join in prayer:

We pray for the Church: Heavenly Father, we pray for the faithful all over the world, that all who love you will unite in your service. Strengthen this Congregation in its work and worship. Fill our hearts with your self-giving love that our voices may speak your praise and our lives may conform to the image of your Son. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments, that we may faithfully minister in your name and be witnesses to your love and grace for the entire world.

Gracious God, in your mercy.

R: Hear our prayer.

L: Prayer for our country: Almighty God, please be in our midst as we come together as your body to lift up our country and our leaders. Please protect our country from division that challenges our ability to live lives pleasing to you. Defend the vulnerable and voiceless, and bring justice to those who have suffered injustice. Realign and unify your people in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is the author and protector of our faith, as we cry out to you for our land. Gracious God, in your mercy.

R: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for our families. Help us to love each other as you love us. Keep us safe and healthy, and help us to enjoy being with each other. We pray that we may be moved by Your love to reach out to others who are in want, help us to give assistance where needed, so that no one may feel abandoned, forgotten or alone. Gracious God, in your mercy.

R: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the sick: We pray for all who suffer the pain of sickness, loneliness, fear, or loss. We pray that those whose names are in our hearts, in the hearts of others, or known to you alone, may receive strength and courage. Gracious God, in your mercy.

R: Hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the children and youth: Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of children and the joys they bring to our heart through their smiles and laughter, innocence and resilience and their youthful exuberance. We pray that your Holy Spirit will encamp around them guiding their footsteps, the decisions and choices they make. Gracious God, in your mercy.

R: Hear our prayer.

L: **We pray for MCCA Women:** Gracious God, we work best when we work together. May we encourage each other through our strengths and weaknesses; Let us use our talents each day to help to further the work, in your Church, the community, in our homes, schools, work places and all the places in which you have placed us now and in the future. We know, Lord, that when God's people work together, there are no limits to what we can accomplish. Gracious God, in your mercy.

R: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Loving God, we offer these prayers, joining our voices to the great chorus of those who sing your praise and depend on you alone. We long for that day when all your children will live in your peace and praise your name. Until that day, give us sturdy patience and enduring hope, rooted only in Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: "O Jesus I have promised..." [# 272 VIP]

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| 1. Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt be my Guide. | 3. Oh, let me hear Thee speaking,
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me,
To hasten, or control;
Oh, speak, and make me listen,
Thou Guardian of my soul. |
| 2. Oh, let me feel Thee near me;
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
The tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me,
Around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
And shield my soul from sin. | 4. Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend. |

John E. Bode (1816—1874)