



11:00 A. M.

*Contemporary Service  
The Third Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 15, 2018*

Christ Church Vero Beach

### Gathering Music

The greatest day in history,  
death is beaten, You have rescued me.

Sing it out, Jesus is alive.

The empty cross, the empty grave,  
life eternal, You have won the day.

Shout it out, Jesus is alive,  
He's alive!

*Refrain: And O, happy day, happy day,  
You washed my sin away.  
O happy day, happy day,  
I'll never be the same,  
Forever I am changed.*

When I stand in that place  
free at last, meeting face to face  
I am Yours, Jesus, You are mine.  
Endless joy, perfect peace,

Earthly pain finally will cease.  
Celebrate, Jesus is alive,  
He's alive! *(refrain)*

O what a glorious day,  
what a glorious way  
that You have saved me.  
And O what a glorious day,  
What a glorious Name. *(refrain)*

### *Ending*

What a glorious, glorious day,  
I'll never be the same.

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**Welcome** *(Welcome people & explain service)*  
*(Introduce Prayer and Welcome Team Members)*  
*(Encourage all to sign Friendship Book)*  
*(Highlight one (1) announcement)*

### **Opening Prayer** *(In unison)*

Almighty God to you all our hearts are open, all our desires are known,  
and from you none of our secrets are hid. For the sake of Christ Jesus  
our Lord, cleanse us by your Holy Spirit, that we might faithfully  
worship you this day in Spirit and truth, as you so desire and deserve.  
Amen.

**Opening Set**     *(At conclusion of Opening Set, Brady directs people to sit if O. T. Lesson or Epistle is to be read OR to remaining standing if only Gospel is to be read)*

1.

There's a reason why the curse of sin is broken.  
There's a reason why the darkness runs from light.  
There's a reason why we stand here now forgiven:  
Jesus is alive.

There's a reason why we are not overtaken.  
There's a reason why we sing on through the night.  
There's a reason why our hope remains eternal:  
Jesus is alive.

*Refrain:     Praise the King. He is risen.  
              Praise the King. He's alive.  
              Praise the King, death's defeated.  
              Hallelujah, He's alive.  
              (He's alive)*

There's a reason why our hearts can be courageous.  
There's a reason why the dead are made alive.  
There's a reason why we share His resurrection.  
Jesus is alive.

The grave could not ignore it,  
all of heaven's roaring

Hell, where is your victory?  
Death, where is your sting?  
The world could not ignore it,  
when all the saints are roaring.  
Hell, where is your victory?  
Death, where is your sting? *(repeat section, then refrain)*

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2.

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*Refrain:     How great is our God!  
              Sing with me: how great is our God!  
              And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

And age to age He stands and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. *(refrain)*

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing: how great is our God! *(repeat section, then to refrain)*

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**Readings:** *(If preaching from the Gospels then just the Gospel will be read. If preaching from the OT or epistle then it is read along with the Gospel)*

**First Reading**

**Acts 4:5-14**

5. On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6. with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8. Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9. if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10. let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead--by him this man is standing before you well. 11. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." 13. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. 14. But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. (ESV)

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 24:36-49**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

36. As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" 37. But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. 38. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39. See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40. And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42. They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43. and he took it and ate before them. 44. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45. Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46. and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47. and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48. You are witnesses of these things. 49. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." (ESV)



*Pastor* Guide in the ways of peace all who are called to govern the peoples of this world.  
Lord in Your mercy.

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

*Pastor* Inspire our teachers, doctors, social workers, and counselors to be vessels of hope in all life's situations  
Lord in Your mercy.

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

*Pastor* Comfort those who live with grief. Help them to experience Your goodness and grace in the midst of their loss.  
Lord in Your mercy.

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

*Pastor* Watch over those who feel isolated and alone. Calm their fears as You lead them into freedom and peace.  
Lord in Your mercy.

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

*Pastor* Strengthen and encourage those who seek to serve and protect the last, lost, and the least.  
Lord in your mercy.

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

*Pastor* Lead us to be generous with our time, talent and treasure.  
Lord in Your mercy.

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

*Pastor* Father, assist us in naming before You this day those in trouble, sickness or need. May Your love and goodness fill their lives. *(Pause for a few seconds)*  
Lord in Your mercy.

*People* ***Hear our prayer.***

### **Confession and Absolution**

We pray to you Father for the forgiveness of our sins. *(Silence)*

***Almighty God, long suffering and of great mercy: I confess to You with my whole heart all my sins, my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, my wrong doings, thinking, and speaking; the hurts that I have done to others and the good that I have left undone. O God, forgive me, create in me a clean heart, and raise me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.***

*The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

*Children Arrive*

## Offertory

In the secret, in the quiet place, in the stillness, You are there. In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You, 'cause I want to know You more.

*Refrain: I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice, I want to know You more I want to touch You, I want to see Your face, I want to know You more.*

I am reaching for the highest goal that I might receive the prize. Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside, out of my way, 'cause I want to know You more. *(Refrain)*

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## Holy Communion

*(All baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table)*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant* Father, it is a joyful thing to worship together, giving you thanks and praise for all you are and all you have done. As we join with the saints and angels in heaven to proclaim your glory, we sing,

## *Celebrant and People sing*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

## *Celebrant*

Lord God, you loved us so much that, even when we were lost in our sin and rebellion and had no hope of saving ourselves, you in your great mercy sent the gift of your only son Jesus Christ to live and die among us, that we might be saved from the death of sin and drawn into eternal life.

In obedience to your will Father, Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross to become a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. In gratefulness for his undeserved gift, we offer ourselves to your service. And now, Father, we offer these gifts of bread and wine, asking you to make them holy and set apart by your Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said to them, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, by means of this holy bread and cup, we celebrate the memorial of your Son, showing forth the sacrifice of his death and proclaiming his resurrection until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one Body in your Son Jesus Christ and make us a living sacrifice of praise for you.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

*Celebrant and People AMEN.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*

These are the gifts of God for his people, take and eat and see that the Lord is good.

*Band and EM's approach Lord's Table to receive Communion.  
People come forward to receive Communion*

### **Communion Song**

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,  
one day when sin was as black as could be,  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,  
Dwelt among men my example is He.  
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us.  
His glory revealed.

*Refrain: Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me.  
Buried, He carried my sins far away.  
Rising, He justified freely forever.  
One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.*

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain.  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,

Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He.  
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree and  
took the nails from me. *(refrain)*

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer,  
one day the stone rolled away from the door.  
Then He arose over death He had conquered.  
Now is ascended my Lord evermore.  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him  
From rising again. *(refrain)*

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,  
one day the skies with His glories will shine.  
Wonderful day— my beloved one bringing.  
My Savior, Jesus, is mine. *(refrain)*

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## The Post-Communion Prayer

### *Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, we give you thanks for feeding us with the spiritual food  
by which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the  
world strengthened by your Spirit to love and serve you and our  
neighbors. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

## Blessing

## Closing Song

I know He rescued my soul,  
His blood has covered my sin.  
I believe, I believe;

My shame He's taken away,  
My pain is healed in His name.  
I believe, I believe.

I'll raise a banner,  
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave.

*Refrain: My Redeemer lives,  
My Redeemer lives;  
My Redeemer lives,  
My Redeemer lives.*

You lift my burdens,  
I'll rise with You;  
I'm dancing on this mountaintop  
to see Your kingdom come. *(Refrain)*

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## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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*Welcome Team:* George Watson, Roxeanna Boyette  
*Prayer Team:* Judy Stull, Joyce Miller

