



11:00 A. M.

Contemporary Service
World Mission Sunday
Sunday, February 16, 2020

Christ Church Vero Beach

Gathering Music

There is no rock,
there is no God like our God;
no other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of salvation that cannot be moved,
He's proven Himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock, there is no God like ours.

*Refrain: Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
 Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
 Rock of Ages, Jesus is the Rock.
 There is no rock, there is no God like ours.*

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Opening Prayer *(Said by all)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Worship 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.

Light of the world,
Light of all truth,
Salvation comes from only you
Our shelter and strength,
through all ages past
Your awesome power has been seen

*Refrain: The nations are searching
 for something that's absolutely true
 so we now declare it
 Jesus all truth is found in you
 There is a rock, a solid rock
 A rock we've built our lives upon*

*There is a hope, a blessed hope
So we now shout it to the world
shout it to the world*

Rejected by men
but chosen by God
You are the precious corner stone
You're building Your church
throughout all the earth
forever its power will be shown *(refrain)*

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2.

There is a truth older than the ages.
There is a promise of things yet to come.
There is One born for our salvation: Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.
There is freedom from the chains that bind us:
Jesus, Jesus.

*Refrain 1: Who walks on the waters,
who speaks to the sea,
who stands in the fire beside me.
He roars like a lion.
He bled as the Lamb.
He carries my healing in His hands; Jesus.*

There is a name I call in times of trouble.
There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages:
He is Jesus, Jesus. *(refrain)*

Messiah, my Savior,
there is power in Your Name.
You're my rock and my Redeemer;
there is power in Your Name.

*Refrain 2: You walk on the waters.
You speak to the sea.
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion.
You bled as the Lamb.
You carry my healing in Your hands;*

(ending)
Jesus.
There is no one like You,
Jesus.
There is no one like You.

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Reading: *(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)*

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35-38

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

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

35. Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. **36.** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37.** Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; **38.** therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (ESV)

After the Gospel is read, the people respond as follows:

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev'd Canon B. Keith Allen

The Apostles' Creed *(People stand)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastor With all our hearts and minds let us pray to the Lord, laying our requests before Him and responding "*Hear our prayer.*"

Pastor Inspire those who lead and serve in this church. May they sense Your power, know Your guidance, and follow Your direction.

Lord, in Your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor Help us to understand and forgive others, as we desire to be understood and forgiven
Lord, in Your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Pastor Show us how to serve through love, compassion and kindness.

Lord, in Your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

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 For an increase in respect for the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death.

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 We ask your blessing for those celebrating birthdays, especially George Jones.

Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

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

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.***

Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *(Silence)*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People. (People stand)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

Children Arrive

(Encourage all to sign Connect/Prayer Cards)

Announcements

Offertory

1. Seems like all I could see was the struggle,
haunted by ghosts that lived in my past,
bound up in shackles of all my failures,
wondering: how long is this gonna last?
Then You look at this prisoner and say to me ‘Son
stop fighting a fight that’s already been won.’

*Refrain: I am redeemed, You’ve set me free.
So I shake off these heavy chains
and wipe away ev’ry stain.
Now I’m not who I used to be.
I am redeemed, I’m redeemed.*

2. All my life I have been called “unworthy,”
named by the voice of my shame and regret.
But when I hear You whisper, ‘Child, lift up your head,’
I remember, O God, You’re not done with me yet. *(refrain)*
3. Because, I don’t have to be the old man inside of me
‘Cause his day is long dead and gone.
Because, I’ve got a new name, a new life,
I’m not the same and a hope that will carry me home.

*Refrain: I am redeemed, You set me free
So I shake off these heavy chains
and wipe away ev'ry stain, 'cause I'm not who I used to be.
O, God, I'm not who I used to be.
Jesus, I'm not who I used to be
'Cause I am redeemed.*

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Holy Communion

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, (repeat)
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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, * and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 for ever. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Band and EM's approach Lord's Table to receive Communion.

People come forward to receive Communion

Communion Music

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.

*Refrain: O come to the altar,
the Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought with
the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today, there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.
From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling. *(refrain)*

O what a Savior,
isn't He wonderful.
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.

Bow down before Him,
for He is Lord of all.
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. *(refrain)*

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown.
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

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The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Dismissal

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

Closing Song

Your light broke through my night,
restored exceeding joy.

Your grace fell like the rain,
and made this desert live.

Refrain: *You have turned my mourning into dancing.*
 You have turned my sorrow into joy.

Your hand lifted me up,
I stand on higher ground.
Your praise rose in my heart,
and made this valley sing. *(refrain)*

This is how we overcome. *(repeat 3X, then refrain)*

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