

Third Sunday of Easter April 18, 2021 10:30 a.m.

As We Gather

"Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" (Luke 24:38). These are questions our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ asked of His disciples in another resurrection appearance after that first Easter morning. They are questions that could also be asked of us numerous times in our daily lives as we face trouble and doubts. Yet as Jesus kept on appearing, He kept on showing them Himself, and more than that, He continued to teach and remind them that all that was written was fulfilled in and through Him. Though we cannot physically touch His hands and side, each time we gather, Jesus continues to speak to us, affirming His work, the Word fulfilled, and the worth of humanity for whom He came. Amid troubles and doubts, through Christ, we can "see what kind of love the Father has given to us" (1 John 3:1).

Happy Day

by Tim Hughes and Ben Cantelon

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

Chorus

Oh happy day happy day You washed my sin away Oh 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 Chorus (2 times)

Chorus

And oh happy day happy day You washed my sin away Oh happy day happy day I'll never be the same Forever I am changed

(Bridge)

Oh what a glorious day What a glorious way That You have saved me And oh what a glorious day What a glorious name Jesus (Repeat)

Chorus

And oh happy day happy day You washed my sin away Oh happy day happy day I'll never be the same Forever I am changed What a glorious glorious day I'll never be the same (Repeat)
Forever I am changed, Forever I am changed

Welcome

Invocation

Your Love Awakens Me

by Chris Quilala, Phil Wickham

There were walls between us
By the cross You came and broke them down
You broke them down
And there were chains around us
By Your grace we are no longer bound No longer bound

Pre-Chorus
You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive

Chorus
Your love is greater Your love is stronger
Your love awakens awakens me
(REPEAT)

Feel the darkness shaking All the dead are coming back to life I'm back to life Hear the song awaken All creation singing we're alive 'Cause You're alive (Pre-Chorus, Chorus)

Bridge
And what a love we've found Death can't hold us down
We shout it out
We're alive 'cause You're alive (Repeat) Chorus

Your love awakens me Your love is greater Your love is stronger You're love awakens awakens me

Opening Sentence

Psalm 16:11b; 30:1-3

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up Pastor: and have not let my foes rejoice over me. People:

Pastor: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

People: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored

me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Confession and Forgiveness

1 John 3:1; Psalm 30:4-5; 16:11b

Pastor: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things

that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You've shown.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

People: we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many

> failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be

> called children of God; and so we are." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \(\Pi \) Son and of the Holy Spirit. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ

is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name. People:

Pastor: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. People:

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the

morning.

Pastor: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. People:

Who You Say I Am by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me

Chorus 1
Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God Yes I am

Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me Yes He died for me Chorus 1

Chorus 2
In my Father's house is a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken I am who You say I am You are for me not against me I am who You say I am (Repeat) Chorus 2

Bridge, Bridge, Chorus 1, Chorus 2

First Reading Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of

refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

Epistle 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Your Love Defends Me by Hannah Kerr and Matt Maher

You are my joy You are my song You are the well the One I'm drawing from You are my refuge my whole life long Where else would I go

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul Your love defends me Your love defends me And when I feel like I'm all alone Your love defends me Your love defends me

Day after day night after night
I will remember You're with me in this fight
Although the battle it rages on
The war's already won
I know the war is already won
Chorus

Bridge

We sing hallelujah You're my portion my salvation Hallelujah Chorus (twice)

We sing hallelujah You're my portion my salvation Hallelujah You're my portion my salvation Hallelujah You're my portion my salvation Holy Gospel Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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."

The Apostles' Creed

Sons and Daughters by Brett Stanfill

Before He spoke creation
The God of Heaven knew our names
Formed in His reflection
We are His glory on display

Pre-Chorus And His heart is good He is always kind With a cross He proved He is on my side

Chorus

We are the sons we are the daughters of God No matter where we go We're close to the Father's heart And though we stumble He will not let us fall We are the Lord's and He will never forsake His own We are the sons we are the daughters of God His love He lavished on us
And called us children of the King
And in His loving kindness
He chose the lowly and the weak Pre-Chorus and Chorus

Bridge

When the lies speak louder than the truth
Remind me I belong to You
When I can't see past the dark of night
Remind me You're always by my side (Repeat 2 more times)
(You're by my side)

Chorus (2 times)

Sermon	

Lavish

by Francesca Battistelli, Jeremy Redmon and Mike Weaver

You are my shepherd I shall not want You make me lie down in green pastures You lead me beside still waters You restore my soul

Pre-Chorus
And though I walk through the valley
I won't fear death's shadow
Because I know You are with me

Chorus

And the banner that's over me
Is the love that has set me free
You lavish Your love
You lavish Your love on me
And Your love conquers all my fear
Because Jesus You're always near
You lavish Your love
You lavish Your love on me

You pour out Your Spirit 'til I overflow
With peace in the midst of my trouble
You're more than enough for my struggle
You're all I need
Pre-Chorus and Chorus

Bridge

Goodness and mercy will follow me all of my days
And I'll make my home in Your presence
Now and always (Repeat) Chorus

Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people

according to their needs.

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in

your mercy through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Blessing

Joy of the Lord

by Ed Cash and Rend Collective

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise, my song will rise to You. Though my heart my fail, my song will rise, my song will rise to You. While there's breath in my lungs I will praise You, Lord.

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to you. When the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes to You. While there's hope in this heart I will praise You, Lord.

Chorus:

The joy of the Lord is my strength!
The joy of the Lord is my strength!
In the darkness I'll dance, in the shadows I'll sing,
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to You. When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to You. God of mercy and love, I will praise You, Lord.

Oh, You shine with glory, Lord of light; I feel alive with You. In Your presence now, I come alive; I am alive with You. There is strength when I say: "I will praise You, Lord!" Chorus (twice)

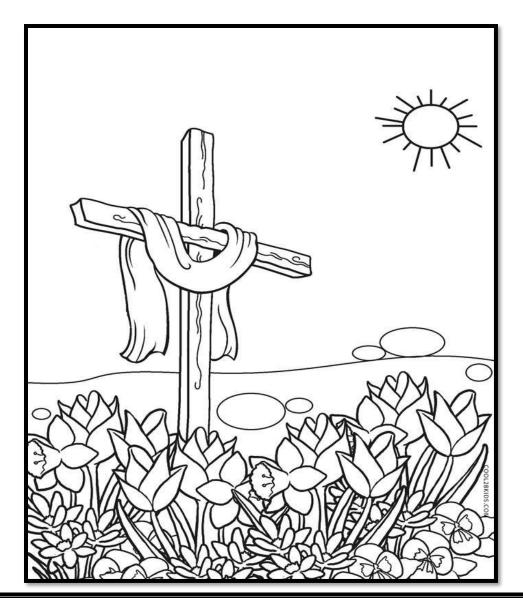
Bridge:

When sorrow comes my way, You are the shield around me. Always, you remain, like courage in the fight. I hear You call my name. Jesus, I am coming, Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light! Chorus (twice)

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