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WELCOME

"GLORIA"

[Chorus]

Gloria, in excelsis deo, glory.
Gloria, glory.

[Verse 1]

Too weak to wonder,
Too tired to care,
Jesus Christ,
Are you really there?

[Verse 2]

I've fallen down,
Can't pull myself back up.
I'm going to drown.
Have mercy; have mercy.

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

I need you now,
Not words or a feeling.
But Jesus Christ,
I've hit the ceiling.

[Bridge] x2

Your love,
Your mercy,
Your light unending.

Your hope,
Your peace,
Your strength
My heart is mending.

[Chorus]

Glory.

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Worship Leader: Throughout history there have been defining moments where I can imagine people have said, “Nothing will ever be the same.” The time we live in may be one of those moments. In our sermon text for today, we will hear an account of the disciples, doing what they used to do—fishing. But from the time that they spent with Jesus, nothing would ever be the same.

Jesus appeared to them and one of the disciples literally jumps out of the boat and swims 100 yards—the length of a football field—to the shore. You don’t jump out of a boat for just anyone.

For us, as Christians, when we were brought to faith, that was a defining moment as well, one where nothing could stay the same. Before we had lived in our sin—sometimes even being proud and other times stewing in misery. Now, as we strive our best to live our lives for Christ, those same actions bring up feelings of shame, guilt, and disgust. Before, we did not have anything we could do; but since we believe, nothing is the same. We have a Savior to whom we can turn, who can turn our weeping into dancing; a Savior who bled and died for us so we can experience endless joy with him. We know this because he has told us in his Word. He welcomes us to come to him in prayer. He tells us to cast our cares and anxieties on him. He invites us to confess our sins to him so that he can remind us of the complete and total forgiveness that we can find no where else. Let us confess:

Congregation: Lord, you have given me my body and soul, my eyes and ears, my mind and all my abilities. You have richly and daily provided all I need to support my body and life. Yet with all these blessings I have continued to sin—in thought, word, and deed. Lord, I pray that you have mercy on me. Not because I have earned it or deserved it, but because of your unfailing love and your Son Jesus. Assure me of the forgiveness of my sin. Take away my guilt. Grant me strength to focus on you and your word. Assure me of your love for me and renew me to live my life for you.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

WL: Because Christ lives, so will you. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. He remembers your sins no more. Go in peace with the full assurance that your sins are forgiven. Go with the confidence found in the empty tomb. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:1-12

¹ When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. ² As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah," he said.

⁴ Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

⁵ But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. ⁶ But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials,

shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, ⁷ and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus."

⁸ When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. ⁹ Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. ¹⁰ As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea.

On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹ Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. ¹² As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸ and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

“HE KNOWS MY NAME”

[Verse 1]

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in his hands.

[Chorus] x2

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
And He hears me when I call

[Verse 2]

I have a Father
He calls me His own
He'll never leave me
No matter where I go.

[Chorus] x2

And He hears me when I call
He hears me when I call

CONVERSATIONS JESUS HAD AFTER HIS RESURRECTION:

WITH THE DISCIPLES AT THE SEA OF GALILEE

based on John 21:1-12

COVID-19 has made us mindful of conversations. We miss occasions for conversations with others outside our homes. At the same time, we appreciate the conversations that modern technology makes possible.

Some of the most important and impactful conversations in the history of the world are between Jesus and people of long ago. Thankfully God has preserved those conversations for us on the pages of the Bible. And at the same time, Jesus speaks to us through his words recorded for us in Scripture.

On these Sundays after Easter, we are exploring several conversations that Jesus had after he rose from the dead. As we do so, we'll note that Jesus' words that enlightened and uplifted believers of old still encourage and inspire us today.

JOHN 21:1-12

¹Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together.

³“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.”

So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

⁶He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.”

When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water.

⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”

None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord.”

PRAYER

Vicar Tim will offer the Prayer. Following the prayer:

All: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

"FOREVER"

[Verse 1]

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King,
His love endures forever.
For He is good He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

[Verse 2]

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

[Pre-Chorus]

Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

[Chorus 1]

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever and ever. Forever.

[Verse 3]

From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on,
His love endures forever.
Sing Praise, Sing Praise

[Pre-Chorus]

[Chorus 2]

Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever and ever.
Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever and ever. Forever.

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WANT TO FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MUSIC?

-NEW*- If you would like to know the songs that we are planning on using during the Easter Season, and listen to them on your own, in the car while commuting, or with your family, you can follow our playlist on Spotify.

----- "Grace CREWW – Easter 2020" -----

You can search for it there or you can scan this code in the app. To scan a Spotify Code, go to the search bar, tap the search bar and you will see a camera icon, tap the camera and then hover the camera over this code:



WANT TO LISTEN TO MORE?

This playlist contains nearly every one of the songs that we use for contemporary worship over the year:

**Also, feel free to send song suggestions or recommendations to Staff Minister Kyle Heise. =)*



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