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AFTER
EASTER





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2nd Sunday of Easter

This second Sunday of Easter, we are all twin selves, like Thomas, who was called the Twin ^(John 20:24). Each of us is both doubter and believer, and Jesus blesses us with peace. Welcome.

Welcome

Prelude

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Gordon/Featherstone

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Call to Worship

<http://liturgyoutside.net/>

One: Children of God, do you love the God who hovered over the face of the deep and called the worlds into being?

Many: **Yes, you know that we do.**

One: Then feed God's children.

One: Children of God, do you love the God who was revealed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ?

Many: **Yes, you know that we do.**

One: Then take care of God's children.

One: Children of God, do you love the God who breathes new life into us even as we gather this day?

Many: **Yes, you know that we do.**

One: Then feed God's children.

* **Opening Prayer**

God of victory over death, your Son revealed himself again and again, and convinced his followers of his glorious resurrection. Grant that we may know his risen presence, in love obediently feed his sheep, and care for the lambs of his flock, until we join the hosts of heaven in worshiping you and praising him who is worthy of blessing and honor, glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

* **Opening Song**

Thine Is the Glory

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Verse 1:

Thine is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the vict'r'y now for us begun!
Angels clothed in glory rolled the stone away,
leaving only graveclothes where his body lay.

*Refrain: Thine is the glory, Resurrected One!
Endless is the vict'r'y now for us begun!*

Verse 2:

Lo! Jesus meets us. Risen from the tomb,
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let our doubting spirits find a voice to sing:
Christ who died is living; death has lost its sting.

Refrain

Verse 3:

Thine was the suff'ring, mine the endless life.
Sin holds no dominion; love wins over strife.
What then shall I shall I offer? Songs that never cease!
Thou hast won the vict'ry, glorious Prince of Peace!

Refrain

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Time with our Children

21 Later, Jesus himself appeared again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how it happened: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two other disciples were together.

³ Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing."

They said, "We'll go with you." They set out in a boat, but throughout the night they caught nothing. ⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples didn't realize it was Jesus.

⁵ Jesus called to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

⁶ He said, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some."

So they did, and there were so many fish that they couldn't haul in the net. ⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard it was the Lord, he wrapped his coat around himself (for he was naked) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they weren't far from shore, only about one hundred yards.

⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire there, with fish on it, and some bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you've just caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter got up and pulled the net to shore. It was full of large fish, one hundred fifty-three of them. Yet the net hadn't torn, even with so many fish. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples could bring themselves to ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish.

¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Song

Shout to the Lord

125 VT

Shout to the Lord by Darlene Zschech

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Verse 1:

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you;
all of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Refrain:

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand;
nothing compares to the promise I have in you.*

Pastoral Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Prayer for Our Gifts

<http://www.umfmichigan.org/offerprayers.html>

Great God of Heaven and Earth, you call us to leave behind our preoccupations and to follow you into the future. Sometimes we find your call challenging. We are comfortable, maybe even complacent, in our present. May this act of giving be a gesture of our willingness to follow where you lead. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Special Music

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

John 21:15-17 CEB

¹⁵ When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Song

My Jesus, I Love Thee

#133 ^{VT}

Verse 1:

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Verse 2:

I love thee, because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Verse 3:

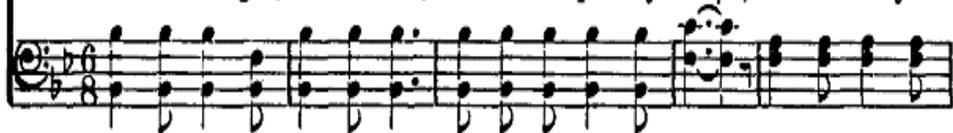
In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Song

Love Lifted Me

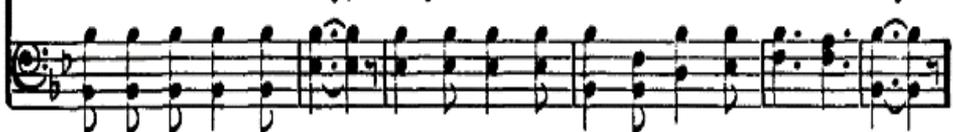
1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Ver - y deep-ly
2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed
3. Souls in dan-ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you



stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas - ter of the sea
 pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing. Love so might - y and so true
 by His love Out of the an - gry waves. He's the Mas - ter of the sea,



Heard my despairing cry, From the wa - ters lift - ed me, Now safe am I.
 Mer - its my soul's best songs; Faith - ful, lov - ing serv - ice, too, To Him be - longs.
 Bil - lows His will o - bey; He your Sav - ior wants to be—Be saved to - day.



CHORUS

Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me! When noth-ing
e - ven me! e - ven me!

else could help, Love lift - ed me. Love lift - ed me.

* Benediction

Postlude

More Love to Thee

Prentiss/Doane

* Please stand as able and led



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Minister of Music	Vanessa Morton
Worship Leader	Barbara Beers
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