

Glynde Lutheran Church

a multi-cultural community of faith



Church@Home
Sunday 16th April 2023
Easter 2, Year A
10.30am worship service

SONG: King of kings

<https://youtu.be/zmPyPIyoxhA>

**In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes**

**To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt**

Chorus

Praise the Father

Praise the Son

Praise the Spirit three in one

God of Glory

Majesty

Praise forever to the King of Kings

**To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross**

**For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died**

Chorus

**And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death**

**And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored**

Chorus

**And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint**

**By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me**

Chorus

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WELCOME & WE GREET EACH OTHER

IN THE NAME...

SONG: Yet not I but through Christ in me

<https://youtu.be/hwc2d1Xt8gM>

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed**

**To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave**

**To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

Ending

**When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

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WE CONFESS, GOD FORGIVES

Gracious God and Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have not recognised you as the owner and giver of all things.

We have not always been content with what you have given us, nor have we been eager to advance the cause of others. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus who gave himself so freely for us.

By your Holy Spirit, give us a generous heart and joy in serving our neighbour. Amen.

Absolution based on Psalm 51:

God has shown mercy to you. He gave His only Son to die for you. God has forgiven your sins. For Jesus' sake, He has washed you clean and made your hearts pure. May God's peace be with you always.

Amen.

SHORT PRAISE SONG: Man of Sorrows (chorus)

<https://youtu.be/s7ZJ5D5q54g?t=269>

***Oh that rugged cross my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee***

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Brooke Ligertwood | Matt Crocker

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THEME OF THE DAY:

John 20:21

Jesus: 'As the Father sent me, so I send you.'

BIBLE READING:

[John 20:19-31](#)

CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence 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**

SONG: Peace be still

<https://youtu.be/lsIpGiz3SfQ>

**I don't want to be afraid
Every time I face the waves
I don't want to be afraid
I don't want to be afraid
I don't want to fear the storm
Just because I hear it roar
I don't want to fear the storm
I don't want to fear the storm**

Chorus

***Peace be still
Say the word and I will
Set my feet upon the sea
Till I'm dancing in the deep
Peace be still
You are here so it is well
Even when my eyes can't see
I will trust the voice that speaks***

**I'm not gonna be afraid
'Cause these waves are only waves
I'm not gonna be afraid
I'm not gonna be afraid
I'm not gonna fear the storm
You are greater than its roar
I'm not gonna fear the storm
I'm not gonna fear at all**

Interlude

Peace peace over me

Bridge

Let faith rise up

O heart believe

Let faith rise up in me

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MESSAGE

John 20:21

Jesus: 'As the Father sent me, so I send you.'

As you heard the reading from John this morning I hope you heard it as if Jesus was speaking directly to you; as if you were in the room that day. As I listen to Jesus speaking he blows me away.

First, he greets me with; 'Peace be with you'. Fullness of life in God be with you. Isn't that great.

Jesus could have begun by asking; 'Where were you when I needed you?' 'Why did you run away?' 'Why did you deny me?' 'I'm very, very disappointed and let down by you'. Jesus could easily come to me and say; 'Tim, I thought you'd know better.' 'Tim, I have given you so much, and you've simply gone with the flow and let me down.'

In short Jesus could easily condemn, point out my shortcomings, leaving me in a state of guilt and regret. But he doesn't; thank God!

Jesus greets us this morning with; 'Peace be with you', 'Fullness of life in Father's love and affection be with you.' Jesus gives me what I need, not what I deserve. Jesus comes and gives me life; he gives me hope, love, a wonderful relationship to share with him, as together we live life in Father's love and affection.

I'm very, very, glad that Jesus didn't come breathing fire and brimstone, to scare me, to condemn me. Jesus comes to save. Jesus comes to lift us up that we might join him, living life as Father's precious children. Jesus comes loving us to life; so that we change, grow, mature as a result of his presence in our lives. Here we find the security to change, to face our mistakes and admit them, so we can live free of their hold on us.

'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.'

Jesus didn't come into the world terrified of his Father. Jesus didn't come trying to get his dad to like him, to appease an angry, vengeful God. That's not how the Father sent Jesus; is it!

Jesus is sent fully aware of his identity in the Father. Jesus isn't shaped by the world, by popular opinion, by a need to be accepted. Nothing like that shapes Jesus identity; Jesus' identity is shaped by his Father, and that shapes his actions.

Jesus is the freest man I know, simply because he is able to live true to his identity; he knows who he is in the Father. So, Jesus isn't shaped by the events of life, he shapes the events of life.

The cross is a great example of this. The cross before Jesus was a symbol of horror. The people of Jesus day believed that if you were crucified it meant that God had abandoned you, rejected you, that you were deserving of such a death because you were such an evil person.

Imagine if Jesus had believed all that; what sort of person would that have created?

Instead Jesus lives finding his identity in his Father, and he changes the cross to now be a symbol of hope, of forgiveness, of Father's love for us. Jesus lived true to who he is in the Father and changed the cross, the cross didn't change Jesus.

So we are sent by the Father as Jesus was. We are sent to live free, not trying to find or create our own identity but living true to who we are in Father, no matter the situation we find ourselves in.

Situation don't define us; our loving heavenly Father does. So now, like Jesus, as we live true to who we are in the Father, we change the situation. Do you believe that? It's true!

You are sent like Jesus; a living breathing child of the heavenly Father; precious in his sight, able to live like Jesus; doing what you see Father doing, saying what you hear your Father say – for in Jesus our heavenly Father reveals his heart and soul to us.

Do you notice that Jesus now gives you a new position in life? He shapes your identity and puts you in a new position; you're not a slave. Fear is not your master. In Jesus you're not left in the dark; you know the truth for you know Jesus, and he is the truth.

You're part of the royal family; Jesus is your brother, literally, and he's the king. Is that how you view yourself; someone of importance, someone of influence, someone who does have the power to make a difference.

Outside of Jesus such thoughts would simply give me a swollen head and I'd probably expect people to serve me. But no; in Jesus, we have the wonderful privilege of joining Jesus in serving, in lifting people up, of using our position to bless the people in our lives, to enrich the lives of those our Father brings across our paths. And this is all possible because of the new position Jesus has given us through his crucifixion and resurrection.

That begins to change my perspective on life. I'm sent as Jesus was; not to be selfish, but to freely give myself that other's might live. My identity isn't defined by how much money I have, but by my relationship with the heavenly Father, who now gives me a new position of security to work from so that I might use the money he gifts me with to serve others, not to simply allay my fears, or to think that my security is found in my bank balance.

My security, my identity, my purpose for living is found in Jesus, and through him in my relationship of love and affection that I share with the heavenly Father.

'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you.' Then he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'.

Jesus wasn't sent to simply to the best he could; and we're not sent to simply do the best we know how. I'm not sent out to do what is

impossible for me; and I've noticed that left to myself it is impossible to live true to who I am. I need help. I need mates. I need to walk with others; and who better to walk with than God, in the person of the Holy Spirit. Who has the wonderful habit of gathering other mates so we can walk together with him in community.

And because I, we, walk together with the Holy Spirit, we're not impotent.

Have you noticed that having the best of intentions without what is needed to achieve those intentions doesn't result in much? Actually I've noticed it does result in feelings of failure, regret, disappointment, a resolve to never do that again. Having the best of intentions without the power to do it can have devastating consequences.

But you are sent like Jesus; you are empowered with the Spirit's presence. You are not impotent; for God isn't impotent – the cross tried to defeat Jesus, but it only gave him a platform to triumph. The Father was with Jesus on the cross giving him the resolve, the love, to hang in there, that we might be saved. Saved for life lived in and thought God's power; not our own.

So, we have the power to forgive sins; the power to liberate the slave and lead them into a life of freedom.

I think we have far too narrow a view of sin, if we just think of sin as being the bad things we do. When I think about it, quite often the so called 'good things' I do are a greater sin, because they become what I depend on, they become the things I point to, to prove who I am. I point and say; 'Look at what a good boy I am, see all the good things I've done'.

Do you notice how quickly God gets the boot; it's all the good things I've done. I can find myself pointing to what a sincere confession I've made; so God must like me, be impressed by me.

Sin is finding your identity in anything other than what your heavenly Father says; and his definitive word is Jesus. Jesus defines my identity, out of which my actions can flow to my heavenly Father's glory, praise and honour.

Sin is finding your position being defined by what you've achieved, the praise of others, and what trinkets I've accumulated. I own a big house, an expensive car, and am popular – I must be important.

No, Jesus defines my position, in him I'm one of Father's loved children, a member of the royal family, empowered to save, to serve, to liberate the slave that they might live free in Father's love and affection.

What a wonderful new perspective on me and my life's purpose Jesus blesses me with. I get to live out Father's love and affection, so that people might come to life; life lived truly free, knowing who they are – not a slave to circumstance, but world changers as they live out their God given, Jesus paid for, identity.

I pray that this week the Spirit speaks powerfully and clearly to your heart that you go and live in all you say and do; as the Father sent Jesus, for that's how Jesus is sending you.

Go and live free; free to be all that Jesus has given his life for, that like him in your life you bring the Father's love and affection, living true to who you are in him; and in doing so you change people's lives; from slave to free, from sinner to forgiven, from unwanted to loved of the Father, from impotent to living in the power of the Spirit to Father's glory, honour and praise.

Pastor Tim Koch

SONG: Set Free

<https://youtu.be/R90JuSQd6bE>

**Here I surrender lay down every weight
Remember Your love has broken all my chains
What You have finished cannot be undone
The work of the cross was more than enough**

Chorus 1

I've been set free I've been set free

Sin has no hold

Shame has no power over me

Found in Your mercy

I've been washed clean

You call me whole saved and redeemed

I've been set free

**There is a promise written in Your scars
I am forgiven changed by who You are
What You have finished I will not forget
I'm buried with Christ
I'm raised from the dead**

Chorus 1

Bridge

**No longer bound in chains
No longer blind I see
This is amazing grace
Jesus alive in me
(REPEAT)**

Chorus 2

**(Oh) I've been set free (Oh) I've been set free
Sin has no hold
Shame has no power (no power) over me
Found in Your mercy
(Oh) I've been washed clean
You call me whole saved and redeemed
I've been set free**

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**(Yes) You call me whole saved and redeemed
I've been set free**

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PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to prayer

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Therefore, let us come to him in the name of Jesus, to pray for all we need.

The regular response, OR:

God and Lord,

fill us with your Spirit of life.

Suggested intercessions

- * that Christ may always be present among his people
- * for all pastors, that they may exercise the ministry of forgiveness with compassion
- * for those in mental anguish and racked by doubt in themselves or in God
- * for all Christians, who must give account of their faith
- * for those who find no purpose in life
- * for those who are wounded in body or soul
- * for those newly baptised or confirmed at Easter

Concluding prayer

God of life, show us the risen Lord through your life-giving Spirit, so that we may be filled with faith to do the work you have given us to do. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

SONG: The Blessing

<https://youtu.be/OOt7baaVSbE>

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace**

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace**

Amen (x6)

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you
And give you peace**

Amen (x6)

**May his favour
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children
(repeat)**

**May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you**

**In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing**

He is for you (x8)

Amen (x6)

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