

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19th, 2020 Sunday Virtual Worship at 10:30am



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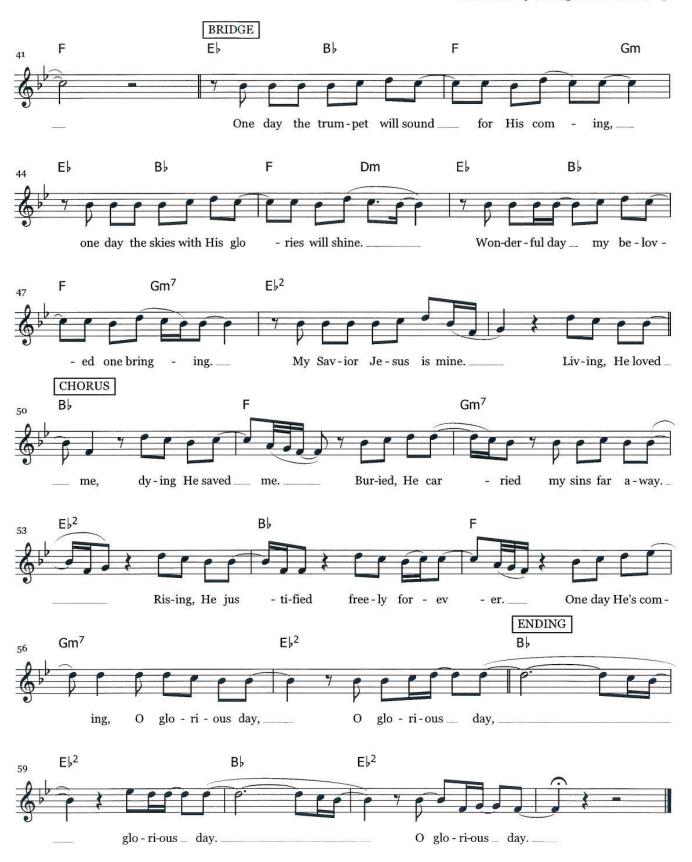
Gathering Song- Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me) & Blessed Be Your Name

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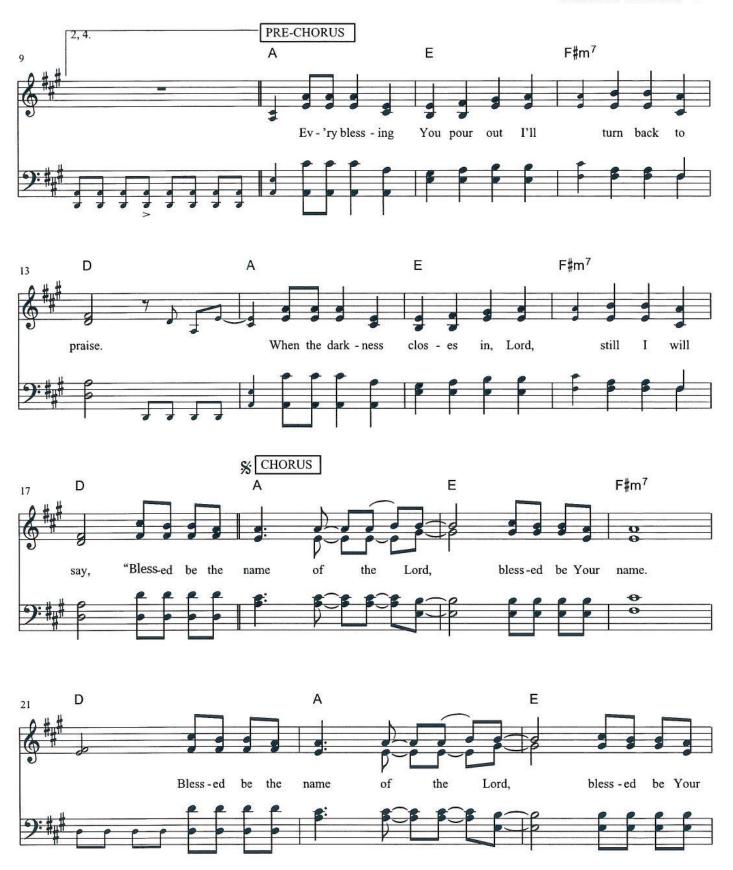


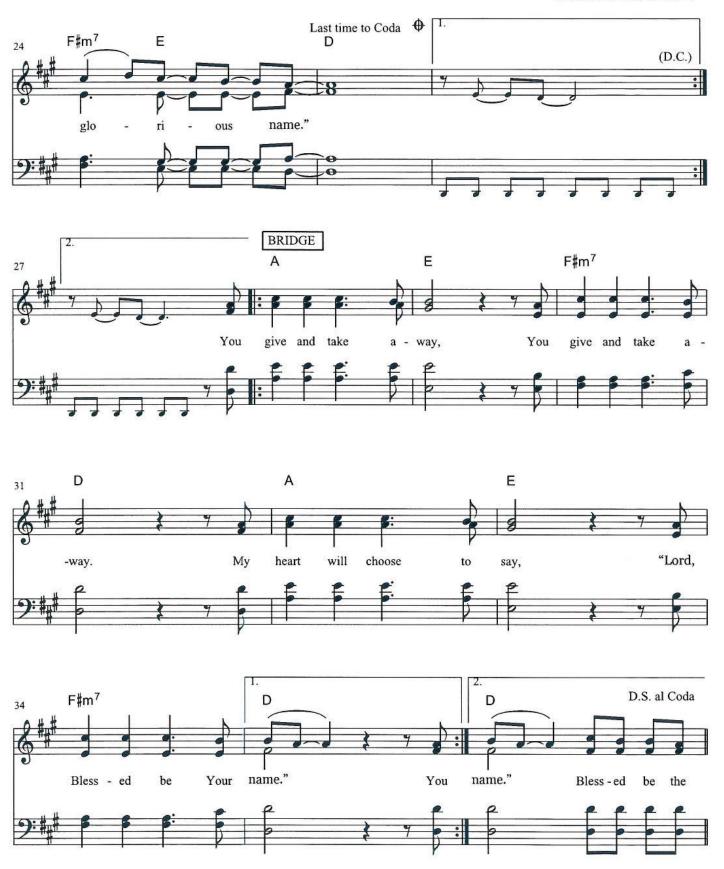


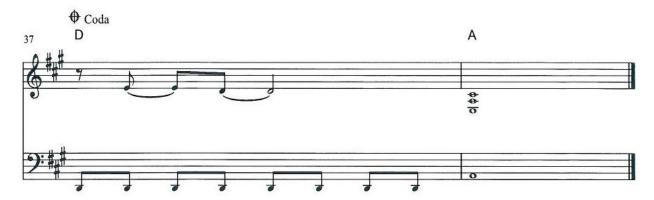
Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Beth Redman









Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, RiverSource and Keyboards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Jesus, our teacher, you saw the image of God in all those you met along the lake side, in the vineyards, and on the road. Give us eyes to see your face in all the people we meet. Equip us to meet them right where they are at in their journey. Amen

Meet Someone New

In this time of social isolation and quarantine we continue to need to have social contact. We can do that through old fashioned cards and letters – consider sending one to a nursing home near you as a way to meet someone new.

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of God the eternal Creator – Jesus Christ, God's only Son and the Holy Spirit – who is with you always... **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

We are God's people, sheep of the Spirit's fold, lambs of Christ's flock, sinners of God's redeeming.

Amen.

Let us come together in a time of confession before God, who already knows our hearts and welcomes our humility.

Silence for reflection.

Loving God,

Our thoughts, our words, and our deeds are an open book to you. You have seen where we fall short. You know where we have strayed as individuals and as your church. In your mercy, forgive us and guide us into right ways of being — Ways of welcome, paths of mercy, habits of grace — so that we may live renewed in the joy of our salvation, prepared, equipped, and ready to meet Christ in our neighbors and in your creation.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God's ways are not our ways and God's thoughts are not our thoughts. Before we were made, God brought creation out of nothing and peace out of chaos. In this same love, God unyokes you from sin and binds you to a new life and new living in Jesus Christ. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of God!

Amen!

Prayer of the Day

Loving Lord, you never left your disciples without the tools they needed to follow your way. So equip us that we might be found faithful witnesses to the joy of your resurrection live. In Jesus name, amen.

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Acts 1:1-14

Narrator: In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

Jesus: "This,"

Narrator: he said,

Jesus: "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Narrator: So when they had come together, they asked him,

Follower: "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Narrator: When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said,

White Robed Ones: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Narrator: Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn - Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds

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Prayers of the People

As we continue to focus on Love Without Limits, let us focus our prayers on these three areas:

The people I struggle to love...

Where do I need love, and where do others need love...

Who taught me to love... and then will be prayed out loud, anonymously.

Reader: Hear us O God, All: Your mercy is great.

Offering

Worship Leader: We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's the only way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by going to our website, <u>riverofhopehutchinson.org</u> and follow the directions to "give online".

THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

This table is open for all to receive the grace, mercy and love that comes to us in this bread and wine:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed in the gift of our baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

The 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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs/Hymns- All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

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- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray, God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may demonstrate your transforming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

MILESTONES!

Final Blessing

May the God of love fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

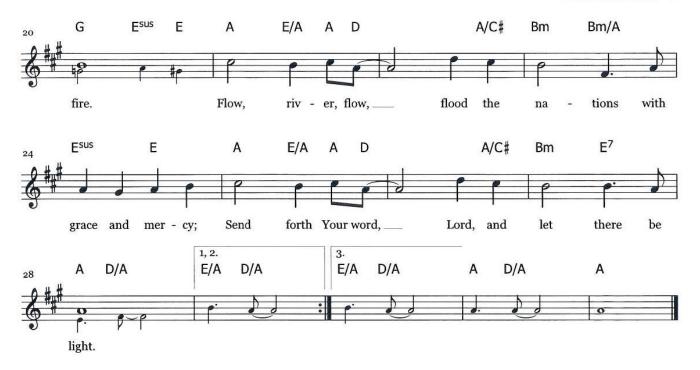
Sending Song – Shine Jesus Shine

Shine Jesus Shine

Words and Music by Graham Kendrick



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Go in peace – Jesus is with you! Thanks be to God

Music to Send you out

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