

**SACRED HEART, TAMPA**  
**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**  
**5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**  
**21 May 2023**

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

**Opening Song: Lord I Lift Your Name  
On High (Founds)**

**V.1** Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

## **Chorus:**

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

**V.1** Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us (***chorus***)

## **Final Ending:**

Lord I lift Your name on high! (3x)

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## ***Glory to God: Mass of a Joyful Heart***

(Angrisano)

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth,  
peace to people of good will!**

We praise you, we bless you,  
We adore you, we glorify you,  
We give you thanks  
for your great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God almighty Father.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth,  
peace to people of good will!**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of  
the Father, have mercy on us.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth,  
peace to people of good will!**

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth,  
peace to people of good will!  
A-A-AMEN!**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with

them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout

Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

## **Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 47**

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord!**

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### **Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23**

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones,

and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might: which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Greeting: Everybody Sing Alleluia***  
(Melendez)

**Everybody sing alleluia!  
Everybody praise His name!  
Everybody sing alleluia!  
Praise His name today!**

**Verse 1:**

I was walking in the dark  
And could not see the light.  
Jesus came into my life,  
And made everything alright!

**Refrain:**

**Everybody sing alleluia!  
Everybody praise His name!  
Everybody sing alleluia!  
Praise His name today!**

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## **Gospel:**

Mt 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

**No Repeat of the refrain after the  
Gospel Outside Ordinary Time.**  
**Please be seated.**

**Homily**

**Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord,  
    (all bow during the next two lines)  
    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;  
on 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 catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

## **Universal Prayer**

**Response: “Risen Lord, hear our  
prayer.”**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*Preparation of Gifts & Altar:* Rise Up  
(Lazarus) (Cain)

**V.1** In the dark and all alone  
Growing comfortable  
Are you too scared to move  
And walk out of this tomb  
Buried underneath  
the lies that you believed  
Safe and sound stuck in the ground  
Too lost to be found

**Pre-Chorus:**

You're just asleep  
And it's time to leave

## **Chorus:**

Come on and ***rise up!***

Take a breath ***you're alive now!***

Can't you hear the

***voice of Jesus calling us***

***out from the grave like Lazarus!***

You're ***brand new!***

The power of death ***couldn't hold you!***

Can't you hear the

***voice of Jesus calling us***

***out of the grave like Lazarus!***

***Rise up, rise up, rise up***

***out from the grave like Lazarus!***

**V.2** When he said your name  
The thing that filled your veins  
Was more than blood  
It's the kind of love that washes sin away  
Now the door is open wide  
And the stone's been rolled aside  
The old is gone the light has come so,...

**Chorus:**

Come on and ***rise up!***  
Take a breath ***you're alive now!***  
Can't you hear the  
***voice of Jesus calling us***  
***out from the grave like Lazarus!***  
You're ***brand new!***  
The power of death ***couldn't hold you!***  
Can't you hear the  
***voice of Jesus calling us***  
***out of the grave like Lazarus!***

***Rise up, rise up, rise up  
Out from the grave like Lazarus!***

**Bridge:**

He's calling us to walk out of the dark  
He's giving us new resurrected hearts  
***He's calling us to walk out of the dark  
He's giving us new resurrected hearts  
(2x then Chorus)***

**Chorus:**

Come on and ***rise up!***  
Take a breath ***you're alive now!***  
Can't you hear the  
***voice of Jesus calling us  
Out from the grave like Lazarus!***

You're ***brand new!***  
The power of death ***couldn't hold you!***  
Can't you hear the  
***voice of Jesus calling us***  
***out of the grave like Lazarus!***  
***Rise up, rise up, rise up***  
***Out from the grave like Lazarus!***

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## ***Eucharistic Acclamations:***

### **Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)**

Holy, Holy – Save Us Savior – Amen

## **COMMUNION RITE**

### **Our Father**

### ***Lamb of God: Mass of a Joyful Heart***

(Angrisano)

### ***Communion Song 1 Redeemed***

(Coward | Weaver)

**V.1** Seems like

all I could see was the struggle

Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past

Bound up in shackles of all my failures

Wond'ring how long is this gonna last

Then You

look at this pris'ner and say to me

Son stop fighting a fight

that's already been won

## Chorus:

I am redeemed!  
You set me free!  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
And wipe away ev'ry stain  
Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be  
(I am redeemed)

V.2 All my  
life I have been called unworthy  
Named by the voice  
of my shame and regret  
But when I hear You whisper  
child lift up your head  
I remember O God  
You're not done with me yet (***chorus***)

## **Chorus:**

I am redeemed!  
You set me free!  
So I'll shake off these heavy chains  
And wipe away ev'ry stain  
Now ('Cause) I'm not who I used to be  
(I am redeemed)

## **Ending:**

O God I'm not who I used to be  
Jesus I'm not who I used to be  
I am redeemed  
Thank God redeemed

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***Communion Song 2:***  
**The Commission** (Cain)

**V.1** See my hands, look at my feet  
It's okay if it's hard to believe  
I have faith, you will do greater things  
It's my time to go, but before I leave

**Chorus:**

Go tell the world about me  
I was dead but now I live  
I've gotta go now for a little while  
But goodbye is not the end

**V.2** Don't forget,  
the things that I taught you  
I conquered death, and I hold the keys  
Where I go, you will go too someday  
There's much to do,  
here before you leave

## **Chorus:**

Go tell the world about me  
I was dead but now I live  
I've gotta go now for a little while  
But goodbye is not the,...

## **Bridge:**

End of the journey, the end of the road  
My spirit is with you, wherever you go  
You have a purpose, and I have a plan  
I'll make you this promise  
I'll come back again, but until then,...

## **Chorus:**

Go tell the world about me  
I was dead but now I live  
I've gotta go now for a little while  
But goodbye is not the end,  
goodbye is not the end!

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## **CONCLUDING RITE**

### **DISMISSAL**

***PRIEST:** Go forth and bear witness to Christ, who is gloriously risen from the dead. Alleluia, alleluia!*

***ALL:** Thanks be to God.  
Alleluia, alleluia!*

# **Sending Forth Song : I Send You Out** **(Angotti/Tate)**

**V.1** I baptize you,  
in the name of the Father  
I baptize you, in the name of the Son  
I baptize you, with the Holy Spirit  
Go out and spread Good News!

## **Chorus:**

I send you out, on a mission of love  
I send you out, on a mission of love  
I send you out, on a mission of love  
And know that I am with you always  
Until the end of the world!

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