

# Faithful *Doubting*

## GATHERING

### Gathering Song

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

#2151

WORDS: AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

*I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,  
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,  
I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah,  
Jesus lifted me.*

*When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
when I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah,  
Jesus lifted me.  
Jesus lifted me.*

*Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
Satan had me bound, Jesus lifted me,  
singing glory, hallelujah,  
Jesus lifted me.*

### Gathering

One: We come as we are:

**All:** **doubting Thomases, fearful disciples, sorrowing exiles, rejoicing psalmists!**

One: You come as you are:

**All:** **Risen Christ, Christ of peace, Holy Spirit, Spirit of forgiveness, God of life, God of new birth!**

One: Show us the fullness of your joy!

**All:** **Show us the path of life and living hope!**

WORDS: William M. James

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart

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***Easter people, raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;  
heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Easter people, let us sing.***

***Fear of death can no more stop us  
from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to  
triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
On to victory now we go.***

***Every day to us is Easter,  
with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See the power of heavenly throngs.***

ENGAGING

**Prayer of Approach**

**Jesus, Savior, Resurrected Messiah, we come before you from different paths: some of us certain of your joyful presence in our lives, some of us not so certain of the hope of being touched by your joy. Yet we are all here, reaching out to you: for understanding, for hope, for joy, for all that is imperishable. Meet us here, today, in all your power and consolation. Amen.**

**Scripture**

1 Peter 1:3-9 | John 20:19-31

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*How great the chasm that lay between us.  
How high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
and spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

*Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
to wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain.  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ my living hope.*

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Jesus Christ my living hope.*

*Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
declared the grave has no claim on me.*

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*Jesus, Yours is the victory! Whoa.*

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There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ my living hope.*

*Jesus Christ, my living hope.  
O God, You are my living hope.*

**Message**

*Faithful Doubting*

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### THANKSGIVING

#### **Prayers of the People**

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God #420; WORDS: [Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889](#)*

*MUSIC: [Robert Jackson, 1842-1914](#)*

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***Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.***

***Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.***

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**

### **Offering**

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### **Prayer of Dedication**

One: Let us pray...

**All: God of great mercy, accept our offerings, given out of what is more precious than gold—our faith in you, giver of hope and life. And through these gifts, reveal the risen Christ in acts of mercy, love, and joy. Amen.**

### **Doxology**

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

#315 (v5)

WORDS: John of Damascus; trans. By John Mason Neale, 1859

MUSIC: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1872

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**"Alleluia!" now we cry  
to our King immortal,  
who, triumphant, burst the bars  
of the tomb's dark portal;  
"Alleluia!" with the Son,  
God the Father praising,  
"Alleluia!" yet again  
to the Spirit raising. Amen.**

SENDING

**Upcoming**

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MUSIC: Harmonia Sacra; arr. from G.F. Handel

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**Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.  
Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo! Jesus meets thee,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets thee,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for our Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting.**

**Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.**

**No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors,**

*through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above.  
Thine be the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.*

## **Blessing**

## **Postlude**

*Just A Little Talk with Jesus*

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