**Scripture Reading**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 

3 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. 

So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love and have seen many times, has died.” 

**Reigniting the Candles of Easter**

Leader: (offers a meditation on Easter & all the candles are reignited)

**Offertory**

*Were You There (with Crown Him with Many Crowns)* 

arr. by Marilynn Ham

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**Celebration of Holy Communion**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave

Hymn

**Because He Lives**

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive; he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

**Message**

Pray the Comma

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Rachel Carosiello

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Leader: The gift, this day, is sure and unmistakable:

All: God’s breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

Leader: Let us celebrate the gift of God’s new life, and come to worship God with praise and dancing!

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Hymn

**Because He Lives**

UMH #364, all verses

Chorus: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone; because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives. Chorus

And then one day I’ll cross the river; I’ll fight life’s final war with pain; And then as death gives way to victory, I’ll see the lights of glory and I’ll know he reigns. Chorus

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thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this, in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your might acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**
Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

**Hymn**

O Praise the Name

I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet. My Savior on that cursed tree.

Chorus: O praise the name of the Lord our God! O praise His name forevermore!
For endless days we will sing Your praise, O Lord, O Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King. Chorus

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing Son shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus’ face. Chorus

**Benediction**

Sermon Notes:

- Loves, shoots, & leaves. OR - Eats shoots and leaves.
- Let’s eat Grandma. OR - Let’s eat, Grandma.
- I love my parents, Queen Elizabeth and Kermit the frog.

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