

#### A Contemporary Easter Celebration featuring the songs of Regi Stone

Vibrant and passionate, this worshipful contemporary 40-minute musical tells the story of God's amazing love through 8 of Regi Stone's most beloved songs arranged for soloist and three and four-part choir by the likes of Travis Cottrell, Bradley Knight, and Cliff Duren. Medium difficulty, requiring one or more competent soloists. Includes narration for two.

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#### NARRATOR 1:

Perhaps the best-known verse in the whole New Testament is John 3:16. You've read it.

You've heard it.

You can probably say it along with me:

For God so <u>loved</u> the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The Easter story begins and ends with God's love.

#### **NARRATOR 2:**

In Ephesians 1:4-6, the apostle Paul writes these words to new believers:

For [God] chose us in him
before the creation of the world
to be holy and blameless in his sight.

In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ,
in accordance with his pleasure and will—
to the praise of his glorious grace,
which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

#### NARRATOR 1:

So, God loved you and me before he made *the world*.

and knowing that humanity would sin, God also made *a way*.

#### NARRATOR 2:

In love, he made a way for us to be saved through the Son he loves.

CHOIR SINGS: "In a Word It Was Love"

# In a Word, It Was Love





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#### NARRATOR 2:

Throughout the Old Testament, the blood of innocent animals was shed to cover the sins of God's people.

But these temporary measures pointed toward a permanent sacrifice...

#### NARRATOR 1:

Our Heavenly Father
would send his one and only Son
to be the spotless Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.

CHOIR SINGS: "Enter Paradise"

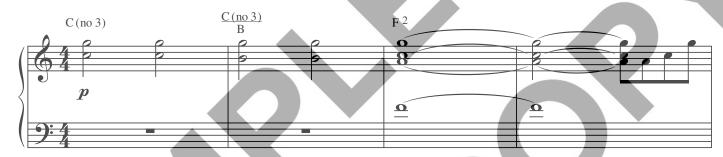
### **Enter Paradise**

(Solo)

From the Worship Today® volume: **Jesus Paid It All** 

Words and Music by REGI STONE and KRISTIE BRASELTON Arranged by REGI STONE

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#### NARRATOR 1:

So, God's only Son stepped down from heaven, wrapped himself in human flesh and lived among us as a man.

#### NARRATOR 2:

He experienced the joys...
the hardships...
even the temptations that we face.
And through it all, he never sinned.

#### NARRATOR 1:

Jesus was the second Adam, undoing the sin and suffering the first Adam brought into our world.

And yet, it wasn't enough for him just to live the life we should have lived—Christ had to die the death we should have died.

#### NARRATOR 2:

He completed his mission *completely*.

So when Jesus cried out with his dying breath,

"It is finished!"

...that's precisely what he meant.

CHOIR SINGS: "It Was Finished on the Cross"

## It Was Finished on the Cross

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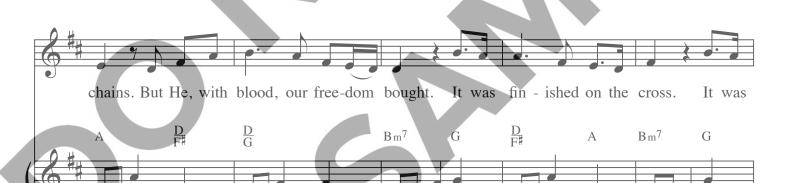
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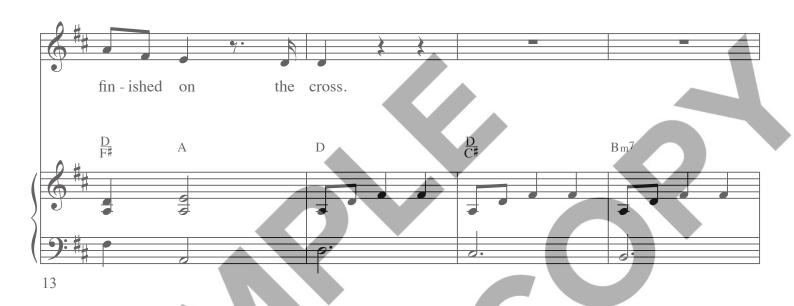




















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#### NARRATOR 2:

At the cross,

the blood of countless lambs was replaced by the blood of the matchless Lamb of God.

#### NARRATOR 1:

The apostle Paul writes in Romans 3:25-26:

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

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#### NARRATOR 2:

Through the body and blood of Jesus, our sins are forgiven once and for all and we're empowered to live lives that honor him.

CHOIR SINGS: "There Is Power in the Blood"

### There Is Power in the Blood

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#### NARRATOR 1:

So how do we respond to his sacrifice? with repentance... and reverence.

#### NARRATOR 2:

We admit our brokenness and rebellion before God.

#### NARRATOR 1:

We confess our total reliance upon the work of Jesus at the cross.

#### NARRATOR 2:

We commit our lives to the One who has given us his own inheritance so that we can call *his* Father, "Our Father."

#### NARRATOR 1:

We learn to praise Jesus from the depths of our souls.

CHOIR SINGS: "Jesus, I Will Live for You"

# Jesus, I Will Live for You







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#### NARRATOR 2:

Perhaps you feel like you've fallen too far to be forgiven—that somehow *your sin* is beyond God's capacity to seek and save.

#### NARRATOR 1:

Listen, friend—

There is *no gulf* that God's grace cannot span.

There is *no soul* that God's love cannot redeem.

There is no wound that God's mercy cannot heal.

That's why they call grace "amazing."

CHOIR SINGS: "Love So Amazing"



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#### NARRATOR 1:

Faith in Christ is not a philosophy to be practiced; rather, it's a person to be followed.

#### NARRATOR 2:

After God raised Jesus from the grave, Jesus remained with his followers for 40 days and was seen by more than 500 people.

#### NARRATOR 1:

He told them to stay in Jerusalem until his Father sent his Holy Spirit to empower them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

#### NARRATOR 2:

And even though Jesus ascended to heaven before their very eyes, He's still keeping his promise—through his Spirit—to never leave or forsake us.

CHOIR SINGS: "The Presence of the Lord is Here"

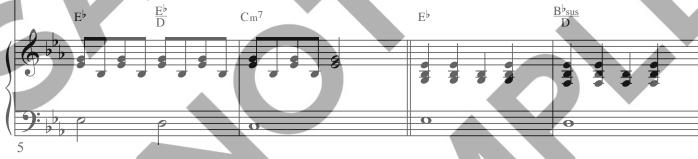
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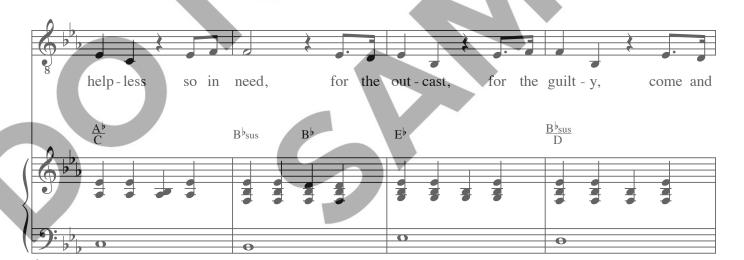
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## Love So Amazing

## NARRATOR 2:

The story of Easter...

begins with God's everlasting love for us...
is manifest through Christ's death and resurrection...
and continues through his Spirit's power and presence in our lives.

## NARRATOR 1:

So let us bow our knees and lift our voices—
confessing with our mouths and
believing with our hearts that
God has raised Christ from the dead!
He has given Jesus the only name under heaven
by which we may be saved!

So let everyone—and everything—praise the Lord!

CHOIR SINGS: "Let Everything"

## Let Everything





















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