

Prayer for Understanding of God's Word

Bible Reading: John 20:1-18

Sermon: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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.

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2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

3. No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought 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.

Edmond Budry, 1854-1932, tr. by Richard Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939 | Tune: Maccabaeus

Benediction

Notices & Matters for Prayer

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Evening Worship We meet again for worship at the usual time of 5pm.

Elders Meeting Please pray for our elders and trustees as they meet on Wednesday evening.

Central Prayer Meeting Thursday, 7 for 7:30pm at Union House. Do join us if you can.

Stay & Play meets on Friday from 10-11:30am. See this week's email for details.

Bring & Share Lunch Our next Bring and Share lunch will be on Sunday 3rd May.

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Sunday, 5th April 2026, 10:30am

Welcome & Notices

Call to Worship

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades..

Revelation 1:17-18

Opening Prayer

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,

with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce, 'Christ is risen!'
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the man, for he lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

2. See Mary weeping: 'Where is he laid?'
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
hears a voice speaking, calling her name:
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life,
stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears, for he lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

3. One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
honour and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with power and authority!
And we are raised with him, death is dead,
love has won, Christ has conquered;
and we shall reign with him, for he lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

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Confession of Sin

Gracious Father, you sent your Son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Christ who died and rose again for us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Christ, the Lord, is risen today,

Hallelujah!

Sons of men and angels say:

Hallelujah!

raise your joys and triumphs high;

Hallelujah!

sing, O heavens, and earth reply.

Hallelujah!

2. Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo! our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
lo! He sets in blood no more.

3. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal:
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids Him rise;
Christ has opened paradise:

4. Lives again our glorious King!
'Where, O death, is now your sting?'
Once He died our souls to save;
'Where's your victory, boasting grave?'

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to You by both be given;
every knee to You shall bow,
risen Christ, triumphant now!

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Children's Talk

Collection of Tithes and Offerings *

Prayer of Intercession

Confession of Faith

We believe that Jesus Christ being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

from Philippians 2:6-11

If Christ had not been raised from death

our faith would be in vain,
our preaching but a waste of breath,
our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is risen indeed;
He rules in earth and heaven:
His gospel meets a world of need –
in Christ we are forgiven.

2. If Christ still lay within the tomb
then death would be the end
and we should face our final doom
with neither guide nor friend.
But now the Saviour is raised up,
so when a Christian dies
we mourn, yet look to God in hope –
in Christ the saints arise!

3. If Christ had not been truly raised
His church would live a lie;
His name should nevermore be praised,
His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
through him we are restored;
His word endures, His church revives
in Christ, our risen Lord.

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