

Sunday @ Seven April 2024
“Would you believe it!!”

Welcome

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!

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!

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 pow'r 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!

*Risen Lord Jesus, so many Easters have come
and gone since those angels announced your
rising from death, and yet the wonder of it is
fresh and new every year.*

*We praise and thank you for all you underwent
on our behalf, the suffering, past now but
leaving scars as reminders to us of what might
have been but for you.*

*May our spirit of rejoicing this evening be
taken up and sung throughout the world,
bringing love and peace and Easter joy to all
people. Amen.*

*Jesus we celebrate your victory.
Jesus we revel in your love
Jesus we rejoice you've set us free.
Jesus your death has brought us life.*

It was for freedom that Christ has set us free;
no longer to be subject to a yoke of slavery.
So we're rejoicing in God's victory,
our hearts responding to his love.
Jesus we celebrate.....

His spirit in us releases us from fear,
and the way to him is open,
with boldness we draw near.
And in his presence our problems disappear,
our hearts responding to his love.
Jesus we celebrate.....

*A conversation between some very excited
followers of Jesus*

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 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 hast 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 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.

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

***Reading & Reflection – On the road to
Emmaus - Luke 24: 13 – 31***

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this corner stone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
- for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain
then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine
- bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

***Reading & Meditation – We've seen Jesus!
John 20: 19-20***

In the tomb so cold they laid him,
death its victim claimed.
Pow'rs of hell, they could not hold him;
back to life he came!

*Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
Death has been conquered!
Death has been conquered!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!
He shall reign for ever.*

Hell had spent its fury on him,
left him crucified.
Yet, by blood, he boldly conquered,
sin and death defied.
Christ is risen.....

Now the fear of death is broken,
love has won the crown.
Pris'ners of the darkness listen,
walls are tumbling down.
Christ is risen.....

Raised from death to heaven ascending,
love's exalted King.
Let his song of joy unending
through the nations ring.
Christ is risen.....

***Reading & Meditation – I wanted to know,
that's all - John 20: 24-29***

All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be
the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain
to reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be
the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
and worship You alone.

Let's talk.....

Just as I am, without one plea,
but that Thy blood was shed for me,

and that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Space for our prayers.....

*Sovereign God,
you turned the darkest of nights
into the brightest of days
through the resurrection of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Come now into our darkness,
into the night-time of suffering and sickness,
of doubt and despair,
of hurt and heartbreak,
of injustice and evil,
of violence and hatred,
of fear and death.*

*May your new day dawn here,
and the light of Christ blaze to your glory,
as we share his resurrection life,
and rejoice in the victory he has won.
In his name we pray. Amen.*

I believe in Jesus,
I believe He is the Son of God.
I believe He died and rose again,
I believe He paid for us all.
And I believe He's here now
standing in our midst,
here with the power to heal now
and the grace to forgive.

I believe in You Lord,
I believe You are the Son of God;
I believe You died and rose again;
I believe You paid for us all.
And I believe You're here now
standing in our midst,
here with the power to heal now,
and the grace to forgive.

*Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.*

Crown him with many crowns
the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake my soul and sing
of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy chosen King
through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife,
for those He came to save:
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight;
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

We say the Grace together...

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*Reflection - Road to Emmaus – Eddie Askew
Meditations – We've seen Jesus & I wanted to
know, that's all - Nick Fawcett*

Next Sunday @ Seven

May 26th Christ Church Hall

***Thy Kingdom Come –
Excited by the Spirit***

***We shall be taking a look at the
confidence of the early church
empowered by prayer and the Holy
Spirit.***