## **Worship for Maundy Thursday 1st April 2021 – 7pm: Psalm 116.12-19**

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*READ THIS SECTION BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINS:*

*Welcome to worship together, at home.*

*Please have a Bible next to you*

*………………..*

*WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:*

***It’s worth noting once again that the ‘Last Supper’ that took place on the very first Maundy Thursday was held in a private home: not in the Temple or a Synagogue or a Church. And now, as we commemorate the meal that Jesus shared with His disciples on the day before He died, we too all still have to worship at home, not in Church.***

***In the days of the New Testament, the Last Supper worship was the annual celebration of the Passover: the remembering of how God led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and, specifically, how the Israelites had to daub the blood of the Passover lamb on their door frames when the Angel of the Lord ‘passed over’ to kill all the first-born. In that way they were protected, as is described in Exodus chapter 12. And even today, the Passover meal and celebration is still kept in the home by Jews.***

*So as we settle in our homes to remember the first Maundy Thursday, again I invite you to take this moment to stop whatever else you are doing.*

*This is God’s time. Sit comfortably. Today you are going to meet with Jesus, where He is, instead of Him coming to you.*

*Again picture our church family and we welcome others too who are joining with us right now to worship God in this moment in their own homes. Know that we are worshipping together, even though we can’t see each other.*

*Remember that we are one in the Lord.*

*If you aren’t following the service on FB, we suggest that, if you are alone, you say the prayers and readings aloud. If you are with others, choose someone to lead and the rest of you join in with the words in bold. On FB, simply join in the words in bold.*

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Tonight we have much to remember: how Jesus shared in the Last Supper with His disciples, how He gave them and us Communion, how He washed the disciples’ feet, and how He then led them out to Gethsemane, where He prayed in anguish, and committed Himself again to doing what God, the Father, wanted - before He was arrested.

So, as we gather, let us remember that the Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

The Call to Worship:

I love the Lord, for he has heard my voice:

**He heard my cry for mercy.**

Because he turned his ear to me:

**I will call on him as long as I live!**

*The Confession of Sins:*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

‘If you love Me, keep My commandments.’

‘Unless I wash you, you have no part in Me.’

Let us confess to Almighty God our sins against His love,

and ask Him to cleanse us.

SILENCE IS KEPT.

Have mercy on us, O God,

in Your great goodness;

according to the abundance of Your compassion

blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Against You only have we sinned

and done what is evil in Your sight.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;

Wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of His Son

and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit

all our days.

**Amen.**

We say the ***Gloria in Excelsis:***

**Glory to God in the highest,**

**and peace to His people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,**

**we worship You, we give You thanks,**

**we praise You for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**You take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

**receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One,**

**You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,**

**with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

*And we pray today’s ‘Prayer of the Day’:*

**God our Father,**

**Your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end**

**and drank the cup prepared for Him:**

**May we who share His table**

**watch with Him through the night of suffering**

**and be faithful.**

**Amen.**

##### ***Now read the following from your Bible – or listen to the readings on Facebook: 1 Corinthians 11.23-26, Psalm 116.12-19 and John 13.1-17 & 31-35***

##### ***Sermon – Chris; on Psalm 116.12-19***

PRAYER TIME: (On FB Catherine will now lead our prayers)

*A Prayer based on Psalm 116:*

Lord God Almighty, I pray for myself and for all your people this night, in the name of Jesus. I praise you this day for being a gracious, righteous and merciful God. I pray that you will hear our voice when we cry out to you for mercy in our distress and anguish. Even when we are greatly afflicted, and have been hurt by those who are liars, I pray that we will continue to believe in you. We claim your promise that you preserve the simple and so we pray that you will save us when we have been brought low.

Turn your ear to us, that we may love you and learn to call on you as long as we live. We thank you that you love us to the end of life and that even our death is precious to you. When we are overcome by trouble and sorrow, I pray that you will incline your ear to us and be gracious and full of compassion for us. Protect us and save us when we are in great need.

Deliver our soul from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from stumbling. Free us from our chains that we may walk before you in the land of the living. May our soul be at rest once more because you have been good to us.

Prompt us to repay you for all your goodness to us by offering thanks to you in the courts of your house and calling on your name. May we lift up the cup of salvation and honour you in the presence of all your people. **Amen**.

Father, on this, the night that Your Son Jesus Christ was betrayed, He washed His disciples’ feet.

So we commit ourselves to follow His example of love and service.

Lord, hear us.  **And humble us.**

On this night, He prayed for His disciples to be one.

So we pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear us. **And unite us.**

On this night, He prayed for those who were to believe through His disciples’ message.

So we pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us. **And renew our zeal.**

On this night, He commanded His disciples to love,

but suffered rejection himself.

So we pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us. **And fill us with your love.**

On this night, He reminded His disciples

that if the world hated them it hated Him first.

So we pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us. A**nd give us your peace.**

On this night, He accepted the cup of death

and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.

And so we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us. **And welcome all your children into paradise.**

**And all the people said Amen.**

**COMMUNION**

***First we will share the Peace.***

Jesus says: ‘Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Share that Peace with those who are with you – or, if you are on your own – imagine sharing it with others of the LHC family.

Now on Facebook Chris will lead the Eucharistic Prayer -those of you who are not on Facebook, read 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 again.

We pray THE LORD’S PRAYER

On Facebook, Chris will now break the bread and say the invitation to Communion. Chris and Catherine will then receive the Bread and the Wine of Holy Communion, on behalf of everyone.

You are invited to once again make a ‘Spiritual Communion,’ as these words are read:

I see Jesus at the head of the table in the upper room.

I see the bread and the wine on the table before him.

I see Peter and James and John sat round the table.

I see Jesus take the bread in his hands.

I see Jesus bless the bread.

I see Jesus break the bread.

I see Jesus taking the cup of wine in his hands.

I see Jesus bless the wine.

I see Jesus bringing the bread to those who are there.

I see Jesus coming to me with the bread.

I hold out my hands.

I see Jesus put some bread into my cupped hands.

I hear Jesus say, ‘Take this and eat it; this is my body, given for you.’

I see Jesus bringing the wine to those who are in the upper room.

I see Jesus coming to me with the wine.

I see Jesus give me the cup.

I hear Jesus say, ‘Drink this; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you.’

I see Jesus return to the head of the table.

I hear Jesus say, ‘Do this to remember me.’

Jesus, I remember you! Thank you, Jesus!

*Now we* *pray this prayer together:*

Lord Jesus Christ,

**we thank you that in a wonderful sacrament**

**you have given us the memorial of your passion:**

**grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries**

**of your body and blood**

**that we may know within ourselves**

**and show forth in our lives**

**the fruit of your redemption,**

**for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

After the Last Supper had ended, Jesus went with the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane where He prayed that He might have the strength to do the Father’s will.

Lord, we thank you that Christ was obedient unto death.

Go in his peace. **Amen**

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On FB, to end tonight’s worship, Catherine will now read a short story about Jesus and the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane. There is no song to end, as on Maundy Thursday evening traditionally we keep silence after the worship, watching with Jesus in prayer for an hour or so. **Good Friday Worship Friday 2nd April 2021 2.00pm – Psalm 22**



*READ THIS SECTION BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINS:*

*Welcome to our worship together, at home.*

*Please have a Bible and paper & pen by your side for your use and a Cross to place in front of you during the service*

*………………..*

*WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:*

*Again I invite you to take this moment to stop whatever else you are doing as we prepare to remember the darkest of days.*

*This is God’s time. Sit with Him. Endure the pain of this day with Him.*

*Today you are again going to meet with Jesus where He is, rather than Him come to you.*

*And know that you are not alone. All of us who love Jesus are with Him and His Father today. Know that we are worshipping together, even though we can’t see each other. Together we are here as our way of saying sorry for the part that we each play in nailing Jesus to the Cross.*

*Remember that we are one in the Lord.*

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*We begin by keeping five full minutes of silent prayer during which we remember all that Jesus went through on the first Good Friday.*

*I now pray:*

Eternal God,

in the cross of Jesus

we see the cost of our sin

and the depth of your love:

in humble hope and fear

may we place at his feet

all that we have and all that we are,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Now Catherine will read the story of Good Friday from ‘The Jesus Storybook Bible’ to those watching on Facebook.*

*Now read or listen to our Bible readings: Mark 15 and Psalm 22, verses 1-18.*

*Chris reflects on these verses from Psalm 22, using John Goldingay’s comments in ‘Psalms for Everyone.’*

*Now read Psalm 22.19-31, and then listen to or read Goldingay’s comments on this part of the Psalm.*

*Now, find a Cross to place in front of you - to remind you of the death of Jesus on THE Cross on the first Good Friday. Spend some time looking at it.*

*Then sing – or say:*

**When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most,**

**I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, His feet,**

**Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small,  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*PRAYER TIME:*

*Catherine will lead our prayers on FB.*

Let us pray to the Father who loved the world so much that He sent his only Son to die to give us life.

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for Your Son.

Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet

and to stand with those condemned to die.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

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Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share His clothes.

Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims, and those whose hearts are hardened by their work.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus, was promised a place in Your kingdom.

Give pardon and hope, healing and peace to all who look death in the face.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary His mother and John His disciple to each other’s care.

Help us also to care for one another and fill our homes with the spirit of Your love.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

In Mary and John, Your Son created a new family at the cross.

Fill our relationships and those of new families today with mutual care and responsibility. And give us a secure hope for the future.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The centurion was astonished to see Your glory in the

crucified Messiah.

Open the eyes of those who do not know You to see in Your Son the meaning of life and death.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph of Arimathaea came to take Your Son’s body away.

Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved, and gentleness and strength to those who minister to them.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John, became part of Your Church in Jerusalem.

Bring into Your Church today a varied company of people,

to walk with Christ in the way of His passion and to find their salvation in the victory of His cross.

Lord of the Church,

**Hear our prayers.**

**Make us one in heart and mind to serve you in Christ our Lord. Amen**.

*We now conclude our prayers with the Lord’s Prayer:*

**Our Father, who art in Heaven……**

*And:*

**Most merciful God,**

**who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, delivered and saved the world:**

**Grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross**

**We may triumph in the power of His victory;**

**through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,**

**who is alive and reigns with You,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever. Amen**

*And our Church Prayer:*

**To You God be the glory, great things You have done.**

**So loved You the world that You gave us Your Son,**

**Who Yielded His life an atonement for sin,**

**And opened the life gates that we all might go in.**

**We praise You Lord, we praise You, Lord,**

**We want the whole earth to hear Your voice.**

**We praise You Lord, we praise You, Lord,**

**We, Your people, rejoice.**

**We come to You, Father, through Jesus the Son,**

**we give You the glory,**

**For great things You have done. Amen**

**FINAL WORD:**

* By the end of the first Good Friday, it looked to everyone who had lived through it as if all hope had gone.
* It looked as if all of the plans and dreams of the disciples had died a cruel death, at the same time that their Master had died.
* The world was black. Their hearts were black.
* They were lost, confused and in despair.
* Perhaps not unlike the hearts of many across the world today who are living in fear and who have lost loved ones.

But we now know better:

* We know that Jesus’ death was actually the moment of the greatest victory ever.
* It was the forever victory of God and good over Sin, Death and the devil.
* So we can be encouraged and we can encourage others that confusion, fear and even despair will not have the last word.
* Even death need not have the last word.
* Jesus has conquered death.
* And on Easter Day we will celebrate what that means for each one of us who believes in Him.
* What it means not just for the life we are promised after the death of our earthly bodies.
* But also what it means for the life that we are living now – even in the midst of the Coronavirus.

**Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

**FINAL SONG: HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE**

**How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure**

**How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers**

**It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection**

**Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom**

**Songwriters: Stuart Townend**

**How Deep The Father's Love For Us lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group**

**Easter Day Worship:**

**Psalms 148-150: ‘Let Everything that has breath praise the Lord!’**

**10.30am Sunday 4th April 2021**



*READ THIS SECTION BEFORE WORSHIP BEGINS:*

* *Today you will need a Bible and a candle beside you as you prepare to worship - plus something to use to light the candle.*

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*WELCOME & INTRODUCTION:*

*By now you will know the routine:*

* *Once again I invite you to take this moment to stop whatever else you are doing.*
* *This is God’s time. Sit comfortably. Remember God is with you. He is truly there.*
* *And today, as you picture our church family all joining you to worship God in this moment in their own homes, imagine them all celebrating.*
* *Know that we are celebrating together, even though we can’t see each other.*
* *Today is the biggest celebration of the Christian year.*
* *Chris is risen! Be glad – even in the present difficult times, take time to be glad and rejoice!*

*As usual:*

* *If you aren’t following the service on FB, we suggest that, if you are alone, you say the prayers and readings aloud. If you are with others, choose someone to lead and the rest of you join in with the words in bold.*
* *On FB, simply join in the words in bold.*

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*We begin with these words, proclaiming God’s sovereignty*:

Christ yesterday and today.

**The beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to Him, and all ages;

T**o Him be glory and power,** **through every age and for ever. Amen.**

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ passed from death to life. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the awesome power of God. As we hear his word and proclaim all that God has done, we can be confident that we shall share his victory over death and live with him for ever.

Now light your candle, then say – or listen to – these words:

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*Now we all say – several times ,getting louder each time:*

**The Light of Christ! Thanks be to God!**

*We all say several times – getting louder each time:*

**Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*We sing: In Chris Alone*

And together we pray this prayer:

**God of glory,**

**by the raising of your Son**

**You have broken the chains of death and hell:**

**fill Your Church with faith and hope;**

**for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.  Amen.**

*Now read – or listen to – 1 Corinthians 15.1-20 and Psalms 148-150.*

*Sermon – Chris, concluding our series on the Psalms.*

**REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES.**

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, now is the right time to make or renew our promises to Him:

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**I come to Christ.**

May Almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the way.

Together we profess the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,** **suffered under Pontius Pilate,** **was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;** **he ascended into heaven,** **he is seated at the right hand of the Father,** **and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,** **the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,** **the resurrection of the body,** **and the life everlasting.** **Amen.**

Those who are baptized are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**With the help of God, I will.**

Will you acknowledge Christ’s authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

**With the help of God, I will.**

May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith, that we may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. **Amen.**

*THE PEACE*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

**And also with you. Alleluia!**

Share that Peace with those who are with you – or, if you are on your own – imagine sharing it with others of the LHC family

We sing ‘See what a morning’

On Facebook, I will now bless the Bread and Wine of Communion. As Catherine and I receive the Bread and the Wine, I invite those of you who have collected blessed Bread and also eat that bread, the Body of Christ.

I invite those of you who are not able to access the Live FB video to read 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 and then imagine themselves receiving the Bread and the Wine of Communion in Church.

*Before imagining yourself receiving Communion, say:*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

After this act of faith that the Lord has fed us, we pray together the Lord’s Prayer: **Our Father……**

*And this Prayer*:

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who are members of Christ’s body live his risen life and bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*On Facebook, Catherine now reads the ‘Jesus Storybook Bible version of Easter Day which ends with Mary going to spread the good news: as must we!*

*We sing, ‘Come people of the risen King.’*

*And we proclaim:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All   **He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All   **He has given us new life and hope**

**by raising Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.

All   **He has brought us out of darkness.**

**He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All   **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Let’s go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All   **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**EASTER DAY WORSHIP SONGS**

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**IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, 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.

Songwriters: Keith Getty / Stuart Townend In Christ Alone lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

**SEE, WHAT A MORNING**

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 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!

Songwriters: Townend Stuart Christopher Andrew / Getty Julian Keith

See, What A Morning lyrics © Worshiptogether.com Songs

**COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING**

Come, people of the risen King,  
Who delight to bring Him praise.  
Come, all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night.  
Come, those who tell of battles won,  
And those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
And His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.

Come, young and old from every land,  
Men and women of the faith.  
Come, those with full or empty hands,  
Find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing,  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age;  
‘Our God is all in all’.

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