

April 12th 2020 ORDER OF WORSHIP – EASTER SUNDAY

GOD CALLS US ...

WORDS OF GREETING: Pastor Ronda on video link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5WzPARcRGo&feature=youtu.be>

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH:

- Church in our homes continues... may you be disciplined in keeping the worship hour and including all who live at your house to participate in the readings, the listening, the sharing of the various parts of this printed service. **Today, please have a candle ready to light when we come to the reading of scripture.** If you have difficulties opening the links to musical accompaniment or special features, contact Taeyang (306-999-5113)
- Please take note of this: the NKP website is up and active again. Here's the address: www.nkpchurchregina.ca Check it and our FaceBook page.
- So far, it appears all April events normally scheduled at the church will be cancelled or postponed.
- The church has recently installed an 'ALARM', if you have a key to the church, you will need to know the alarm code. Call the church to get it.
- The church office is open most daytime hours from Tuesday to Friday. A visit to the church is fine as we can easily see and talk with each other keeping the recommended 2-meter distance.
- Good News: Janet Hunter wants you all to know that her Dr.'s tell her that her progress is a miracle. Continue to pray.
- Offerings: thank you for the many who have brought in or mailed in your offerings. You are welcome to continue to do so or call the church if you wish to have someone come to pick it up. It is hard to keep up with contributions at this time but please remember that we already projected a large deficit for 2020 and so far the first few months have been low.
- A Sunday School lesson with a craft is being prepared each week and delivered to families who have indicated they want this – call the church office to get on the list in order to receive the lesson.
- The SPRING Flower Fund (otherwise called the Easter Flower Fund) will remain open one more week if you wish to make a donation 'in memory' – these will be acknowledged when we return to sanctuary worship with a display of Spring Flowers.
- Fun activity called '**Spring Basket/ Fancy Bag Contest & Auction**' – a fundraiser event will be held on a Sunday after we return to our regular sanctuary gatherings. Be planning your contribution of a unique 'spring – themed' gift bag or basket – any size, any theme for your items...
- A SPRING edition of NEWS KNOWLEDGE PRAISE newsletter is being prepared. Last call for contributions.

LET US WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

The kingdom of this world has become
the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ,
and He shall reign forever and ever!

**We give thanks to You, Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!**

OPENING PRAYER:

O Awesome God, with gladness and thanksgiving,
we gather in our worship places today.

We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ
as a symbol of your love and sign of your grace.

On this Resurrection Sunday,
we are reminded that you have all power over the circumstances
in our own lives that may bind us and limit our peace.

O God, you answer even before we call.

You hear us while we are yet speaking.

May all that we say, read, and do in this hour give honour to your name
for the marvelous things you have done in Jesus Christ and in us.

We give you thanks in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: '*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztugxlfwP4c>

(lyrics are with the music, so you can sing along)

or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cErtpg5hBSw> *(if you want to listen to the
Tabernacle choir with full instrumentation (lyrics are not included in this version
but they are below – vs. 1-3 only)*

1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

AN EASTER PSALM (responsive) Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24
Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

² **Let Israel say:**

“His love endures forever.”

The LORD is my strength and my defense^[a];
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of joy and victory**

resound in the tents of the righteous:

“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶ The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;
the LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!”

¹⁷ **I will not die but live,**

and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of the righteous;**
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ **I will give you thanks, for you answered me;**
you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

²³ **the LORD has done this,**

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN:

- A BIBLE VERSE TO LEARN:

"He is not here, but is risen" (Luke 24:6)

- A PICTURE TO COLOUR:

[If your parents can print the page from this link for you, would you please colour it and send it back to the church and we will display the picture for when you return]

https://sermons4kids.com/he_is_risen_colorpg.htm

- Do you know what a 'cheer' is? A cheer is a shout of joy!
- Today is a 'cheering' kind of day – our 'cheer' words are going to be 'Alleluia' or 'Hallelujah' - both words sound the same don't they?
- If we use words you are more familiar with, you might instead say - 'Hurray for God! Or 'Look what God has done!'
- Today we should all cheer for God because He raised Jesus back to life and when we say we love Jesus or we will serve Jesus – it is a living Jesus we talk about.
- Will you cheer for God and Jesus today?
- Will you sing about Jesus being alive? The words of the song were in the Sunday School packages delivered to your house this past week – get them out now so you can follow along with this song.
- A SONG FOR THE CHILDREN: 'Alive, Alive'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sf90f0Lz0_o

Alive, alive, alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive, alive forevermore
Alive, alive, alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
My Jesus is alive forevermore
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
My Jesus is alive for evermore

Alive, alive, alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive, alive forevermore
Alive, alive, alive forevermore
My Jesus is alive

Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
My Jesus is alive forevermore
Sing hallelujah, sing hallelujah
My Jesus is alive for evermore
My Jesus is alive

GOD DESIRES TO RECONCILE US . . .

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.

Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace.

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty. Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!" We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world. We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation. You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing your brothers and sisters are with you. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE: 'Rejoice the Lord is King'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2N0iVysrykU>

Rejoice, the Lord is King,
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore:
***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

Jesus, the Saviour reigns,

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n:
***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

He sits at God's right hand
Till all His foes submit,
And bow to His command,
And fall beneath His feet:
***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

Rejoice in glorious hope
The Lord and Judge shall come
And take His servants up to their eternal
home
***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.***

*[As we come to read God's word, could
you light a candle as a symbol of seeking
that God would send light to us in our
reading and in our meditation...]*

GOD TEACHES US . . .

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

O risen Christ,
open us to the power of your resurrection
as we hear it proclaimed anew this day,
that we too might rise to new life in
you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING:

The Gospel of Matthew 28:1-10 (NRSV)

(online Bible resource for various translations can be found at www.biblegateway.com)

The day after the Sabbath day was the first day of the week. That day at dawn Mary Magdalene and the other woman named Mary went to look at the tomb.

²Suddenly an angel of the Lord came from the sky, and there was a huge earthquake. The angel went to the tomb and rolled the stone away from the entrance. Then he sat on top of the stone. ³The angel was shining as bright as lightning. His clothes were as white as snow. ⁴The soldiers guarding the tomb were very afraid of the angel. They shook with fear and then became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, the one who was killed on the cross. ⁶But he is not here. He has risen from death, as he said he would. Come and see the place where his body was. ⁷And go quickly and tell his followers, ‘Jesus has risen from death. He is going into Galilee and will be there before you. You will see him there.’” Then the angel said, “Now I have told you.”

⁸So the women left the tomb quickly. They were afraid, but they were also very happy. They ran to tell his followers what happened. ⁹Suddenly, Jesus was there in front of them. He said, “Hello!” The women went to him and, holding on to his feet, worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Go tell my followers to go to Galilee. They will see me there.”

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon Title: ***‘Mood swings’***

I hate to be told I'm moody. I'd rather be on an even keel. Moody seems to imply that emotions are all over the place – from happy to sad, from nice to mean, from easy going to difficult. But moods / emotions seem often to take over and - without intention - my bad day affects others. Each emotion though does not stand alone. Maybe its mixed emotions or when 2 or more emotions are felt at the same time which actually comes across as 'moody'. Sounds reasonable to me.

The movie titled 'Inside Out' (*a Pixar animated movie*) is about emotions. The main characters are Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear and Disgust. The idea of the movie was to explore what its like when what's inside (your emotions) actually live outside – they become the real person. But even more significant is that 2 or 3 emotions can actually live together, they can become good friends, and they can work out their differences, and in the end, contribute to a person's total well being.

There was a lot of mixed emotions among those who witnessed the death and then resurrection of Jesus.

The Gospel writers don't dwell on moods but reading between the lines gives hints. The Matthew resurrection account gives us an idea of emotions and moods.

First, let's think for awhile what Jesus' closest friends and disciples had just witnessed.

It was a terrible, no good, awful, very bad event.

Any execution is a horrible event.

Let me mention another movie, this one a very serious adult movie. It played in theatres just a few months ago – the movie title is 'Just Mercy'. It is the true story of a man on death row in Alabama and a young lawyer who takes an internship in a not-for-profit law firm with the assignment to represent those who had no one providing their legal defence. The story follows a 6-year struggle for justice for the man who was wrongly accused and unfairly sentenced to death. It is a riveting story – and worth viewing, although not for faint of heart. For within the movie there is a death scene, a put to death scene – a harrowing electrocution scene. Occasionally I tear up while watching a movie – but this was different -in the darkness of the movie theatre, (*and thankfully the audience was small and spread*

out the night I was there with Jordan) I sobbed. I wept for that victim and that scene, but also in realization that capital punishments still happen today. I left the movie, stunned, sad, angry – a mixed bag of emotions. But I successfully pushed that experience into the recesses of my mind until I wrote this sermon.

So, it was as I reflected this weekend on the crucifixion, I remembered. The scene I refer to in ‘Just Mercy’ was however a private event. Well – mostly private, 5 or 6 people were allowed to watch the execution – a state official, the warden, a minister, and a person or two chosen by the prisoner.

Capital punishment of any kind is hard to comprehend, little own watch.

But crucifixions, from what we read, had to be utterly sickening events. The Romans used the most horrible, painful, tortious and humiliating form of execution available in order to make a statement about their power and authority. Also, crucifixions were public events. When Jesus was crucified, the scriptures tell us, there was a crowd –we can assume many came out of curiosity but in the crowd, some are mentioned specifically. First, we hear of acquaintances – those who knew of Jesus and maybe were followers of his teachings; then women are mentioned some by name including his own mother. She managed to get a place close enough so Jesus could look to her as he hung on the cross. It is also recorded that Jesus takes notice of just one disciple, the one who calls himself “the one Jesus loved” – that being John. The assumption is that the others had long fled and were already in hiding as they feared for their own lives. Another in the crowd mentioned by name was a member of the council, but one who had not agreed to the decision of the majority – that was Joseph of Arimathea, who would ask to bury the body. And finally, all Gospel writers tell us the women were there – women who knew Jesus, women who supported Jesus in many, often practical ways – the women were there, watching this terrible event.

The death of Jesus occurred on a Friday (and still today we mark that day with Good Friday services). From what we witnessed when we were in Jerusalem this past February, on a Friday afternoon, there is a great scurry to attend to everything that would be work or business so that by sundown, the day of rest could be observed.

From the scriptural accounts of the crucifixion, we get the same sense of timing. The darkness which fell over the land was from noon to 3 p.m. and Jesus died sometime after that and before sundown. After his death, Joseph is given the body to take and secure it in a tomb. The women, because they were present at the crucifixion, knew they had just enough time to scurry home, gather the embalming spices and cloths in which to wrap the body, and attend to the body as it was placed in the tomb. They felt obligated to do this, they also felt this would be a last act of love. The Roman soldiers, who did not observe Shabbat, seemed content to let these things happen. They knew the culture and people well enough to know that all would be quiet come the Sabbath day. Yet given some uncertainties and rumours, they double secured the grave site. And left it so – for the day of rest would be a quiet day regardless.

Since all 4 Gospels tell us about the women, I find myself trying to imagine their experiences and their moods. Talk about mood swings – they had watched someone dear to them suffer and die, their own hearts were broken, their grief immense, the tears unstoppable. But duty and love called so they wrapped up the body, leaving it in the cold and dark. Duty also called them back that evening to their homes where each family gathered around for the lighting of the sabbath candles, for the scripture and prayers, for the sabbath meal.

How exhausted the women must have been! Physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually. And how restless. I suspect they were also moody – a constant range of emotions which probably affected what they did and what they said.

Again, each of the Gospels tell us more about the women. They rose early – as soon as the Sabbath darkness ended. The women pull themselves together and step up to do something more. Meanwhile the emotional roller coaster is not over- not by a long shot. Their pre-dawn visit to the tomb was meant to complete what they couldn't get done before the Sabbath – specifically it seemed they needed to add anointing oil to the body and then to keep vigil as was the custom.

But even before they get to what they had planned, the earth shakes – a great earthquake Matthew writes. If the women had already been sleep deprived, weary from work, anxious because of unfinished jobs and then to be literally/physically shook up as the ground shifted and rumbled – what more

could they be expected to handle? But as they reached out to grab hold of the rock wall nearby, they see an angel. About the same time though the women catch sight of soldiers falling to the ground – for these men, upon seeing an angel, it caused their knees to buckle, their heads to swirl and then they hit the ground hard – they became like dead men.

Meanwhile the women recognize something ‘other worldly is happening’ – seeing angels may not be an every day occurrence but for those who were spiritually attuned to the ways of God – it may have represented peace. The gospel writer indicates that a word of comfort was offered by the angels ‘don’t be afraid’ – and in that word their mixed emotions began to be at peace. As they looked into the tomb, did they do so with anticipation, with shock, with belief – for immediately they saw it was empty. Empty. No body. No Jesus. Matthew tells us of their 2 strong emotions: fear and joy - great joy, he says.

Fear and joy. Fear – not necessarily afraid about what has happened but afraid for who would believe them. And joy – Jesus was alive. The angel directs them to go and tell the disciples. But they were just ordinary, sometimes emotional (maybe moody) women. One thing they were certain of - they had seen an empty tomb. A resurrection had happened.

So, it was in fear and joy that they return on the path they had come on. On the path Jesus himself meets them. He meets them acknowledging their mixed emotions and provides assurance. What they saw was true. What they were feeling was true. What they would say would be believed. And so, they continue on – back to the city. One minute they were gripped with fear and confusion; the next they were enthusiastic and overwhelmed with the Good News! Yes, Jesus was alive! All would be well.

The resurrection of Jesus is an act of God in human history! It was a true event supported by eye-witnesses.

But it remains an event that gives rise to mixed emotions and attempts to disprove and dismiss it. We who are followers of Jesus today, we who have experienced the life-changing truth of Jesus as our Lord and Saviour need to speak with confidence about the resurrection. There may be some fear, but mostly there should be joy when we share this amazing truth.

The resurrection of Jesus is the crux of our faith.

It is the work of God.

Easter is first and foremost about God.

It's not about whether it feels like Easter or not. Many of us have expressed how it does not feel like Easter this year. We have had no other Easter like this one when we did not gather in a church on Easter Sunday. We miss the atmosphere, the celebration, the gorgeous display of flowers, the music, the greeting of each other with joy, and we miss 'dressing up' for this special Sunday.

Easter is not about those things.

It is about what God has done.

When the earth shook, God sent an angel to settle the women's fear, "Don't be afraid. He isn't here. He's been raised."

When the earth shakes in our lives God still comes to us to settle our fears. We have been shaken in recent weeks by this Covid 19 pandemic – but God assures us also of his living and constant presence.

I read this from William Willimon (an American theologian) - *"On the cross, the world did all it could to Jesus. **At Easter, God did all God could to the world.**" Today the earth still shakes where God opens a way and we come to say, "All is well."*

Easter is today. Resurrection is today. All is well.

It is different but it is the same true fact we celebrate. Put yourself into Matthew's account of the experiences of the women. They were 'fearful and joyful' – I can relate. Can you?

They first had a personal response – they fell at the feet of Jesus in reverent awe and gratitude. Then they went to tell others.

We need to do the same. We can do that even if we can't be in a church building to worship Him this day. We can tell others even if we can't invite them to church with us today. We tell them that we serve a living Saviour by what we say, how we live, who we turn to, how we handle what life throws at us – and as we walk by faith, we invite others to join us.

On this past Friday, we considered the cross. In that time of worship, I had asked you to display a cross – by picture or whatever – and to remember the cross. The cross is the universal symbol of Christian faith. The cross was also a very cruel

method of execution. Yet, we, as Christians, look at the cross and remember the cost of our salvation.

But there's another symbol we should hold dear, it is that of an empty tomb. The empty tomb stands as a powerful symbol that death is not the last word. Chaos abounds leaving us often fearful, but joy can be even more overwhelming because our Saviour is alive now and forever. Fear and joy can co-exist. Resurrection is both!

Amen!

SILENT REFLECTION

INVITATION & PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

(Beloved congregation, the greatest offering comes from God, whose love is unending. Our church ministry is not to build a shrine to a dead God, but to spread the good news that Jesus Christ is alive.

Our offerings—financial and other—help us to share that news so that people who are longing to know that God is present in this world and has given us a Saviour and that He is able to do more than we can ask or imagine... Give, that we might share that great news with our words, our ministry, and with our lives.)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFQ_H4c8WW0

Doxology: *(Traditional 'Praise God' music...)*

Let trumpets sound and voices sing!

Let all on earth their praises bring!

For Christ has conquered sin and death

And given life eternal breath. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication:

Bless these offerings, O God, which we return to you, that in our seeking and our serving, our ministry might illumine paths and uplift the heads of those who seek you.

Guide us in your wisdom and love that we may use these gifts to manifest your presence in the world in all that we do. **Amen.**

Special Song: *'He is Risen'* (Sumi & Taeyang/ Katie on piano)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onL1nzPwGdQ&feature=youtu.be>

Early morning break of dawn

Stumbling to the tomb standing awestruck

Wond'ring who rolled away the stone

And as the sun came up amazed they looked inside
And saw an angel clothed in light
Don't be afraid He is alive

Chorus

He is risen hallelujah hallelujah
Christ is risen let the whole world sing
Christ is risen (Christ is risen)
Christ is risen from the dead

Verse 2

Sing with all creation sing of a world made new
Endless life we too may live bursting from the tomb
And looking up we see our King enthroned on high
His wounds of love now glorified
Rejoice for soon He'll burst the skies

Ending

Christ is risen He is risen

PRAYERS of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we feel different today. We feel that this Easter is not as it should be. We feel alone. We feel frustrated. We feel confused. We acknowledge these emotions and we ask that You fill us with truth and wisdom. For it is true that Easter has happened – it is true that Jesus Christ is alive and He is in the world today! That is our celebration today! May our confidence increase in this truth. May we turn away from the disappointment that things are not as they have been, or not as we wish they were – may we instead see this day to be a glorious celebration of our Lord and Saviour! May we be intentional and wise in how we mark this day as Resurrection Day! May we be encouraged and blessed in the knowledge that we have met the living Lord Jesus and He has changed us and is changing us daily to become more like Himself. Lord Jesus, we walk the path you have set out for us – we walk by faith to live as you would have us, to love as you have us, to serve and to share as you would have us. We often have mixed emotions about following you – sometimes the path is hard, sometimes we are afraid. Cause us to hear your words “fear not” – and to then carry on with courage. Cause us to be witnesses to what You have done in us and for us. Personally, we each must look to the cross and with tears acknowledge that our sin is great but your love and forgiveness so much greater. How undeserving we

are but how thankful we need to become that You are full of mercy. May we live fully in and witness to this amazing grace.

Kind and merciful God, we pray for ourselves and others. We pray regarding this worldwide pandemic. We pray the sick and infected – God, help and heal them. We pray for the vulnerable – God, protect them. We pray for governments, and agencies in decision making regarding protections and policies that will help contain and stop this virus. We pray for those whose jobs place them where they may be exposed to this virus – especially for healthcare professionals and support staff, keep them safe we pray. We pray for researchers and scientists to find a vaccine. We pray for what we consider all the inconveniences as to how and when we shop and work and play – we pray for patience and respect for the efforts meant to keep us safe. We pray for families who are facing unusual fears and adjustments to work and to teaching at home as well as helping children have healthy experiences of play. We pray for the church – we are more aware than ever that the church is not contained to buildings but is wherever your people are worshipping, praying, witnessing – may we be faithful to live out the Gospel wherever we are. We pray for our own church family of Norman Kennedy Church – in silence now, may we pray for each other by name. (silence 30 seconds). God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your true faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love. Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will – personally and as a congregation. These prayers we offer along with the prayer Jesus taught us ---

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

THE PARTING HYMN: # 258 Special *'Thine be the glory'*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbBOOmKMLmI>

Thine be the glory,
Risen, conqu'ring 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 hath 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 naught 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 is the glory,
Risen conquering Son,

Endless is the victory,
Thou o'er death hast won.

GOD SENDS US . . .

***BENEDICTION:**

Go from this community of Christian friends with hope that overcomes your fears. Go with the promise of new life. Go with faith in God that anchors you in a sea of doubts. Go with the peace of the Risen Christ and the blessing of the Holy Spirit now and forever. **Amen. Alleluia!**

***GOING OUT SONG: #252**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTbhnTeF4yE>

**He is Lord, He is Lord
He has risen from the dead
And He is Lord
Every knee shall bow
Every tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord**