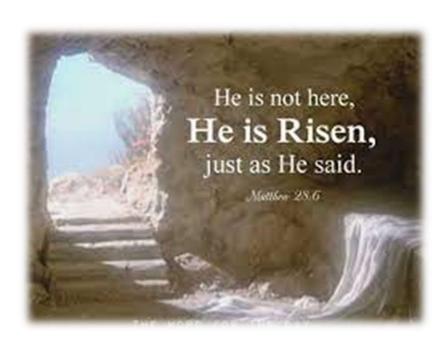


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Christ Arose #216

"It was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him" Acts 2:24 Robert Lowry

Low in the grave He lay - Jesus my Savior! Waiting the coming day - Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch His bed - Jesus my Savior! Vainly they seal the dead - Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep his prey - Jesus my Savior! He tore the bars away - Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain
And He lives forever with His saints to reign
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Christ the Lord is Risen Today #217

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" 1 Cor. 15:55

Charles Wesley

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!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

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!

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!

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

"...That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" 1 Cor. 15:3-4

Benjamin Hastings, Dean Ussher, Marty Sampson

O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord oh Lord our God

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me I see His wounds His hands His feet My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb The entrance sealed by heavy stone Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white The blazing sun shall pierce the night And I will rise among the saints My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord oh Lord our God

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
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Oh Lord oh Lord our God
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Offering: Behold Our God

"Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand..." Is 40:12-14

Jonathan, Meghan, & Ryan Baird, and Stephen Altrogge

Who has held the oceans in his hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand? Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God, seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him Behold our King, nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach, the One who knows all things?
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Behold our God, seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him Behold our King, nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him

Who has felt the nails upon His hands? Bearing all the guilt of sinful man God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign Behold our God, seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him Behold our King, nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him

[Men] You will reign forever [Women] Let Your glory fill the earth

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CANTATA – THE KINGDOM OF THE CROSS, by Callista Steves

NARRATOR: Once upon a time, in a kingdom closer than you think, there was a town preparing to welcome their King.

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

J. Wilbur Chapman / Michael Bleecker/ John Mark Hill

One day when heaven was filled with
His praises
One day when sin was as black
As could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the Light Shined
among us; His glory revealed

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations,
Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried, my sins far away
Rising, He justified, freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer

One day the stone rolled away from the door Then He arose, over death He had conquered Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore Death could not hold Him, the grave could Not keep Him, from rising again

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried, my sins far away
Rising, He justified, freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

One day the trumpet will sound for His

Living, He loved me
Dying, He saved me
Buried, He carried, my sins far away
Rising, He justified, freely forever
One day He's coming
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

Now, this kingdom was already ruled by a king, whose servants were everywhere. He would always promise great things to them but rarely gave those things to them.

This king; the false king, was irate that the True King had come, and was doing everything he could to prevent His return, including roping in a girl who had already done so much for him. He controlled everything she did, promising her freedom each time.

Satan's Song

(Sung to Mary Magdelene)

NARRATOR:

"Now, he didn't trust Mary, so he took precautionary measures to make sure everything would go to his plan."

NARRATOR:

Thus, Mary reached out to anyone who had heard anything about the True King's return. There were rumors of a Man who seemed to know everything, and she decided to seek Him out. She invited Him to her house, but what she found in Him when He arrived was very different than she thought or imagined.

Real Love

(Sung by Mary Magdelene)

This man, Jesus, had many followers, specifically twelve disciples... friends who were trying to understand everything He taught.

One of Jesus' friends, Matthew wrote:

"The mother of Zebedee's children (James and John) came to Jesus with her sons. She got down on her knees before Jesus to ask something of Him. He said to her, "What do you want?" She said, "Say that my two sons may sit, one at Your right side and one at Your left side, when You are King." Jesus said to her, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to take the suffering that I am about to take? (*Are you able to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?)" They said, "Yes, we are able." He said to them, "You will suffer as I will suffer. But the places at My right side and at My left side are not Mine to give. Whoever My Father says will have those places." The other ten followers heard this. They were anary with the two brothers. Jesus called them to Him and said, "You know how the kings of the nations show their power to the people. Important leaders use their power over the people. It must not be that way with you. But whoever wants to be great among you, let him care for you. Whoever wants to be first among you, let him be your servant. For the Son of Man came not to be cared for. He came to care for others. He came to give His life so that many could be bought by His blood and made free from the punishment of sin."

Disciple's Plea

(Sung by Peter, James, and John)

Now, the people in the town, including Mary, had heard for a long time about the coming King. They called Him "Emmanuel - God with us."

They spoke about Him in their songs, telling stories about Him to their children and to their children's children. And those stories excited them! Maybe they would finally have deliverance from the evil king!

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

(Sung by Mary Magdelene's Mother)

SOLOIST:

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

CONGREGATION:

O come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Adonai, Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

SOLOIST:

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease
And be Thyself our King of peace
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

NARRATOR:

Emmanuel. "God with us." Adonai. "Lord." Elohim. The Creator God. The I AM. God in the flesh. Jesus appeared in the flesh. He walked among us for 33 years.

Jesus. God's only Son. The ransom for us from our sin and death. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

While Emmanuel was preparing His followers for His death, greed and idolatry lurked from within the ranks. This greed and love of oneself led to betrayal deeper than adultery within a marriage.

While we are quick to point out Judas' betrayal of the one true King, we would do well to reflect and repent of our own greed and turn from our own sin of betrayal.

Soul for Silver

(Sung by Judas)

While deep and deadly, betrayal could not overcome God's grace. His common grace is bestowed upon everyone--including the Centurion who lost his ear at the hand of the apostle Peter.

Grace is the good pleasure of God that inclines Him to bestow benefits upon us: the betrayers. The undeserving.

In Egypt, at the first Passover, God did not check inside the Israelites houses to see if they were worthy of His grace and mercy. He checked for the blood on the doorposts. The lamb's blood which foreshadowed Jesus who became the sacrificial Lamb.

We are all undeserving. None of us are worthy. We all need grace. We all need the blood of Jesus to cover us.

Unearned Grace

(Sung by Centurion Whose Ear Was Cut Off and Peter)

NARRATOR:

"I believe. Help my unbelief." The words spoken by a father who anxiously pleaded with Jesus to heal his son.

Similarly, Mary, Jesus' mother, knew her son. She pleaded with Him at the wedding in Cana where Jesus performed His first miracle. She knew he was the King. The promised One. The Rescuer. And yet, she too needed to press deep in her heart for faith, encouragement, and belief.

I Believe

(Sung by Jesus' mother Mary)

NARRATOR:

Belief in the impossible. How can one believe if they cannot see? How can we have hope when the One we hope in is dead?

Mary Magdalene and a few other women were distraught. Speechless. They approached the tomb with prepared spices for Jesus' body. The tomb where Jesus was buried for three days. But wait...

The Tomb

(Sung by Mary Magdelene and crowd)

NARRATOR:

"He is not here; for He is risen just as he said!" Our God lives. He lives! God was making everything sad come untrue.

The Trinity planned it from the beginning. The Son endured it. The Spirit enabled him. At the cross, The Father rejected His Son whom he loved because of our sin.

The great exchange was accomplished. Jesus conquered sin and death. The great rescue was completed. Have you repented and believed? Dear friend, are you a child of the One true King?

Easter Message

Pastor Mark Warren

Because He Lives #213

"Because I live, you also will live" John 14:19

Gloria and William Gaither

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living, just because He lives!

And then one day I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

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