



A very warm welcome  
Sunday 4 April 2021

## Welcome - Tom Wright

### We're not alone for Christ is here

Immanuel our God come near  
We're not alone for to our world  
Jesus has come eternal Word  
And as he speaks our souls laid bare  
Naked ashamed sin is made clear  
And yet he clothes us in his love  
Never alone Christ is with us is with us

The longest walk earth's darkest day  
The pressing crowd his mounting pain  
A heavy load of grief and shame  
Breathless that we should breathe again  
"Father forgive them" comes his cry  
Silence from God blackens the sky  
A creeping dread in every heart  
Lost in the world now  
God departs God departs

The dawn will come the sun will rise  
Out of the grave we'll see hope's light  
Tomb opened wide stone rolled away  
Morning has come a brand new day  
"He isn't here" the angel said  
He is alive no longer dead  
Our hearts are lifted souls raised high  
Christ is with us Christ is our life he's our life

Never alone is now our cry  
In joy in grief in lonely sin  
Never alone for Christ is ours  
He lives in us we live in him  
And 'til we reach that final day  
When fears are gone cast far away  
We'll live secure trust in his love  
Never alone Christ is with us he's with us

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## Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sin. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.  
Amen.

## Liturgy

**When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:**

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

**The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.**

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.**

## Lord's Prayer

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.

## Prayers - led by JY Yeung

## Notices

### Through all life's sorrows and despairs

I will not be moved

When facing death I need not fear

I have this hope secured

Because Christ died at Calvary

Sin has on me no claim

Because he overcame the grave

With him I will be raised

*Chorus*

*Where, O grave, is your victory?*

*Where, O death, is your sting?*

*Eternity is won for me*

*By heaven's eternal King*

On that glorious final day

I will not sleep or fade

But gazing on his nail-pierced hands

I'll instantly be changed

*Chorus*

Robed with immortality

Before his throne we'll sing

At last reflecting perfectly

The glory of our King

*Chorus*

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**Reading - Matthew 27:55-28:15, Alyssa Williams**

**Introduction: Someone has lied to us!**

**i) Jesus really rose**

Unmistakable location

Unbreachable tomb

Un-inventable witness statements

Undeniable legal evidence

Unexplainable responses

**ii) Ridiculous rejection**

**Implications:**

- God's word is trustworthy
- Forgiveness and life are secured
- Jesus must be worshipped

**Questions:**

- Which details give you most confidence in Jesus' resurrection?
- How does the resurrection drive us to the implications listed?
- How could you use this passage to share the news of Easter with others?

## 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 matchless King  
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of love  
Behold His hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified  
All hail Redeemer hail  
For Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise shall never never fail  
Throughout 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

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## Final words

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