

March 31, Sunday**Easter Day****The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia****Exodus 15.1-21,****Psalm.118.1-23,****Colossians 3.1-4,****John 20.1-18**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today we gather on this blessed Easter Sunday to celebrate the most profound truth of our faith – the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we reflect on the theme, "The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia," let us delve into the rich passages of Scripture provided to us: Exodus 15:1-21, Psalm 118:1-23, Colossians 3:1-4, and John 20:1-18. Through these texts, we will discover the profound theological significance of Christ's resurrection and its transformative power in our lives.

1.The Victory of the Lord (Exodus 15:1-21)

In Exodus, we witness the awe-inspiring moment when the Israelites, delivered from the bondage of Egypt, sing praises to God for His miraculous salvation. Their song echoes with jubilation and gratitude for the victory the Lord has granted them over their enemies. Similarly, the resurrection of Jesus Christ marks the ultimate victory over sin, death, and the powers of darkness. Just as the Israelites rejoiced in their deliverance, so too do we rejoice in the triumph of our risen Lord. The resurrection signifies not just a historical event but a cosmic victory, restoring humanity's broken relationship with God and ushering in a new era of redemption. As we celebrate Easter, let us proclaim with fervour, "The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia!" For in Christ's resurrection, we find hope, joy, and the promise of eternal life.

2.The Cornerstone of Salvation (Psalm 118:1-23)

Psalm 118 is a hymn of praise and thanksgiving, celebrating the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. Verse 22 declares, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." This imagery is profoundly significant, for Jesus Christ, rejected and crucified by humanity, has become the cornerstone of our salvation through His resurrection. Just as the cornerstone provides stability and strength to a building, so too does Christ's resurrection provide the foundation for our faith. In Christ, we find refuge, strength, and eternal security. As we reflect on Psalm 118, let us remember that our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness, manifested most powerfully in His resurrection from the dead.

3.Raised with Christ (Col 3:1-4)

In Colossians, the Apostle Paul exhorts believers to set their minds on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. He urges us to recognize that we have been raised with Christ and to seek the things that are above, not on earthly things. This passage encapsulates the transformative power of Christ's resurrection in our lives. The resurrection is not merely a past event but a present reality that shapes our identity and empowers us to live victoriously. Through faith in Christ, we are united with Him in His death and resurrection, and thus, we are called to live as new creations, liberated from the bondage of sin and empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit.

As we conclude our reflection on the theme, "The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed. Alleluia," let us rejoice in the profound truth of Christ's resurrection. His victory over sin and death offers us hope, redemption, and eternal life. May we, like the Israelites, lift our voices in praise and adoration, declaring the triumph of our risen Lord.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the glorious truth of Christ's resurrection. As we celebrate Easter, fill our hearts with joy and gratitude for the victory we have in Him. Grant us the strength to live as resurrected people, transformed by Your grace and empowered by Your Spirit. May we bear witness to the hope of the gospel in all that we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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