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BIBLE READING

John 21:1-19

BIBLE TALK

Promise of Restoration

from Richard Hopkins

1) Jesus' confirms his promise of friendship

2) Jesus confirms his promise of usefulness

Our closing song reminds us that, even though we often fail, all we need is Christ.

SONG

I once was lost in darkest night
yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own
a rebel to Your will,
and if You had not loved me first,
I would refuse You still.

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

But as I ran my hell-bound race,
indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state
and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed;
You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me
now all I know is grace!

Hallelujah...

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
and live so all might see
the strength to follow Your commands
could never come from me.
O Father use my ransomed life
in any way You choose,
and let my song forever be
my only boast is You!

Hallelujah...

CLOSING PRAYER

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless before the presence of
his glory with great joy, to the only God, our
Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory,
majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time
and now and for ever. **Amen.**

*That concludes our service. Why not make some
video calls now to others in the church to encourage
and support one another?*



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Welcome to today's virtual service!

For each person in your home, you'll need a copy of this service sheet, a bible, print outs of the children's sheets (if needed) and your computer or tablet connected to Emmanuel's website.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Watch the video of Richard's welcome and intro.

Even though our love for God often fails, his love for us never does. The bible says that his love endures forever, which we're going to celebrate in our opening song.

SONG

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King
his love endures forever.
For He is good, he is above all things:
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm:
his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn:
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful;
forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever. (repeat)
Forever.

From the rising to the setting sun:
his love endures forever.
By the grace of God, we will carry on:
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise,
sing praise, sing praise.

BITESIZE

Two of our church members in higher risk categories discuss together how lockdown has been for them.

Spend some time praying for those in our church family and others you know who have to be particularly careful at the moment.

In these difficult days in which we live, we need God's help every day more than ever. In our next song, we ask for his help to follow him.

SONG

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore!
feed me now and evermore!

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

In the bible passage we're looking at this morning, we see what happened when the risen Jesus met Peter. We're going to read now what happened with Peter, just hours before Jesus' death.

Luke 22:54-62

Then they seized Jesus and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance.
And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them.
Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said,
"This man also was with him."

But he denied it, saying,
"Woman, I do not know him."

And a little later someone else saw him and said,
"You also are one of them."

But Peter said,
"Man, I am not."

And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying,
"Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean."

But Peter said,
"Man, I do not know what you are talking about."

And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed.
And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.
And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him,
"Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times."
And he went out and wept bitterly.

PRAYERS

We're going to pray for our mission partners Andrew and Bethanie Walker. If you would like to view their most recent video update, email ed.bowerman@bramcote.church for the link.

Father God, we are sorry for the times we have let Jesus down and failed him. Though you have loved us and chosen us to be your children, we have not always followed you the way we should. We have stayed quiet when we should have spoken about you. We have denied you in our thoughts, words and actions. We are truly sorry. Please forgive us. **Amen.**

Thank you that you are a God who forgives us and restores us as your servants. Thank you that Jesus' death on the cross is enough to cover every sin. Thank you that when we turn back to you, you call us to follow you once more. Please help us by your Spirit, to keep following you wherever you lead us. **Amen.**

Father, we pray you will help us to follow you in these difficult times. Whether you have called us at the moment to serve you in busyness or in solitude, please help us to live in a way that is worthy of you. Keep us thankful for your daily mercies to us. Keep us persevering in faith when times are hard. Keep us loving one another. Keep us witnessing to unbelievers. Please will you help us to live lives that glorify you. **Amen.**

And Father we pray for our mission partners Andrew and Bethanie Walker in Argentina. Thank you for bringing them safely to their new house in Mendoza and providing for their needs. Please help them as they settle in. Please give them wisdom and grace as they lead their new congregation. Please may they all be refreshed by your word, and delighted in the gospel. **Amen.**

Our next song reminds us that God's love is sure, even when we fall.

SONG

Mine are days that God has numbered.
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer.
Though I fall, his love is sure,
for Christ has paid for every failing.
I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven
and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted.
Christ completes his work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for his name.
But mine is armour for this battle
strong enough to last the war.
And he has said he will deliver
safely to the golden shore.

And mine are keys to Zion city
where beside the King I walk
for there my heart has found its treasure.
Christ is mine forevermore.

Come rejoice now, O my soul,
for his love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure.
Christ is mine forevermore!