



Western Fells Methodist Circuit

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We invite you to worship. If possible, have a Bible to hand.

### **Hymn StF 305**

Full music [here](#)

1 Low in the grave he lay, Jesus, my Saviour,  
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! Alleluia! Christ arose!*

v3. Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus, my Saviour;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord.

*Up from the grave he arose,.....*

### **Let us Pray**

**Glory to you, O God;** you raised Jesus from the grave,  
Bringing us victory over death and giving us eternal life.

**Glory to you, O Christ:** for us and for our salvation  
You overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

**Glory to you, O Holy Spirit;**  
you lead us into the truth and breathe new life unto us.

**Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**And we confess:** If we have failed to hope in you, Lord, forgive us.

*Spend a moment in silent prayer.*

May the living God raise us from despair, give us victory over sin and set us free in Christ. **Amen.** (MWB p160)

Loving Lord we celebrate your presence with us now and always. **Amen.**

Let us say the Lord's Prayer....Our Father...

### **A Bible reading from the Gospel according to Luke Ch 24: v36b-48.**

Think of the experiences of the followers of Jesus, as we read and reflect on these verses.

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”<sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.<sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?<sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”<sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.<sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish,<sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.  
(NRSV)

### **Reflection**

**1**—This is one of the many resurrection appearances told in the gospels. The eleven and their companions are together and they are listening to the testimony from the two who came back to Jerusalem, to tell them that they had met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They had only recognised him when he broke bread, as they shared a meal. And then he was gone. Whilst they are all together, Jesus appears among them. **He comes to them.**

**2**— To answer the disciples doubts, without them having to ask, Jesus asks them “what do you have to eat?” They offer him a piece of cooked fish and he eats it with them. In a simple act of fellowship, a profound statement is made. Jesus shows them that he is risen, not as a ghost but as someone who can eat. To show this, **he uses what they have.**

**3**— As we look at the resurrection, we too might have questions. I am a scientist and if I was there, I might have looked for a scientific explanation. What they got was a demonstration. Jesus still ate as he had before. **He answered their questions.**

Luke goes on to tell us that Jesus opened their minds to understand the scriptures (v 45). He then says **“You are to be witnesses to it all”**. What a revelation that speaks to them and to us. What a thing for us to take into our daily lives. May we, **with God’s help**, bear witness to that love shown to the world through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: StF 313**

Full music [here](#)

1.Thine be the glory, risen conquering 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.*

3.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 be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won. E Budry 1854-1932*

**And so, we pray for others**

We pray for all the people of Your world, Father.

We pray for our Queen and her family, in their grief for the loss of the Duke of Edinburgh.

We offer our prayers for our community, for our neighbours and those we see day to day.

We pray for all those we know who are in need..... *In silence pray their names.*

We pray for all who help us in our daily lives and give thanks for those who serve others.

In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

**May the Lord bless us and keep us. Amen**

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