CHRIST JESUS IS RISEN TODAY

Hymn Devotion - April 16

Scripture - I Peter 3:18.

Matthew 28:6

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Latin Hymn (fourteenth century)

Translated in Lyra Davidica, 1708

Stanza 2, John Arnold’s Compleat Psalmodist, 1749

Stanza 3, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

This is a Latin Hymn of the fourteenth century - not to be confused with the hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” by Charles Wesley. Charles Wesley (Founder of Methodist Movement) also had a hand in this hymn - he wrote the third stanza.

We sing to our God above, this praise should be eternal as is His love. Then the angels or heavenly hosts Praise Him - the total HIM is the Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Praise the Lord!

In all of the wonder, miracle, love and forgiveness of the Easter Story it is really only the beginning, the base, the foundation of an ongoing relationship with God.

1. What happened today?

2. Who is the “our” in Our triumphant holy day?

3. How many times - upon the cross?

4. What did He do?

5. Verse 2: What let us sing?

6. Unto whom?

7. What did He do?

8. To do what?

9. Verse 3: Who do we sing to?

10. The praise will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_as His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

11. Who are to praise Him?

12. Who all are praised?

13. All the phrases are concluded with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

Which means Praise the Lord or Praise to God.

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS?

Hymn Devotion- April 17

Scripture - Galatians 3:13-14.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul.

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that cause the Lord of life

To lay aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,

To lay aside His crown for my soul?

American folk hymn

Once again, the age old question is asked - Why would the Lord of life - creator, sustainer of life - lay aside His crown for my soul?

The only answer is wondrous love. This wondrous love should cause us to devote our live to Him to serve Him and to sing praises to Him forever with thanksgiving in our hearts and souls.

Let’s break down the word wondrous - wonderful or wonderfully - very remarkable or admirable.

1. What kind of love?

2. O my?

3. What wondrous?

4. A definition of bliss is of heaven. How is the Lord here described?

5. What was bore?

6. What for?

7. Verse 2: What is this?

8. Whose soul?

9. What was caused?

10. What was laid aside?

11. For fun let’s count:

How many times was wondrous love repeated?

How many times - O my soul?

12. This is an eternally wondered question - Why would Christ leave heaven to bear the cross - my sin - as a sacrifice for me?

13. Write a short paragraph of what this wondrous love means to you and what you will do in your life for Him because of this love:

AT THE LAMB’S HIGH FEAST

Hymn Devotion - April 18

Scripture - I Corinthians 11:23-26

John 19:34

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing,

Praise to our victorious King,  
Who hath washed us in the tide  
Flowing from his pierced side;  
Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast,  
Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest.

\*Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
Death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we Manna from above.

\*Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell’s fierce powers beneath Thee lie;  
Thou hast conquered in the fight,  
Thou hast brought us life and light;  
Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
Thou hast opened Paradise,  
And in Thee Thy saints shall rise.

\*Paschal triumph, Paschal joy,  
Only sin can this destroy;  
From sin’s death do Thou set free  
Souls reborn, O Lord, in Thee.  
Hymns of glory and of praise,  
Father, to Thee we raise;  
Risen Lord, all praise to Thee,  
Ever with the Spirit be.

A Latin Hymn translated by

Robert Campbell (1814-1868)

He brings us life - eternal life and light - His light, His Word, is the light that lights our path and guides us as we go through life, but only if we study and obey His Word.

This is a long hymn - the questions/answers will mostly be for every two lines.

1. What do we sing at the Lamb’s high feast?

2. What was the tide that washed us?

3. What is divine?

4. List the two “Gives His” statements:

5. Christ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Christ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. Verse 2: Paschal is relating to Passover, to Easter, the lamb sacrificed at Passover, Christ. What happens where the Paschal Blood is poured?

7. Where did Israel’s hosts go?

8. Praise we Christ, whose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was shed, Paschal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Paschal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

9. How should we eat the manna from above?

10. Verse 3: What lies beneath the Mighty Victim from the sky?

11. What did He bring us because He won the fight?

12. List the two “Now no more” statements:

13. What shall His saints do because He has opened paradise?

14. Verse 4: What can alone destroy sin?

15. What are new-born souls set free from?

In whom?

16. What are raised to the Father?

17. Who is all praise given?

18. With whom?

HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOR

Hymn Devotion-April 19

Scripture for today Isaiah 53:1-3

Man of Sorrows! what a name  
For the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,  
In my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;   
Spotless Lamb of God was He;   
“Full atonement!” can it be?  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was He to die;   
“It is finished!” was His cry;   
Now in Heav’n exalted high.  
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When He comes, our glorious King,   
All His ransomed home to bring,   
Then anew His song we’ll sing:   
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Philip Paul Bliss (1838-1876)

When He comes again as our Glorious King and all those ransomed, saved believers He will take them home to be with Him. Then we will His song we will sing anew, again - Hallelujah! What a Savior! Praise to God! What a Savior, rescuer for starters but Jesus is much more He is creator, sustainer, friend and the list goes on. We must never stop our praise and thanks for what Jesus did for us and work to build a relationship with God daily - until we sing this song with others, anew in His presence. Praise be to God!

1. How is Jesus described here?

2. He is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. What did He come to do?

4. Hallelujah - a form of Alleluia - God be praised! Savior is one who rescues others from evil, danger or destruction. “Rewritten” how would the phrase read?

5. Verse 2: What did Jesus bear?

6. Whose place did Jesus stand?

7. What did Jesus seal with His blood?

8. Verse 3: What are we?

9. What kind of Lamb was He?

10. A synonym of atonement is payment. What was the total of the atonement or payment?

11. Verse 4: Where was He “lifted up” to die?

12. What was His cry?

13. Where is He now?

14. Verse 5: When He comes again He will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

15. Who will He bring home?

16. What is the song that we will sing anew?

THERE IS A FOUNTAIN

Hymn Devotion-April 20

Scripture for today Psalm 36:5-7, 9

There is a fountain filled with blood

Drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;   
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains,   
Lose all their guilty stains;

Lose all their guilty stains;   
And sinners plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see

That fountain in his day;   
And there have I, though vile as he,

Washed all my sins away.  
Washed all my sins away;

Washed all my sins away;   
And there have I, though vile as he,

Washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood

Shall never lose its power  
Till all the ransomed church of God

Be saved, to sin no more.  
Be saved, to sin no more;

Be saved, to sin no more;   
Till all the ransomed church of God

Be saved, to sin no more.

E’er since, by faith, I saw the stream

Thy flowing wounds supply,   
Redeeming love has been my theme,

And shall be till I die.  
And shall be till I die;

And shall be till I die;   
Redeeming love has been my theme,

And shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song,

I’ll sing Thy power to save,   
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue

Lies silent in the grave.  
Lies silent in the grave;

Lies silent in the grave;   
When this poor lisping, stammering tongue

Lies silent in the grave.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

1. What is filled with blood?

2. Where does the blood come from?

3. Who plunges beneath the flood?

4. What do they lose?

5. Verse 2: Who rejoiced?

6. What did he see?

7. A definition of vile is disgusting, shameful, worthless.

Where too can we be washed?

How may our state be?

8. What will happen in the fountain for us as well?

9. Verse 3: Who is dying?

10. What shall not lose its power?

11. A synonym for ransom is redeeming, delivered. Until \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

12. Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

13. Verse 4: E’er is a variation of ever. How is the way we see the stream?

14. Where does the blood supply come from?

15. A definition of theme is a subject or topic on which a person speaks, writes, or thinks. What should be our theme?

16. How long should the theme go on?

17 Verse 4: What will the theme of the song change to?

18. How did the author describe his tongue? (Many times ours as well!)

19. How will our tongue be in the grave?

If we haven’t committed ourselves to the theme of Christ’s redeeming love - There is no time like the present!