



CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

CONTACT

February / March 2024

Dear Friends

Our Contact this time covers the whole of Lent, that begins on Ash Wednesday (14th February) and lasts until Easter Sunday (31st March). In this meditation, set during Holy Week, we follow the steps of Jesus, from his entry into Jerusalem, through arguing with people on the first days of the week, his desolation in Gethsemane on Thursday, his death on Calvary on Friday to his resurrection on Sunday.

May you walk with Jesus on the way and experience both the depth of his pain and the joy of his resurrection with open hearts of love.

Meg

HE WILL WALK

He will walk a little
in front of us
towards Jerusalem.

Then he will go on again,
in faith,
towards Jerusalem.

He will not be scared
though we are apprehensive.

Be still and reflect

If we try to discourage him,
he will recognise the devil in our voice,
and he will tell us as much
in no uncertain terms.

He will walk
a little in front of us
into Gethsemane.

He will not be scared,
though we are apprehensive.

Then he will go on again,
in faith,
towards Jerusalem.

He will sweat blood
and ask God if there is another way.
And when God says no,
he will take the traitor's kiss,
the soldiers' spit
the bile and venom from the princes of religion.

Be still and reflect

He will walk
a little in front of us
into controversy.

Then he will go on again,
in faith,
towards the cross.

He will not be scared,
though we are apprehensive.

Be still and reflect

He will argue with the intelligent,
stop in their tracks the self-assured,
touch the scabby,
upset bank balances
by his outlandish behaviour in the sanctuary,
and weep in public.

He will walk
a little in front of us
towards Calvary.

He will not be scared,
no,
he will not be scared.

He will feel the pain
of wood and nails;
but more than this
he will feel the weight
of all the evil,
all the malice,
all the pettiness,
all the sin of the world
heaped upon his shoulders.



Then he will go on again,
in faith,
towards the resurrection.

Be still and reflect

He will walk
a little behind us
through the graveyard.

He will not throw off that weight,
though he could.

He will wait
until we realise that he has died
and admit our complicity in his life's
ending.

He will not give back evil for evil,
return malice for malice,
take revenge on the petty-minded,
or spew out hate
on all who have despised or rejected him.

Then he will come up behind us,
and say our name,
so that we can say his,
for ever.

He will not give back the sin of the world.
he will take it away ...
into death, into hell,
so that he can lead us into heaven.

(from Stages on the Way. Wild Goose Worship Group
1998)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY		
Sunday 4 th	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Ian Pickering
Monday 5 th	10.30 am – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 11 th		
Monday 12 th	10.30 am – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Monday 12 th	12.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 18 th	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Rev Alan Hindmarch – Holy Communion
Monday 19 th	10.30 am – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 25 th		
Monday 26 th	10.30 am	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning

February is blessed

Still bleak and wintry
February is blessed
with winter-white snowdrops
and carpets of colourful crocuses.

In our times of terror,
towering infernos
and glaring inequalities,
we long for better to come.

Under the earth creatures stir
as more light brightens
the still short days.

May God bless us with
February rainbows,
a St David's Day of yellow daffodils,
a promise of love,
a revival of life.

Trees are bare
but new life is within them
waiting
silently waiting.
Lent will come soon,
a spring-cleaning for our souls.

Sarah Pascoe



MARCH		
Sunday 3 rd	11.00 am	Nicola Hurton
Monday 4 th	10.30 am – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Saturday 9 th	10.00 am – 2.00 pm	* Mothering Sunday Celebration & Lunch
Sunday 10 th		
Monday 11 th	10.30 am – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 17 th	11.00 am	Teresa Abel
Monday 18 th	10.30 am – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Sunday 24 th		
Monday 25 th	10.30 am – 12 noon	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning
Friday 29 th	3.00 pm	* Good Friday United Service with North Anston, at Carlton Rev Meg Burton
Sunday 31 st Clocks go forward	11.00 am	Easter Sunday Morning Worship – Rev Meg Burton – Holy Communion

* See below

Mothering Sunday Celebration & Lunch

A mini-fayre with a variety of stalls including flowers, books, toys, jigsaws, cakes, and a raffle. Two young people will also be raising funds for a school expedition to Cambodia. There will be all-age crafts to make a card or a jewellery gift for mum, gran, auntie or anyone else at home. Come and have your nails gel-painted. Order (or collect) your fish and chips from Carlton Fish Bar across the road, then eat with us. Tea/coffee and biscuits available throughout. **Everyone** is welcome, it's not just for mum's. Look forward to seeing you there. Proceeds for Boys' Brigade & Girl's Association funds.



Good Friday – It is our turn this year to host our friends from North Anston. Rev Meg Burton will lead the worship, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Easter Monday Advance Notice – BB&GA Sponsored Walk and Jacket Potato Lunch – full details next time!



Eddie
 Wishing you a very Happy 80th birthday on 4th February
 With love from your church family and friends
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TOTALLY UNIQUE QUIZ

Thanks to everyone who bought a quiz. Over £100 was raised for Church funds and the answers are available from Yvonne or at the back of church.



A thought for Valentine's Day

Love is far more than a feeling or an emotion;
 it is a decision to treat people the way that Jesus would treat them.
 (Unknown)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: AN UPDATE

Once again, thank you to everyone who supported the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal last year.

A total of 237,735 Shoeboxes were sent from the UK in the 2023 Operation Christmas Child campaign.

Boxes from our churches were sent to Belarus and Central Asia.

If you are decluttering and have any new, or “like new” items that would be suitable for a shoebox, please either place them in the shoebox by the noticeboards at the back of St John’s church or pass it onto me.

Once again, thank you for your support and help in sharing the joy of Christmas and the Good News of Jesus Christ with children across the world.

Louise Brereton

AQUABOX

Aquabox is a volunteer-led charity that provides the filtering equipment to make drinking water from any water source, and is used frequently in the relief efforts following natural disasters, emergencies and war zones. The boxes are assembled near Matlock in Derbyshire by volunteers, before being shipped to sites all over the world. (Aquabox.org.uk for further information)

In the packing process old towels are used to provide protection for the equipment and are of use in making cleaning materials, bandages or other useful items when the box is opened. The demand is great at this time. On behalf of Worksop Rotary, Geoff Lewis is collecting any old and clean towels you may wish to get rid of and will take them to the workshop in Matlock in the week beginning 29th January.



If you have any such towels they can be dropped off at 64 High Road, Carlton-in-Lindrick. (You can still donate towels after this date, as it is an on-going project.)

EASYFUNDRAISING

Raising funds these days is a challenge – every organisation needs to do it - and it’s not always easy to ask for donations. But we’ve found a way that is easy and completely FREE!

We’ve registered our church with a company called easyfundraising, which means you can help us at no extra cost. If you don’t shop online, please don’t stop reading this – you may have family and friends who would like to support us themselves, or sign up on your behalf.

Shop online with any of over 7,000 brands including all the major supermarkets, Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden and M&S, and when you make a purchase, the brand will send us a free donation, at no extra cost to you. It’s as simple as that!

These donations really mount up, so please sign up and support us. You can go direct to the website, [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), or if you’re reading this online, click on the link below which will take you straight to our page where you can sign up.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/carlton-in-lindrick-methodist-church>

If you need to know any more, or need any help signing up, please get in touch with Helen. Thank you.

Alan (Treasurer)

TREASURE (Yvonne)

Treasure – noun – a quantity of precious metals, gems or other valuable objects.

5,000 priceless treasures were found in Tutankhamun's golden tomb in the Valley of the Kings in Egypt - including elaborate jewellery and gold sandals.



The Crown Jewels are kept in the Tower of London - royal ceremonial objects including the Imperial State Crown, the Black Prince's ruby and Koh-in-Noor diamond.

The discovery of an Anglo Saxon burial ground in Sutton Hoo, Suffolk, revealed a 27 metre long ship and many precious objects including a golden mask.



Although not precious jewels, the ancient writing tablets discovered at Vindolanda, near Hadrian's Wall were voted by the public to be the greatest treasures at the British museum as they tell of the everyday lives of Roman soldiers.



Treasure – verb - cherish, value highly, prize, hold dear.

The Repair Shop is a popular TV programme where people bring in objects that hold precious memories and have stories to tell. They are usually in a very poor state and craftspeople restore them and bring them back to life. Experts include a bookbinder, leather, metal and woodworkers, art and ceramics restorers, clock and watch repairers. Often the items hold childhood memories and may have travelled many miles.

One favourite is Margaret's story. In 1945 a plane crash-landed on her home, killing her mother. She was in Scotland and was unable to return home. She had left her doll, Alice behind. A neighbour found the damaged doll and kept it for 63 years until she was able to return it. Alice was lovingly restored by experts. She had new eyes and clothes as Margaret remembered her.



Other heart-warming stories tell how much-loved treasures helped a child to walk after polio, or belonged to evacuees. Some had travelled across the world. All the items had no real financial value when restored but were priceless treasures to the owners.

RECIPE CORNER

Jewelled Rice – Persian rice pilaf topped with gem like fruits - popular at weddings.



1 tbsp butter	½ cinnamon stick	small pinch saffron (turmeric is cheaper)
3 tbsp olive oil	100g basmati rice	1 tsp cumin seeds
3 cardamom pods	1 heaped tbsp pomegranate seeds	2 onions finely sliced
1 bay leaf		

Melt butter and ½ tbsp oil in small saucepan, then fry cardamom, bay and cinnamon for 2 mins. Stir in rice to toast for 1 min, then cover with 200ml water. Bring to the boil, cover, then turn heat down and simmer for 5 mins. Add saffron or turmeric for golden colour. Once almost all the water has been absorbed by the rice, cover again, turn off the heat and sit for 5 mins. Meanwhile, fry cumin seeds, onions and some salt in the remaining oil until golden and beginning to crisp – this will take around 15 mins. Then spread onions on kitchen paper to remove excess oil. To serve, remove whole spices if you like, and scatter the onions and pomegranate seeds on top.

Microwave Golden Syrup Pudding

150g Golden Syrup
120g soft marg
120g sugar
120g SR flour
2 eggs
1 tbsp lemon juice

Grease a microwaveable bowl. Measure in syrup. Place margarine, sugar and flour in a mixing bowl. Add beaten eggs and lemon juice. Swirl syrup round a little. Add batter. Microwave for 5 minutes. Serve with custard.

The theme chosen by the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference this year
is Hidden Treasure, based on Isaiah 45 v 3

I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know
that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

Holy God, in the wonder and diversity of your awesome creation,
your glory is revealed all around us in a myriad of ways.

Yet often we are blinded to the treasures that you have placed for us to discover
because our eyes are focused on our own priorities, or we look in the wrong places!

The most wonderful treasures are often to be found in surprising corners,
unexpected people and new experiences.

Help us by your Spirit to have patience to understand that you are always at work;
even when it remains unseen by us.

Give us eyes that are open to see where your activity is evident
and ears to hear when you are inviting us to share
in the process of bringing new things to birth.

May your light shine in all the dark places
of our lives, our churches, our communities and our world,
so that the treasure that lies within might be revealed to us.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

Gill Newton

President of the Methodist Conference 2023/2024

A SEASON FOR MORE

It is the custom to treat Lent as the season of less.

But over the years, I have come to see this time as a season for more. So here is what I'm hoping to do during this holy time.

Spend more time in *silence*. And this means silence from virtual noise as well.

Spend more time *reading* than watching television. Oh, there are those good shows that I'll still catch, but so much of the time the machine is just on – talk about junk food!

Spend more time *outside* – so that I'm not always chained to my desk (or computer); so I don't drop into my easy chair the minute I get home. Yes, being with Dusty my dog helps me get outside, and this often turns into sacred time, but I could also go outside to read. I could go out on the deck and be mesmerised by the night sky on crisp nights. I could sit on the front step and simply watch and be. I could take that 5 minute walk that puts me in the park near the church, or in the woods near the house, and quietly savour God's creation.

There is so much *more* I could do during this season of discipleship to become a more faithful follower of Jesus. I hope I do.

Thom M Shuman

EASTER MORNING



Birds Still Sing

The sun has still risen,
birds still sing,
people are getting up, having breakfast, setting out for work,
as if nothing has happened.

As if it's just the beginning of another ordinary week.

I want to climb a hill,
stand on a wall,
clamber up onto a roof
and shout:

'He's dead!

The best man who ever lived –
and more than that.

The one man who didn't deserve to be punished –
and you killed him!

The greatest injustice ever.

And I abandoned him,
ran away,
and then denied I knew him.'

Some of the women have gone to the tomb,
to finish work on the body.

Why?

I can see them in the distance,
returning,
rushing back,
running, looking flustered.

Why?

There can be absolutely nothing to get excited about now,
can there?

Brian Ford

(from Spring, a compilation by Ruth Burgess)



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday:	Worship (1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays)	11.00 am
Sunday	Renewed Life Community Church (Apostolic) – Worship	5.00 pm – 6.30 pm
Monday:	Warm Welcome Coffee Morning	10.30 am – 12 noon
	Brownies	6.00 pm – 7.30 pm
	Guides	6.30 pm – 8.00 pm
Tuesday:	Boys' Brigade & Girls' Association	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Thursday:	Rainbows	5.45 pm – 6.45 pm

(Youth Groups term-time only)

QUIZ TIME



Christmas General Knowledge Answers

1. The Winter King
2. Clockwise
3. A type of mulled wine or punch
4. The Statue of Liberty
5. What You Will
6. [d] Quality Street (1936), [b] Cadburys Roses (1938), [c] Celebrations (1997) and [a] Cadburys Heroes (1999)
7. Robert May
8. 1966
9. 2004, Jill Halfpenny
10. Billy Bob Thornton
11. Matthew Crawley
12. Nahum Tate
13. Snow
14. David Tennant
15. Reese Witherspoon

TREASURE QUIZ - answers include precious metals and gems, eg 50th anniversary – Golden wedding

1. Host of spring flowers in the Lakes
2. Glenn Miller necklace
3. Lulu sang this theme
4. 40 years married
5. Small pickled onions
6. Terry's chocolates
7. Large bird of prey
8. 55th anniversary
9. Queen Elizabeth II celebrated this in 2022
10. Used in gingerbread & flapjack
11. DIY walkie talkie.
12. Sgt Bilko
13. Price of betrayal
14. In both 1887 & 2002
15. Solomon's sayings
16. Annual horse race in Gloucestershire
17. From waiters not tennis aces
18. Small bright seed eating bird
19. Needs polishing
20. Bring me my bow of...

Jesus died, and I was sad,
but God raised him to life again!
The stone on his tomb was huge,
but God's angels rolled it away!
God, who does such powerful things,
help me to share this good news with others.
Thank you for this Easter Day!

Amen.

Roots Resources



He is
RISEN

Closing date for items for April / May Contact – Monday 18th March

CHILDREN'S PAGE

The Easter Story

Hello everybody

The story of Easter is both a sad and very happy story, showing us just how much God loves us.

God sent Jesus to live on earth because he loves us so much. Whilst he lived on earth, Jesus did lots of brilliant things, including healing the sick, performing miracles and telling lots of people about God's love. He did this alongside a group of his friends, who were called his disciples.

Lots of people loved Jesus and wanted to listen to what he had to say. Others sadly hated him and thought he was up to no good. These people created a plan to get rid of Jesus once and for all. One night the disciples and Jesus ate supper together and then went out into the garden to pray. Whilst they were out in the garden, the people who didn't like Jesus sent some soldiers to arrest him and then sent him to be nailed to a cross to die.

Whilst Jesus was on the cross, some people watching laughed at him and asked where his God was now. It really was a very sad time. A short while later, Jesus sadly died on that cross. His body was placed in a dark cave called a tomb and a very large and heavy stone was rolled in front of the entrance. His friends and disciples were all sad and didn't know what to do.

Three days later some of Jesus' friends went to visit the tomb, but found the large stone had been rolled away. On entering the tomb they saw it was empty! His friends were shocked as they didn't know what had happened. Then suddenly an angel appeared and told them that Jesus wasn't in the tomb because he had risen from the dead. This is also known as his resurrection. Jesus' friends and disciples were now really happy because this meant Jesus was alive and his goodness could continue forever.

Jesus died on the cross but then came back to life. This meant that Jesus 'had defeated' death. He was inviting everybody to have a closer relationship with God the Father.

Happy Easter and God Bless you.

Rev Alan
(Chaplain 1st Carlton BB&GA)

(BB Programme Hub)

Shrove Tuesday, or 'Pancake Day' is celebrated by making and eating pancakes. Shrove Tuesday is a Christian celebration, linked with Lent and Easter. Traditionally during Lent, Christians would give up rich, tasty foods such as butter, eggs and fat. Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to eat them – and what better way to do so than with delicious pancakes!

Pancake Recipe Game

Can you put these recipe instructions into the right order?
(You could cut them out and arrange them on a table,
or just write numbers at the side from 1 – 10.)

Add a dollop of mixture to the pan

Put on a plate and add your favourite topping

Cook until bubbly on top

Gather your ingredients

Whisk wet ingredients together then
add to the dry ingredients and mix

Eat and enjoy!

Add a little butter or oil to a hot frying

Tilt the pan gently until the mixture
covers the bottom of the pan

Flip pancake and continue
cooking until golden

Mix together the dry ingredients

Perhaps you could find a recipe now and
ask someone at home to help you make some pancakes.

EASTER WORDSEARCH

D	T	G	H	F	N	S	D	A	T	H	J	F	V	N
Q	C	W	O	R	T	A	G	D	N	M	E	L	E	P
A	R	E	O	O	Y	G	I	S	N	F	S	M	M	R
J	O	E	Y	D	D	A	E	L	R	W	U	A	P	N
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C	A	F	E	A	S	T	E	R	S	U	N	D	A	Y
A	R	E	S	U	R	R	E	C	T	E	D	D	E	M

Cross

Jesus

Crown of Thorns

Last Supper

Crucified

Nails

Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday

Empty Tomb

Resurrected

Good Friday

Sacrifice

For reflection, here are the Lectionary readings and an appropriate hymn for each Sunday in February and March.

Sunday 4th February

Isaiah 40:21-31
1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
Mark 1:29-39

Singing the Faith 653

1 O Christ, the Healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored,
when reached by love that never ends?

2 From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamour to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.

3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires,
how weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths
unconscious pride resists or shelves.

4 In conflicts that destroy our health
we diagnose the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills:
is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

5 Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
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Sunday 11th February

Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2:1-12
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Psalm 50:1-6
Mark 9:2-9

Singing the Faith 259

1 Jesus, on the mountain peak,
stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us, if we dare to speak,
join the saints and angels praising:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Trembling at his feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the Prophets and the Law
shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Swift the cloud of glory came,
God, proclaiming in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Jesus is the chosen One,
living hope of every nation,
hear and heed him, everyone;
sing, with earth and all creation:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Brian Wren (b. 1936)
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14th February

Ash Wednesday

Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:20b – 6:10

Psalm 51:1-17
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Singing the Faith 475

1 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed;
who through this earthly pilgrimage
hast all our forebears led.

2 Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace:
God of our forebears, be the God
of their succeeding race.

3 Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;

give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.

4 O spread thy covering wings around,
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.

5 To thee as to our Covenant-God
we'll our whole selves resign;
and this not as a tithe alone,
for all we have is thine.

Philip Doddridge
(1702-1751),
John Logan (1748-
1788) and others
(alt.)
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Sunday 18th February

Lent 1

Genesis 9:8-17

Peter 3:18-22

Psalm 25:1-10

Mark 1:9-15

Singing the Faith 236

1 Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted and yet undefiled.

2 Burning heat throughout the day,
bitter cold when light had fled;
prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed.

3 Shall not we your trials share,
learn your discipline of will;
and with you by fast and prayer
wrestle with the powers of hell?

4 So if Satan, pressing hard,
soul and body would destroy:
Christ who conquered, be our guard;
give to us the victor's joy.

5 Watching, praying, struggling thus,
victory shall be ours too;
angels minister to us,
as they ministered to you.

6 Saviour, may we hear your voice;
keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice
at the eternal Eastertide.

George Hunt Smyttan
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Sunday 25th February

Lent 2

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Romans 4:13-25

Psalm 22:23-31

Mark 8:31-38

Singing the Faith 359

1 Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice,
your life in love so freely given.
For those who took your life away
you prayed: that they might be forgiven;
and there, in helplessness arrayed,
God's power was perfectly displayed.

2 Once helpless in your mother's arms,
dependent on her mercy then;
at last, by choice, in other hands,
you were as helpless once again;
and, at their mercy, crucified,
you claimed your victory and died.

3 Though helpless and rejected then,
you're now as risen Lord acclaimed;
for ever by your sacrifice
is God's eternal love proclaimed:
the love which, dying, brings to birth
new life and hope for all on earth.

4 So, living Lord, prepare us now
your willing helplessness to share;
to give ourselves in sacrifice
to overcome the world's despair;
in love to give ourselves away
and claim your victory today.

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Sunday 3rd March

Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Psalm 19

John 2:13-22

Singing the Faith 247

1 I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun;
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem
I had my birth.

*'Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance.'* said he,
*'and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the Dance,'* said he.

2 I danced for the scribe
and the pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fishermen,
for James and John;
they came with me
and the Dance went on.

3 I danced on the Sabbath
and I cured the lame:
the holy people
said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me on high,
and they left me there
on a Cross to die.

4 I danced on a Friday
when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance
with the devil on your back.
They buried my body
and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the Dance
and I still go on.

5 They cut me down
and I leapt up high;
I am the life
that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you
if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord
of the Dance, said he.

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Sunday 10th March

Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2:1-10

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Psalms 34:11-20

Luke 2:33-35

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1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name -- the Lord, the Mighty One.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

Based on the Magnificat

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Sunday 17th March

Passion Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:5-10

Psalms 51:1-12

John 12:20-33

Singing the Faith 361

1 Man of Sorrows! What a name
for the Son of God, who came
ruined sinners to reclaim!
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

3 Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
spotless Lamb of God was he:
full atonement, can it be?
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

5 When he comes, our glorious King,
all his ransomed home to bring,
then anew this song we'll sing:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

2 Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood;
sealed my pardon with his blood:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

4 Lifted up was he to die;
'It is finished!' was his cry;
now in heaven exalted high:
Alleluia! What a Saviour!

Philipp Paul Bliss (1838-1876)
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Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29

Mark 11:1-11

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1 Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives;
fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives.

*Make way (Make way), make way (make way),
for the King of kings (for the King of kings);
make way (make way), make way (make way),
and let his Kingdom in.*

2 He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free;
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

3 And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

4 We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him,
their thrones must fall!

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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Sunday 31st March

Easter Day

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Acts 10:34-43

Mark 16:1-9

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1 I know that my Redeemer lives --
what joy the blest assurance gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my everlasting Head!

2 He lives, to bless me with his love;
he lives, to plead for me above;
he lives, my hungry soul to feed;
he lives, to help in time of need.

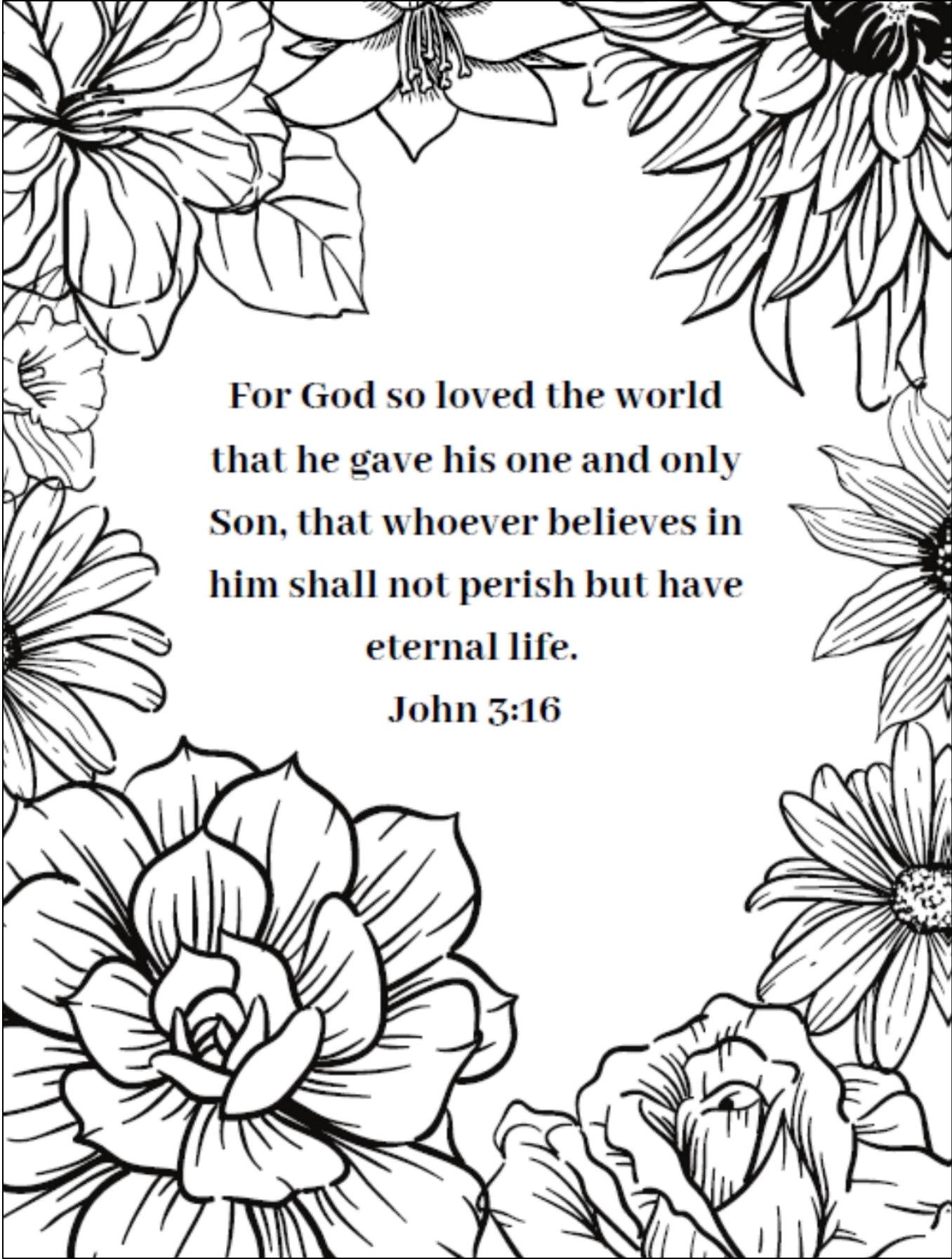
3 He lives, and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives, my mansion to prepare;
he lives, to lead me safely there.

4 He lives, all glory to his name;
he lives, my Saviour, still the same;
what joy the blest assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Samuel Medley (1738-1799)

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**For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only
Son, that whoever believes in
him shall not perish but have
eternal life.**

John 3:16

EASTER BLESSINGS