Sing with All the Saints in Glory

(sung to the tune, "Ode to Joy")

Sing with all the saints in glory; sing the resurrection song.

Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking; soon the storms of time shall cease.

In God's likeness we, awaking, know the everlasting peace.

O what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived. Holy hearts, for ages pleading, never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits, Every humble spirit shares it; Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices; Jesus lives, who once was dead. Join we now the deathless voices; child of God, lift up your head. Patriarchs from distant ages, saints all longing for their heav'n, Prophets, psalmists, seers and sages all await the glory giv'n.

Life eternal! O what wonders crowd on faith, what joy unknown, When, amidst earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne. O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament; Know with Thee, O God Immortal, Jesus Christ whom Thou has sent!



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Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19

 ¹ I love the LORD who has heard my voice and my supplications,
 ² and has inclined his ear to me, whenever I called.

³ The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the LORD,
"O LORD, I beseech you, save my life!"
12 What shall I return to the LORD for all my benefits?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD;

¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;I am your servant, the child of your handmaid.You have loosed my bonds.

¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the LORD!

St Luke 24: 13-35

¹³ Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And they talked together of all these things which had happened. ¹⁵ So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶ But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

¹⁷ And He said to them, "What kind of conversation *is* this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

¹⁸ Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ And He said to them, "What things?"

So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹ But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. ²² Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. ²³ When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. ²⁴ And certain of those *who were* with us went to the tomb and found *it* just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

²⁵ Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

- ²⁷ And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.
- ²⁸ Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. ²⁹ But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.
- ³⁰ Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.
- ³² And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" ³³ So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.