

The Lord Is Risen

Hallelujah!

March / April 2011

Dear Members & Friends of LWMC,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

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On 24th April 2011, Easter Sunday, we will be celebrating the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ – and of “new life through Him”! On Easter Sunday, we will also celebrate another year of God’s goodness and faithfulness on LWMC’s 8th Anniversary as a Local Conference (13th year since Preaching-Point started).

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We remember Jesus who chose not to succumb to the temptation of the Evil One to depend on the external or the supernatural (Luke 4:1-13; John 2:18-25), who chose to reject the crown (John 6:14-15), but chose instead to be obedient to the Father’s Will and Way by going the way of the cross (Luke 22:39-46; Philippians 2:5-11).

We remember Jesus who experienced human emotions and needs like hunger and thirst (John 4:1-38), tiredness (Mark 4:35-41), anger (John 2:12-19), and sadness (John 11:32-37).

We remember Jesus who experienced betrayal (Luke 22:1-6; 47-53), denial (Luke 22:54-62), mockery (Luke 22:63-65), false accusations and slanders (Luke 22:66-23:25), rejection (John 19:1-16) – not because of what He had done wrong, but because He chose not to act according to their expectations nor to follow their way nor to allow them to have their way – thus shouts of “Hosanna” turned to yells of “Crucify Him”!

We remember Jesus who though misunderstood and wrongly accused “... did not open His mouth; ... as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth... in order that the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand” (Isaiah 52:13-53:12).

No wonder Hebrews 4:14-16 declares that “... we have a great high priest ... Jesus the Son of God ... who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet without sin.”

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Hebrews 4:14-16 further declares that because of Jesus Christ, our Risen great high priest, we are able to “hold firmly to the faith we profess”, and also to “approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Only when we remember and focus on who our Risen Lord is and what He had gone through and done for us can our relationship with God be re-established and re-connected – and we can become more Christ-like through the power of God’s Spirit and experience God’s Love and Transforming Power.

Only then can we avoid being like Peter who unwittingly allowed Satan a foothold in his life (Matthew 16:21-28) – especially when he must have thought it was for the good of Jesus.

Only then can we avoid being like Judas who chose to allow Satan to use him to betray his own Teacher and Master (Luke 22:1-6) – possibly because he wanted to force the hand of Jesus.

Only then can we avoid being like the Scribes and Pharisees who were ever so self-righteous, critical, and judgemental because they were so full of themselves – believing that only they knew what is right or best in any situation – even over Jesus Christ’s life and ministry (Matthew 23:1-39).

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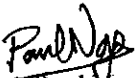
What has been our experience of the Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ since Easter 2010? Have we been rejoicing in the fact of His resurrection? Have we been experiencing the power of His resurrection in and through our lives?


During Lenten Season 2011 (which began on 9th March, Ash Wednesday, till 23rd April, Holy Saturday), let us individually and corporately “approach the throne of grace with confidence so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

Only then can we together become "G.E.M. @ LWMC" – Glorifying God, Edifying God's People, and Multiplying Into God's World. We look forward to your presence and participation at most, if not all of the Holy Week and Easter Services.

Finally, on behalf of the Church leaders and staff and all our loved ones, we wish you all a BLESSED EASTER – experiencing for yourself the love and power of the Risen Christ! May the love and peace of the Risen Christ be with all of you, and your loved ones, during and beyond Easter 2011!

Together Living in and Serving Our Lord in and through LWMC,


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