

Let us pray,

Lord, remind us of the good news. Remind us of your love.

Remind us of the depths of your care for your creation.

Amen.

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Christ is Risen, Hallelujah!

Christ is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

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So what?

Who cares?

What does it matter?

This is all just a fairytale, a story?

Its not real right?

Someone can't actually be raised from the dead.

Right?

Where's the proof?

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If it is real, what's changed?

How is the world better because of Jesus?

Is it?

Or are we just repeating the same old sins and hatred of the other as we have always done across history?

Jesus is risen, death has been conquered, we are forgiven and God's love has shown supreme.

Where?

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Where is this reality happening?

In what places?

In what countries?

How many of us have taken up our crosses, entered into the burden of servanthood, and made the lives of all people on this planet better and more loving?

How many of us, have built bridges, when walls have been wanted to built?

How many of us, have reached beyond what is comfortable, and been uncomfortable, to shine this light of love to those whose hope has almost run out?

How many of us, have been gracious and merciful when that grace and mercy was undeserved?

How many of us, have forgiven and reconciled those in our lives now and in the past.

How many of us, have welcomed the stranger, the immigrant, the other with open arms?

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Some have, but how many?

Christ is risen, but so what.

The so what, is us here right now.

We can witness the resurrection, right now.

We can be transformed by this story right now.

We can listen to God and change our ways, right now.

We can be the people that God is calling us to be in the world right now.

We can show the world, SO WHAT?

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Christ has saved us from our sins, death is no longer the final destination.

Christ has done his job.

It is now our time to do ours.

As people of faith, it is our job and duty to remind the world, so what.

It is our job, our duty, our baptismal obligation to show the world why this story matters.

Why Jesus is the only king worthy of praise and thanksgiving.

It is our job and duty to show the world what it means to be transformed by the spirit.

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And we do this not by hating neighbor.

Not by building walls, but rather building bridges.

We show the world, SO WHAT, by being so unrationally kind and loving to all the people of the world, citizen, immigrant, foreigner.

All people.

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God is the creator of this world, and we are all God's people.

And as people who are here, celebrating, affirming and proclaiming that we are disciples of this savior king.

It is our Job and Duty, to show the world that God loves all of God's people.

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The place of our birth, the citizenship of our place of residence, is not more important than the residence we hold with God in heaven.

To be people of God, and to show the world, SO WHAT.

We are called to be God's hands and feet, to show God's love to those whom the world has deemed less than.

To be transformed by this story of undeserved radical grace and mercy.

Jesus shows us that he does not hold onto what we have done, or what kind of sins that we have committed.

Instead, he frees us from the burdens of our own wrong doings, and gives us a path forward, a different way.

He reminds us that we are still loved by him, no matter what.

And what he wants from us, is just for us to do the same in return to those whom God loves, which is all people of this planet and cosmos, and even creation itself.

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If we are not willing to live a life that cares for and loves the other, than this story, this salvation, the sacrifice that God did for the world, dies in vain.

We have a choice this Easter Sunday, to take the resurrection seriously.

To show the world, SO WHAT.

To be so radically inclusive, so radically loving, so radically welcoming, that those who meet us are thrown off by the spirit within us.

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This story of God's radical love for a sinful people lives on not by our judgement and hatred of other.

But by our self sacrificing love for the other, especially those who live on the margins, whom the world doesn't wish to acknowledge, as well as those whom don't deserve it.

May we learn to love the way that God loves.

May we learn to keep this story of true love alive by being true disciples.

May we be foolish peddlers of hope and love in a world dripping in cynicism.

Christ is risen, hallelujah.

Let us be the So what.

Amen.