**Zoom Informal Evening Service for the POTR**

Sunday 24th January 2021 : 6.00-6.50p.m.

Meeting ID: 857 3988 3699Password: 642862

**Theme:** Proclaiming the Risen Jesus

[In preparation for the “Talking Jesus” time after the talk, please think of a time when someone has “proclaimed Jesus” to you and give us a brief account.]

**Welcome, opening prayer, and an invitation to offer prayers of thanks to God:** *Robin*

**Worship Song:** *Graham*

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,for her Lord now liveth:death hast lost its sting

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life. Life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife.

Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love, bring us safe through Jordan to thy

home above.

**Reading:** *Carol*

**John 20:1-18**

**1** Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. **2**So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!’

**3**So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. **4**Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **5**He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. **6**Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, **7**as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. **8**Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **9**(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) **10**Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

**11**Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb **12**and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

**13**They asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying?’

‘They have taken my Lord away,’ she said, ‘and I don’t know where they have put him.’ **14**At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus.

**15**He asked her, ‘Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?’

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.’

**16**Jesus said to her, ‘Mary.’

She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, ‘Rabboni!’ (which means ‘Teacher’).

**17**Jesus said, ‘Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’

**18**Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: ‘I have seen the Lord!’ And she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Talk:** *Gordon*

**Talking Jesus:** *Wendy*

Please briefly share your story of a time when someone “proclaimed Jesus” to you.

**Prayers:** *Anthea*

**Worship Song:** *Robin*

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea,

A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;

I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look and see Him there who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free;

For God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,

To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;

The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!

One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Saviour and my God.

With Christ my Saviour and my God.

**Concluding prayer:** *Andrew*