**Zoom Informal Evening Service for the POTR**

**Sunday 25th July 2021 : 6.00-6.50p.m.**

Meeting ID:  **857 3988 3699** Passcode: **642862**

*From Graham:* 'On Sunday evening we will be looking at Psalm 23, verse 4 where King David says "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me, your rod and staff they comfort me". I will be asking the question: 'What comforts you when faced with danger or when you have experienced the death of a loved one'? Maybe you have a favourite verse from the Bible or you have your equivalent of a rod and a staff which comfort you? Please come prepared to share your answer to these questions so we can all be encouraged. Thank you.

**Theme:** Remember

**Welcome & opening prayer:** *Gordon*

**Worship song:**

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul, worship His Holy name.*

*Sing like* [*never*](https://www.definitions.net/definition/never) *before, oh my soul. I'll* [*worship*](https://www.definitions.net/definition/worship) *Your Holy name.*

The sun [comes](https://www.definitions.net/definition/comes) up: it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and [whatever](https://www.definitions.net/definition/whatever) lies [before](https://www.definitions.net/definition/before) me

Let me be singing when the [evening](https://www.definitions.net/definition/evening) comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your [heart](https://www.definitions.net/definition/heart) is kind.,

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing:

Ten [thousand](https://www.definitions.net/definition/thousand) reasons for my [heart](https://www.definitions.net/definition/heart) to find

And on that day when my [strength](https://www.definitions.net/definition/strength) is failing,

The end [draws](https://www.definitions.net/definition/draws) near and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your [praise](https://www.definitions.net/definition/praise) unending,

Ten [thousand](https://www.definitions.net/definition/thousand) years and then for evermore.

**Talk part 1:** *Graham*

**Reading: John 11:17-44** *Ruth*

**17**On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. **18**Now Bethany was less than two miles[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%2011%3A17-37&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26542a)] from Jerusalem, **19**and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. **20**When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

**21**“Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. **22**But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.”

**23**Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

**24**Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

**25**Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; **26**and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

**27**“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

**28**After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here,” she said, “and is asking for you.” **29**When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. **30**Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. **31**When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

**32**When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

**33**When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. **34**“Where have you laid him?” he asked.

“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.

**35**Jesus wept.

**36**Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

**37**But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

**38**Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. **39**“Take away the stone,” he said.

“But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days.”

**40**Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

**41**So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **42**I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

**43**When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” **44**The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

**Talk part 2 & Talking Jesus:** *Graham*

**Prayers:***Mike*

**Worship Song:** *Robin*

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name when I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

*Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's 'all as it should be', blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.

*Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:**Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your glorious name.*

You give and take away, You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be Your name.”

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My heart will choose to say, “Lord, blessed be Your name.”

*Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name;
Blessed be the name of the Lord blessed be Your glorious name.*

**Closing Prayer:** *Thelma*