

Invocat.etc.for Easter Service - A.M.
April 10, 1955

on this Eas. Day that
Invocat.- O God, we rej. ~~in the name of~~
~~the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.~~ "Christ
Being raised fr. t. dead, dieth no
more. Death hath no more domin.
over Him." Oh may His prec. death,
His mi. resur. and glor. ascens. so
spk to our hearts to day that we
may desire as nev. before to know
t. fel. of His suff-s that we may
also t. power of His resur...

Let us now consid. our-s in ch. con.
Ch. Conf. / As ~~many~~ most of you know
t. pastor and a com. assistg him hv.
for many mo. sbn. searchg dil. for a
new memb. to add to t. ch. staff. Many
lett-s hv. bn writ. and many inter-vs
held, but we have not fd. just t. ri.
person whom we cd secure. Four
weeks ago to-d., when Dr. Gerzin
of SC, an outstdg auth. on cert.
phases of ch. work, was near by
spoke, I tk adv. of t. opp. to see him
with our needs. Shortly thereaf.
he wrote me that he belvd he had
fd t. very persn whom we were
seekg, a yg man in SC, and that he
wd be willg to come. He gave me
two names as ref. - I wrote to t.
yg man, an to the ref. and heard
from all three promptly. Then we
called a mtg of the committee. Dr.
Helms t. chman oft. com., will now
brg you a report and recom. I wish
to thank t. memb-s of the com. who
have att. many mtgs, for the
untir-g - faithful and dilig. wk.

And
now
Dr. H.

They are Dr. Helms, chman; Mrs. Al
J. Dickens, Mrs. Ralph Falls, Mrs. AM
Lang, Mrs. W. R. Loftis, Mrs. Clif. W.
Bro Sam Westbrk, and Bro. Carl Wms

Story - You boys and girls, when you tiny babies discov. this wond. fact abt yrs-s, that you had two hds... How you used to play w. these hds -how you used to pick up thgs w. them and handle yr toys.... And yr lit.hds began to grow. Now they are much bigger...

But they will nev.be as big as a hand I know abt -a hand I've seen a pic.of -for that hand is about twice as tall as any man in this church - it is twelve feet tall or high. ~~And~~ It is a hand made of metal and it stds on the steeple of a ch. down in Miss. Ripley had written abt it, and many mags have told of and shown a picture.

How did a ch.come to have a hand on its steeple? Well, bef.the civil war this church had put up a beaut. buildg. for t.worshp. of God. -\$40,000 (eq.to \$400,000 to-day), day after day it had risen, as people and pas. a much beloved man watched its ~~immense~~ construction. At last it was finshed -and what was t.aston. and grief of the people when t.pas. died and t.first serv.held in t.new ch.was his funeral.

They wanted to rem.him by some thg -but what shd it be? Then one of t.~~ld~~ men said "Why not rem.him by somethg that will remind us of his one spec.gesture in t.pulpit -his right hand, with forefinger ptg to w.heaven? And so they did (17-yr-old sculptor makg hand...) How many people have seen that hd ptg upw.tow.heaven?...how many it must hv turned to thts about God?

4) At door
of S&W
stds a
woman
(Mary
Mag.)

In t.case of t.women who
went to t.sep.it was t.
gladn.of a ~~belov. man~~
Master who had ret'd..

Mary Mag.-when J.said unto her
"Mary" she turned herself
& utt.one wd "Master"
On to live with & for..

5) On hive
is placed
a replica
of vil
of Emmaus

With t.2 disc-s on Emmaus rd.
it was the gladness of hope
for t.fut.of a great cause
-cf.downcast eyes, and "we
hoped that it had bn He....."

LIFE DOESN'T AMT.TO MUCH F.ANY
OF US UNLESS WE HAVE somethg
big and chall-g to live for
- somethg beyond t.mis.aims
that end w.self. - And now t.
incomp.grtest cause was
shown to be indestruc.-
Cf. in Scrup.les. "As my
Father hath sent me...
CHRIST'S MIS.AND MES.OUR M.& M.
"I am the li..." "Ye are..."

6) On sticks
is a big
"v"

A decis.vic.-once for all -
over t.great en.of mankd
~~death~~ death - and t.fund.
cause of death - sin....
"As in Adama all die, even..."
Cf.We lk bef.and after and
sigh for what is not.
Our sinc.laughter w.some
pain is frt., Our sweetest
songs are those that tell...
But now thanks be to God who
giveth us t.victory...
Old cem. w.wds on tomb: "Joy
Cometh...."

7) In heav-s- Those were some el-s in the
sign "Easter Gladness" Easter gladness on that wond
 is a morn'g in t. long ago....

Yet it is to be noted that
 it was not exactly t. same
 sort of gladness for all t.
 3) On gate disciples.... Cf. Josp. of Ar.
 sits and Nicodemus - secret dis-
 P. Jas., & ciples --- in the Council..
John giving it decent burial &
 -also wrappg it in a ~~whole sheet~~
 Jos. of Ar. linen, with spices...
 & Nic. BUT THEY HAD NOT CONFES. HIM

OPENLY.... and ~~thm mntm~~
 cd not share t. ~~in~~ perf. ful-
 ness of the Easter joy...

The P., J. and John -

Peter - t. ~~manhood~~ rem. of
 his denial, w. cursing...
 Oh he knew J. wd forgive -
 and t. gladn. of the forgiv.
 soul is grt... but his not
 t. fulness -

And James - who had forsaken..
 But John - and Mary - who had
 std by the cross - what
 mem-s they wd have to
 bless ev. hour of thr
 lives ahead,

9) Under. How is it with us as i we face
 vine is t. risen Christ to-day - a
 t. word token of our portion for
 "HOW?" et.?

IT CD BE SOMETHG BETTER

10) In Note t. words - and thr deep-
 den is er signif. "The were t.
 a sign disc-s glad when they saw
 of t. Lord"...

11)
On eleph.
is a sign
"Began"
and ano.
"Ended"

If we began this day as only
nominal, careless disci-
ples of Jesus - or even
not His disciples at all
we can end it as somethg
better; as those who call
Him Lord bec. they are obby-g
Him as Master.... (cf. how
many w. l. by such an exp. - came
to ch. for parade - but power
JESUS WANTS TO GIVE US EVERY
ONE T. FULNESS OF THAT EAS*
TER JOY OF OLD. Hear what

12)
On a shelf
in a vs.
If a man
love me

He says "If any man love
me He will keep my com-s
and my Fa. will love Him
and we will come to Him
and make our abode with Him."

13)
A thirsty
one drks
bef.
a door.

He stds at the door and
knocks - will you not admit
the heav. guest?

Let Him in - w/ht delay
- that He may say to you what

He had said to a great
mult. down the cent-s since
what He said that night -

PEACE BE WITH YOU -
and you shl know what t. apos.
means when he says T. l'd
grant you all joy and peace
in belvg."

you hear -
any of you there
would say
"Peace"
yes, + I must have all for +

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And yr life and mine has been
blest by hds ptg. tow. heaven -hds
of godly fathers lifted in pr. at fam.
altar time, hds. of saintly mos. holdg
God's bk from wh. they read to us. Hds
str. out in frdly grasp tow. fel. Xns in
God's house, hds help-g in Jesus name
where ~~wanted~~ help was needed.

~~And~~ Those hds pt us to t. nail-scar
hds of Jesus, hanging there on t. cross
-and to that day when He said let t.
lit. ones come unto me, and tk them up
in His arms, laid His hds upon them
and blessed them....

So when you think of ~~Him~~ ~~that~~ ~~He~~
~~that~~ yr hds think of His and know
that you can use yrs. to point upw.
to the heaven where Jesus has gone
before.

Prayer - O God our heav. Fa., we wd
recall on this day how the risen
Sav. met w. His disc-s in a place
where He had appted them; and that
He has ev. Ld's Day an aptmt with us
in our Galilee, wh. is Thy house.
May each Sun. ~~memorize~~ spk to us of
that Sun. when He arose, and may we
arise and go to t. pl. where He will
then be found.

We ask Thee at this time to
brg a fresh assur. that all those who
have departed this life resting thr
destiny in Him are yonder pres. w.
Him; faith have chgd to sight an
prayer to praise. Give us grace to
fol. t. exam. of thr stedf. and some day
to be partakers of their glory.
We ask it in His name... Amen.

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Off-g - "If ye then be risen with
Christ, seek, those thgs wh. are
above, where"

Grant to us, O God, on each
succeeding day of this our earthly
pilgr., a fresh apprec. and a new
apprec. of the ^{unsearchable} riches wh. are
ours in Christ. We ask in His name.

+ grateful +

apprec.

Benediction - (Say the Amen)

Now unto Him that loved us, (and
washed us from our sins in His own
bld) And hath md us kgs and priests
unto God...to Him be glory and domin.
for ever and ever. Amen.