Welcome and Announcements:

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of His word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His Name! Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age to age the same; His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word! Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore! *Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)* © Oxford University Press

Prayer

Children's Talk:

There is a hope that burns within my heart,

that gives me strength for every passing day; a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part, yet drives all doubt away: I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven; and Christ in me, the hope of heaven! My highest calling and my deepest joy, to make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head, a consolation strong against despair, that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit, I find the Saviour there! Through present sufferings, future's fear, He whispers 'courage' in my ear. For I am safe in everlasting arms, and they will lead me home. There is a hope that stands the test of time, that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave, to see the matchless beauty of a day divine when I behold His face! When sufferings cease and sorrows die, and every longing satisfied. Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul, for I am truly home. © 2007, Stuart Townend & Mark Edwards

Prayer:

Bible Reading: John Chapter 20 verses 19-31

¹⁹ Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹ So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." ²² And when He had said this, He breathed on *them,* and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained."

²⁴ Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
²⁵ The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

²⁶ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here,* and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

²⁸ And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed."

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Jesus - the name high over all, in hell, or earth, or sky! angels and men before it fall, and devils fear and fly. And devils fear and fly.

Jesus - the name to sinners dear, the name to sinners given! it scatters all their guilty fear, it turns their hell to heaven. It turns their hell to heaven.

Jesus - the prisoner's fetters breaks, and bruises Satan's head; power into strengthless souls it speaks, and life into the dead. And life into the dead.

O that the world might taste and see the riches of His grace! the arms of love that compass me would all mankind embrace. Would all mankind embrace.

His only righteousness I show, His saving truth proclaim; 'tis all my business here below to cry: 'Behold the Lamb!' To cry: 'Behold the Lamb!'

Happy if with my latest breath I might but gasp His name; preach him to all, and cry in death: 'Behold, behold the Lamb!' 'Behold, behold the Lamb!' *Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

Message:

"What can we learn from 'Doubting Thomas'?"

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 grave-clothes 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.

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life; life is nought 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

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won!

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