

HE IS RISEN



*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.*

*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 hath 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;  
Lead us in Thy triumph to Thy home above.*

It's one of the great Easter songs, laden with truth and imagery to fire the mind and soul. Written initially by a Swiss minister Edmond Louis Bundry translated from the French by R Birch Hoyle it was set to a tune by Handel.

But see how it picks up the great themes of resurrection and life. Jesus who defeated death in an endless victory for all who believe. The empty tomb which attested to the bodily resurrection of Jesus, how he comes to meet us to banish fear and despair. He calls us to be more than conquerors in this world with a life solely focussed on him and helped by him as we prepare for a new heaven and new earth heralded by the return of Christ who will judge the world.

### CHALLENGE

This Easter, why not try writing your own poem, song, prayer or paragraph describing your view and understanding of Jesus? Simply putting our thoughts and beliefs into words and onto paper can be a great encouragement and help when we want to articulate our faith to others. And that may help as you pray for Holy Spirit's help to "go and make disciples".