

The origin of 'Thine be the glory'

In 1884, Handel's tune was used as a setting for a new French-language hymn, "A Toi la Gloire." It was written by Edmond Louis Budry, a minister of the Swiss Eglise évangélique du Canton de Vaud. It is reported that he was inspired to write it after the death of his first wife, Marie de Vayenburg in Lausanne, Switzerland. It was later published in French hymn book *Chants Evangéliques* (1885), and in the *YMCA Hymnbook* (1904).

The hymn was first translated from French into English by Richard Birch Hoyle in 1923. He was commissioned to translate the hymn by the World Student Christian Federation after Budry granted authorisation to reproduce it from the French version. It was later published in the World Student Christian Federation's hymn book, *Cantate Domino Hymnal*. World Student Christian Federation retained copyright on Hoyle's English translation. The hymn's popularity was cemented when it was included in *The Methodist Hymn Book* in 1933. Today it features in several popular hymnals, including *The New English Hymnal Singing the Faith* and *The Church Hymnary*.

Budry's text also celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus with references to the appearance of angels in the scene of the empty tomb and uses elements of Isaiah 25:8. The hymn makes particular reference to verses of the First Epistle to the Corinthians in the New Testament (1 Corinthians 15). The central theme of the victorious Christ is drawn from 1 Corinthians 15:57: "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.", while the line in the second verse of the hymn, "death hath lost its sting", is taken directly from 1 Corinthians 15:55: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?". The line "No more we doubt thee" may also be a reference to Doubting Thomas.

Thine be the glory risen, conquering Son

Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won!

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

Kept the folded grave clothes where His body lay.

Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son

Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won!

Minister: Rev Jack Walker.

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Whitchurch Baptist Church

Sunday April 3rd 2022



No 8 in series on Mark 5 v 1-20

'Scary Ministry'

Speaker: Jack Walker

We celebrate Communion today

What's on this week:-

Jack/Jill on holiday until 10th.

Monday 4th 10.30am ?? ?

Wednesday No midweek meeting

Sunday April 10th No 9 in Mark

'Oh Peter!' Speaker: David Culley

Future Dates:

Maundy Thursday 14th 7.30pm

Churches Together Lent Celebration.

Tenenbrae Communion. Methodist Church led by Rachel Borgars.

Easter Saturday distribution of Easter Biscuits in the town.

A Churches Together initiative.

Easter Sunday 9.30am Easter Breakfast

10.30am 'Celebration Service'

No 9 in Mark 16 v 1-8 Jack speaking

Sunday 24th No 10 'final one!' in Mark

'Heaven touches earth' Mark 9 v 1-14

All Age service.

Wednesday 27th 8pm

Church Members Mtg. In the church and also on Zoom.

[those on Zoom unable to vote!]

During May we begin a new series from the book of Acts.

Four weeks in Lent

Week 2 Lent Readings'

John 18 v 19-40 & 19 v 1-16

Jesus before Pilate and sentenced to death.

Take some time to read through the story to get some idea of the drama.

News updates & topics for prayer.

Please continue to uphold in your prayers this week:-

Global: Ukraine. Russia. Leaders.

National: The Government.

Local: Local Council.

Remember this week those in our fellowship who would appreciate our love and support. Sandra Jackman is still recovering from surgery.

Pray for continued healing and restoration to enable Sandra and Barry to enjoy their life together.

Jean Hopkins has been home from hospital now for 11 days and working on continued improvement of speech and mobility. Each day brings improvement and challenges as they adjust to the new lifestyle, but so far things are working well!

In the absence of any news elsewhere, pray for those you are aware of! Commit the coming Easter celebrations asking that our community will be affected and challenged by the message of Easter and the triumphant rising from the dead of the Lord Jesus! See your part in sharing the good news and don't be ashamed to own Jesus as Lord!

My Bible—My Story

'A verse of Psalm 23 became particularly meaningful to me a few years ago when I was at University and I was attacked and sexually assaulted by a member of staff. That led me to a very dark place. I felt very alone and very abandoned by God – why am I in this place, why did he let this happen to me and where is he in all this?

'A Christian friend gave me a notebook with verse 4 on the cover – "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." She was supporting me through everything that was going on – the police investigation and everything. But it was just having that book there and I would see it when I woke up. It was a reminder that God didn't say that life would be perfect, but that he would comfort me in that dark valley.

'I was very afraid at that time. I was afraid of leaving my room. I didn't go out – and the words "I will fear no evil" really spoke to me. I needed to put my trust in God and seek his comfort.

'On the back of that I got a lot of help. I developed an eating disorder and I got help for that. And the words of the psalm kept coming back to me – having that physical way of



.seeing it every time I woke up, every time I was feeling suicidal, I could look over and see Psalm 23 verse 4. 'I never stopped believing, but for a while I stopped seeing God as there to comfort me. I needed reminding that God cared for me as an individual.

'It didn't go perfectly – the police investigation was dropped, and I've had people say some very unpleasant things. But my relationship with God is stronger than it was before. When you lean on him and he leads you through something you just have a deeper connection.

'I felt called to ministry from a young age, but that was a time of feeling, "Has too much happened to me, am I too broken to go into ministry?" So I'm really grateful for God's healing. I can really see his plan for my life again.'

*Experiences shared by ordinary folk who have found the Bible invaluable.
Source: Bible Society*