

Narration

Melody Smart

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy. 1 Peter 1:1-3; 8

Hymn – #638 “In the Bulb There is a Flower”

Vicky Myers and Sylvia Villiegas

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Prayer

Jeff Bell

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, you, who went into the tomb crucified, dead and buried, and by God's hand was raised and appeared to Mary in the garden, will you prune what is dead within us that we too might experience new life in you. Amen.

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Jeff Bryant

In the resurrection we discover there is nothing God cannot do. What is for us a cruel ending, is an opportunity for God to defeat death and to give hope that we might, at the end of our walk on the earth, be victorious too.

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #216

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*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!*

*Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!*