

Christ is Still With You
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Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

I awake, and I am still with You. Psalm 139:18

We might beat around the bush a bit when asked what Christianity, or what our faith, “means” to us. There are a lot of fine, excellent answers that one could give to the question (and a lot of silly ones, which is why I don't ask it of our Confirmands). I don't mean to diminish whatever answers might be near and dear to you, but there is one point, one thing that Christianity hits that no other religion does.

When you die, you will awaken, and Christ Jesus will be with you, and you will rise in your new and glorified body.

I awake, and I am *STILL* with You.

The same Jesus Christ who went to the cross, who bears in His hands the nail marks, He Himself will awaken all the dead. And when He awakens you, it will not merely be for some sort of trial. No, Christ is with you still – He has been with you since your baptism. The trial and penalty for your sin happened 2000 years ago – all that remains is the day when you will be declared to be a fellow heir of Christ Jesus for all eternity – that's the judgment, the inheritance that you receive from Christ Jesus.

This is why our confidence is in Christ Jesus. We have no clue about how our days or years here will go, but we know how our eternity goes. It goes resurrected in holiness and righteousness with Christ Jesus forever. And nothing done to you in this life can change the fact that Jesus has died and risen for you. And He is still with you now, and He shall be still with you even forever.

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