



# CARLTON-IN-LINDRICK METHODIST CHURCH

## CONTACT

March 2023



Dear Friends

Last week, on Ash Wednesday, in those churches which had a service, a cross was drawn on the foreheads of the faithful with ashes, accompanied by the words: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you will return".

These words, from the story of paradise in the Old Testament, are connected with the idea of man's original sin against God and are connected with the thoughts of separateness and nothingness. But is this the meaning of life?

I like to put these words in context with the realisation that all life on this earth, all being, is made of stardust. What a thought that is: I am connected to everything, to the whole universe. The stars and planets, the sun of distant galaxies, are embodied in me and in you and also in every plant and animal, in the stone and in the water of the seas.

What is the purpose of the universe? What is the meaning of a tree, an animal, a human being? Meister Eckhart (c. 1260 – c. 1328) would have

said they exist "without why". And Angelus Selesius ( c. ...1624 – 9 July 1677) writes: "The rose is without why. It blooms simply because it blooms. It pays no attention to itself, nor does it ask if anyone sees it." Are we just dust?

For me, stardust is an image of an all-pervading connectedness, life, being, in which the divine, the self is expressed. This being lives in us and through us. We are the expression of the divine, of God, because we are made in God's image. The divine is embodied in each of us... and in the tree and in the stone, in the wave by the sea and in the sunlight that glitters on it ...

And the purpose of our human life is to come to this consciousness, to recognise ourselves and our essence and that of all beings as divine, and to recognise the divine in everyone and everything.

Jesus lived and died so that each one of us might know God's love and peace. May we share that love and peace with the rest of the world.

*Meg*

Rev Meg Burton

Just as spring is a time of intense agricultural activity after the barrenness and apparent death of winter, so Lent is a time of transition for the land of our hearts, when God is bringing out of bitter coldness a ripe and fruitful harvest.

The starkness and sometimes painful experience of winter is a necessary preparation to allow us to step forth courageously into the new life that spring invites and that Jesus offers to us in Easter.

Roots Resources



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

\* 28<sup>th</sup> February      7.00 pm      Lent Bible Study at Parish Centre

MARCH		
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Morning Worship – Rev Julie Coates – Holy Communion
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12 .30	Warm Space – Warm Welcome
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	* Lent Bible Study at Parish Centre
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12.30	Warm Space – Warm Welcome
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Mothering Sunday All Age Worship – Rev Meg Burton
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12.30	Warm Space – Warm Welcome
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 am	Church Council (C&C) <i>(All our church members are also members of the Church Council)</i>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00 pm	* Lent Bible Study at Parish Centre
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>		
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 – 12.30	Warm Space – Warm Welcome
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	* Lent Bible Study at Parish Centre

\* See below

### St John's Parish Church Bible Study for Lent

We are welcome to join this Bible study for Lent, which will look at Revelation Chapters 2 and 3. It be held in the Committee Room of the Parish Centre at 7pm on the dates above. (There will not be a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> as Rev Mark Orr is away.)

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### Other Lent Courses

The following courses are being led by our Methodist clergy:

Rev Angela Potheary, at the Dinnington Manse using 'Walking with Jesus' by Joyce Huggart.

Rev Julie Coates, at The Grove, based on 'Sparrow Story' by David Rhodes.

Deacon Emily Hoe-Crook, at the Worksop Manse, using 'Encounters with Jesus' by John Birch.

There is also an ecumenical course involving a number of churches at the Dinnington/Anston end of the Circuit, focusing on the classic film 'Casablanca'. Rev Meg Burton leads one of the weeks.

If you are interested in any of the above, Helen has all the details.

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Often in Lent people *give up* something. This year, maybe we could try to just *give* instead. For example, give time to others by way of a phone call, an email, a text, time to listen, an act of kindness, cook a meal for someone, donate to a charity or charity shop, take time for yourself (easier said than done for some of us), etc etc.

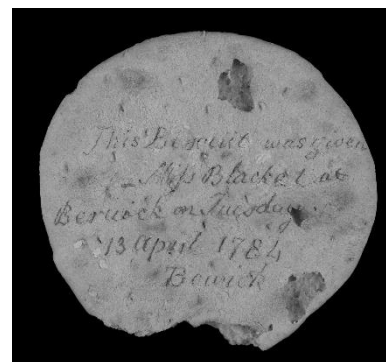
The opportunities are endless. Can we do something different each day of Lent?

## BISCUITS (Yvonne)

The first biscuits were from an Italian medicine book – to suppress vapours from the stomach – probably arrowroot or digestive biscuits today?!

Panis biscoctus is the Latin word meaning bread twice baked – these rusks lasted longer than bread.

The ship's biscuit was an important part of rations and also useful for soldiers or travellers. The earliest surviving example of a ship's biscuit is from 1784. As they were hard and inedible, sailors were able to use them as postcards.



Garibaldi biscuits, named after the Italian General, were invented in 1861 for Peek Freans. With currants between two layers, they are sometimes called squashed fly biscuits!

A biscuit from the Titanic which had been part of a survival kit on a lifeboat in 1912, was auctioned in 2015 for £15,000.

ANZAC (Australian & New Zealand Army Corps) biscuits kept well and were sent to troops at sea. The biscuits are traditionally eaten on Anzac Day which celebrates the anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli in April 1915.

Huntley & Palmers opened the first biscuit factory in 1846 and Scott took airtight tins of biscuits to the South Pole.

Speculaas are Dutch flat spiced shortcrust biscuits in the shape of a picture and traditionally eaten at the feast of St Nicholas.

Jaffa cake was deemed a cake for tax purposes after a VAT tribunal on 1991. It was considered a staple food, not a biscuit which is considered a luxury item.

Gluten free and diabetic biscuits are available.

Hobnobs are the best for dunking and 61% homes in the UK have a biscuit tin.

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## RECIPE CORNER (Yvonne)



### Jaffa Cake Pudding

13 fl oz/375 ml orange juice  
1 packet of orange jelly cut into cubes  
10 oz/275g plain chocolate, broken into pieces  
12 fl oz/350ml double cream  
1 10"/25cm ready-made sponge flan case

Pour 5 fl oz/150 ml boiling orange juice over jelly. Stir well until dissolved, then add rest of orange juice. Pour into a 9"/23 cm shallow dish lined with cling film. Chill.

Melt chocolate with half the cream in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water. Cool. Whip the

rest of the cream into soft peaks, then fold into chocolate mix and chill for a few minutes to spreading consistency. Turn out jelly and remove cling film. Place in flan case and spread chocolate mix over jelly, making a domed top. Leave to set. Serve with pouring cream.

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What do biscuits eat for a treat?

*Fish and chocolate chips*



Why did Bob get a job in the biscuit factory?

*He kneaded the dough*

## BOYS' BRIGADE AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

For the main theme in the term up to Christmas, we studied 999 Emergencies. We learnt how to make an emergency call.



Graham, a local first responder, had two nights with us showing us how to put someone into the recovery position, do CPR, deal with a nosebleed, and perform some bandaging, etc.

On 15 November we had a longer evening than normal when we were visited by the Sheffield Battalion BB President Mark Boswell and his friend Dave. They brought a very large inflatable boat and performed some Water Safety activities.



We had a short Enrolment Service that night too, and Mark presented Membership cards for the new year and Service Awards to those who had earned them.

Membership cards went to Alex, Jonathan, Kai, Eleanor, Erin, Finlay, George, Andrei, Jared, Timotei and Ewan.

Service awards were given to Alex (1 year), Kai (1), Finlay (2), Jared (5), Tommy (6), Harley (5) and Ewan (10).



On Remembrance Day the BB&GA members went to school in their uniforms and were joined by BB&GA leaders and a group from Kingston Primary School. We joined in the parade to the War Memorial organised by Ramsden Primary. Mr Wilson helped the boys and girls to lay their wreaths on the War Memorial after the silence at 11am had taken place.

We had a film night at the end of November, which included two short Madagascar videos.

We enjoyed Christmas Crafts and Carols at a joint meeting with the Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides. We watched a film called 'The Lost Star' and sang 'Come and Join the Celebration'. After trying lots of activities provided by leaders from all the groups, we closed the evening by singing Jingle Bells.

Flu, viruses and Covid meant we had to postpone our Christmas Party at the Youth Centre, which happened in January instead! Fortunately, we were all fit enough to enjoy the Lindrick Players Pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk. Oh yes, we were.

Last term we looked at some parables Jesus told, and this term we are looking at some of the miracles he performed. We've also learned about fire safety in the Church & Centre, made pancakes, and made bread and bread sculptures. Lots more to come before Easter.

Eddie Croot

## TURKEY – SYRIA APPEAL

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February, there was opportunity to contribute to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for the earthquake in Turkey – Syria. The plate was also there at Warm Space on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. For those who still wish to contribute, the collection plate will be in church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March.



Thank you.

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### QUIET LISTENING

... I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that  
he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

2 Timothy 1: 12

A priest was being interviewed on radio. He'd been working in a part of Africa where people's lives had been devastated by an earthquake, and the release of poison gas which had killed many. The questioner asked, "What did you say to the survivors?"

What do you say to people whose lives have been rocked by sudden tragedy? My reaction was that it's a time to listen and help, not to make statements. First, because I have no easy answer to that sort of event. And second, because I don't think people can take in too much of what you say, anyway, when their minds are brimming with anxiety and fear. People in shock are not searching for explanations, they are crying out for comfort. That goes beyond reasoned argument, back to a basic need to feel they're not alone. They want to know that someone cares. They need to feel arms round them, something, someone, to ease the pain.

God's love becomes real in these situations, not through sermons, but through quiet listening. They need our time, and maybe our tears, but not our logic.

One thing helps me. When Paul wrote to Timothy, with all his experience of pain and persecution, he affirmed, "I know whom I have believed." Paul believed in a person, not a philosophy. It wasn't ideas or words, but a presence who gave him the courage to go on. Faced with desperate people, isn't our job to crystallise his love and presence through ours? Not in sermons, but in the warmth of practical caring. The explanation can come later, when people realise they are loved.

*Lord, if I'm faced with someone's need today,  
help me to offer silence,  
Not in the coldness of indifference,  
but in warm welcome  
to hear their version of events.*

Eddie Askew (1987)

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### Everyday expressions borrowed from the Bible

Rise and shine  
Isaiah 60:1

A sign of the times  
Matthew 16:3

In the twinkling of an eye  
1 Corinthians 15:52

The apple of your eye  
Proverbs 7:2

(From a tea-towel sold by The Leprosy Mission)

# QUIZ TIME



## Statues, Sculptures and Well-known Places Answers

1. Statue of Liberty
2. Blackpool Tower
3. The Little Mermaid (Copenhagen)
4. Windsor Castle
5. London Bridge
6. The Taj Mahal (Agra)
7. Abraham Lincoln
8. Balmoral Castle
9. Ribbleshead Viaduct
10. Sydney Opera House
11. Terracotta Army
12. The Acropolis (Athens)
13. The Kelpies (Falkirk)
14. The Rialto Bridge (Venice)
15. Cilla Black

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## Biscuits Quiz

1. Created in the Renaissance and named after the city in which they were first made, what is the name of the biscuit/pastry made by setting nuts and candied fruit into a caramel disc?
2. Name the German baked Christmas biscuit somewhat resembling gingerbread?
3. What flavour is the traditional Cornish Fairing biscuit?
4. What is the Italian sponge cake used to make Madeleines which provides the base for Jaffa Cakes?
5. Originally called Creola, what is the name now of two thin chocolate flavoured oblong biscuits filled with chocolate cream?
6. Which biscuit, first produced by Elkes Biscuits of Uttoxeter in 1924, are often designed with a cow and a calf on them?
7. Which biscuits were developed in the 17<sup>th</sup> century in Yorkshire for the upper classes as a light snack between meals?
8. Which well-known biscuit manufacturer was founded in a terrace house in Whitaker Street, Batley in West Yorkshire in 1853 and is now known for its Rocky bar and Crunch Creams?
9. Which biscuits produced originally by Burton's Foods for over 50 years were named after a character from The Beano comics?
10. Which traditional biscuit is usually made from one part white sugar, two parts butter, and three parts plain wheat flour?
11. From the mid-1970s to the 1990s which company used the advertising slogan "If you like a lot of chocolate on your biscuit, join our Club"?
12. Which Scottish company manufactures the milk chocolate coated caramel wafer biscuit?
13. In which year did McVitie's launch Hobnobs: 1925, 1955 or 1985?
14. Which Lyons' biscuit consisting of a circular base of biscuit, topped with a mint flavouring and covered with a layer of milk chocolate, comes in a shiny green foil wrapper?
15. Australia's Tim Tam brand of chocolate biscuit was inspired by which British biscuit?

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### A prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and love, we turn to you and open our hearts again for the people of Ukraine as we mark the first anniversary of the war. We confess that we only know a little of the past and current suffering as we watch and listen to the news from the comfort of our homes.

Yet, we dare to pray for the future and ask that you work among us to bring about a lasting peace for the Ukrainian people. And, as we do, we ask you to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable - even us - as we pray in the Name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Methodist Church in Britain



**Closing date for items for March Contact – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Jesus stills the storm

Hello

One day Jesus was teaching at the side of a very large lake, also called the Sea of Galilee. When he had finished he asked the disciples to take him to the other side of the lake. Some of them were fishermen and had their own boats so they climbed into them and started to row across to the other side. After healing people and teaching all day Jesus was tired. He soon fell asleep in the stern of the boat. The stern is the back of the boat. It was 8 miles over the sea so it would take a long time to get there.

As they were travelling the wind began to get stronger and the waves were higher. The disciples were soon baling water out of the boat. Their efforts didn't seem to be enough. Even though they were used to being out in the boat they became frightened because the storm was so fierce. Then they realised that Jesus was still asleep on a cushion in the stern of the boat.

They woke him and said, "Don't you care if we all die? We can't keep the boat afloat much longer at this rate!" Jesus stood up and said to the disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Where is your faith?" Then he turned and spoke to the wind and the waves. "Peace! Be still!"

Immediately the wind and the rain stopped. The wind quietened and everything was calm. The disciples were amazed. "Who is this that even the weather takes notice of him?" They were absolutely convinced that he must be the Son of God.

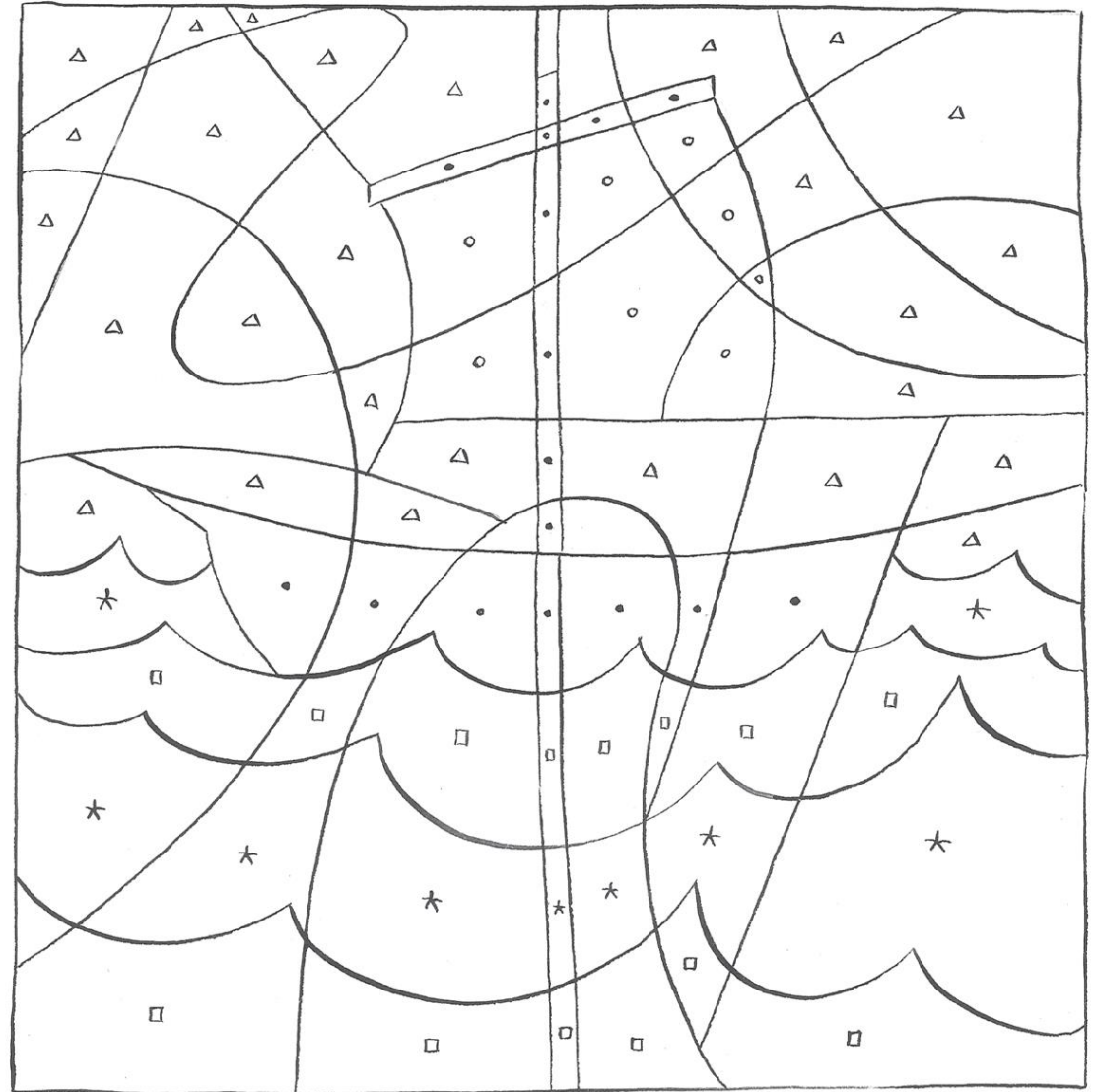
God bless you

Rev Alan

(Chaplain – 1<sup>st</sup> Carlton Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association)

(Activities from Roots Resources)

Colour in the sections according to the key,  
to find a picture for this month's story.



Key to colouring in the sections:

△ White • Dark brown ○ Light brown ☆ Light blue □ Dark blue



boat

faith

storm

calm

Jesus

waves

disciples

sleep

wind

Write 'True' or 'False' next to each sentence.

1. The crowd came in the boat with Jesus.
2. Jesus was asleep on a cushion.
3. Jesus was covered in a blanket.
4. Peter calmed the storm.
5. Jesus told the wind and the sea to 'Be still'.
6. The disciples stayed calm.
7. Jesus asked the disciples why they were afraid.
8. The disciples apologised for waking Jesus up.
9. The boat sank in the storm.
10. The disciples were amazed at what Jesus did.



For reflection, here are the Lectionary readings and an appropriate hymn for each Sunday in March.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

(Lent 2)

Genesis 12: 1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17

John 3: 1-17

*Singing the Faith 16*

We give immortal praise  
to God the Father's love,  
for all our comforts here,  
and better hopes above.  
He sent his own eternal Son  
to die for sins that all have done.

To God the Son belongs  
immortal glory too,  
who bought us with his blood  
from everlasting woe:  
and now he lives, and now he reigns,  
and sees the fruit of all his pains.

To God the Spirit's name  
immortal worship give,  
whose new-creating power  
makes the dead sinner live:  
his work completes the great design,  
and fills the soul with joy divine.

Almighty God, to thee  
be endless honours done,  
the undivided Three,  
and the mysterious One:  
where reason fails with all her powers,  
there faith prevails, and love adores.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)  
CCLi 294176

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

(Lent 3)

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalms 95

Romans 5: 1-11

John 4: 5-42

*Singing the Faith 556*

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that you died to set me free,  
and at your bidding 'Come to me!'  
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings within and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, you will receive,  
will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because your promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am – your love unknown  
has broken every barrier down –  
now to be yours, yes, yours alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,  
here for a time and then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come!

Charlotte Elliott (1789 – 1871)  
adapted by Jubilate Hymns  
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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

(Lent 4, Mothering Sunday)

1 Samuel 1:20-28

Psalms 127:1-4

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:33-35

*Singing the Faith 186*

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 (b 1926)  
CCLi 294176

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

(Lent 5, First Sunday of the Passion)

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

*Singing the Faith 252*

Jesus, the Lord said: 'I am the Bread,  
The Bread of Life for the world am I.  
The Bread of Life for the world am I,  
The Bread of Life for the world am I'.  
Jesus, the Lord said: 'I am the Bread,  
The Bread of Life for the world am I'.

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Vine,  
the true and fruitful Vine am I.  
The true and fruitful Vine am I,  
the true and fruitful Vine am I'.  
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Vine,  
the true and fruitful Vine am I.'

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Way,  
the true and living Way am I.  
The true and living Way am I.  
the true and living Way am I'.  
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Way,  
the true and living Way am I'.

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Light,  
the one true Light of the world am I.  
The one true Light of the world am I,  
the one true Light of the world am I'.  
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Light,  
The one true Light of the world am I'.

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Life,  
the Resurrection and the Life am I.  
The Resurrection and the Life am I,  
the Resurrection and the Life am I'.  
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Life,  
The Resurrection and the Life am I'.

Anonymous Urdu  
vv 1, 3-5 translated by Carl Dermott Monahan  
(1906-1957)  
v 2 translated by compilers of Rejoice and Sing 1991  
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