

Christian Metz, Haag, April 20, 1835

On Easter morning in the presence of visiting members from Engelthal recently come from Switzerland, Brother Christian Metz became inspired by the Holy Spirit during the first hymn “Lobsinget Gott Weil Jesus Christ” (Sing Praise to God For Jesus Christ). The following gracious testimony about the power of the resurrection and the grace of God was presented. The second portion of this testimony is in the form of a prayer to God.

God speaks: Be still so that you may feel the nearness of the pure spirit of light and life – so that you may understand the grace and power of the resurrection – so that you may comprehend the power that has restored life and is restoring it still – the power that has overcome death.

When you become quiet, attentive and empty of selfish desires, you may be granted a taste of this pure honey and become fulfilled by the sweet dew of heaven.

Do not attempt to take part if you are unclean in spirit, for it is sacred and can be received only in quiet humility. It is the humble and crushed soul, one that is troubled and burdened, it is the parched and longing soul which shall be blessed and filled with the manna of love from on high. The blessed soul can receive this only in deep submission with humble prayers of thanksgiving in total child-like faith.

(Fritz – pause just a moment here and then continue reading- this is the prayer part)

All because you, the Eternal Prince of Victory, became a sacrifice for me – a poor, small particle of dust and you brought forth eternal life for me through Your bitter death. So therefore I pray that You may accept my sincere willingness that in return for Your Sacrifice, Oh Lord and Savior, I may become Your own now and forever. Not according to my will, rather in accordance with Your will.

I pray that you may accept this as my true and honest conviction and because I am yet surrounded by enemies, may Your grace subdue, cleanse, and overcome all that is born of evil. Lord Savior, be a Victor over all human weakness and what is still found in me which obstructs and hinders Your grace and drives away Your Love. Conquer in me the will of the flesh.

So often I have turned from Your loving light and been confronted by the utter darkness of despair and indeed, that is what brought You to the Cross. Over all this, You have become the victorious conqueror.

Oh it is a mighty struggle! It takes effort and sweat before a decision can be reached so that we can say: Jesus the Christ LIVES IN ME. His power of resurrection has taken away sin and my own willfulness. It is not empty imagining or lofty philosophy, but actual reality that spirit was born of spirit. It is not fantasy – rather it is grace and truth that has been poured into my heart by the Power of LIFE.

Today, oh Father, oh Savior, I am attired in the pure grace of the resurrection and I bow humbly before Him who provided such salvation. The old and sinful ways are swallowed up in Victory and with it punishment and death have been abolished! We have been reborn. We express ourselves in praise, adoration and unending Hallelujah for He has conquered the enemy within. We live now in Him the new life, for He leads us through death. He lengthens our days and years and strengthens us in our struggles.

Salvation shall be ours and the VICTORY belongs to God!

Blessed are all who retain this grace and blessing.

AMEN.