

there; in the love
Father and Son have
shared for all eternity.

Do you hear Jesus;
'come, come with me,
come and share
Father's love with
me. Come and share
life with us; openly,
freely, there's nothing
to fear here. Come
and live life here in
Father's heart, with
me.' Do you hear
Jesus wooing you?

What do you wish to
do with Jesus?

Open your arms, and
invite him in. Joyfully

respond to his
wooing as you seek
to find yourself in
Father's heart, living
there with Jesus.
Discovering yourself
in that amazing,
intimate relationship
of affectionate love,
where you walk and
talk through life
together.

What do you wish to
do with Jesus? Trust

him, take him at his
word, or treat him as
a theological
construct that has no
relevance for your
everyday choices.

What do you wish to
do with Jesus?

Christ Church Lutheran

Worship Times - 9.00am & 10.45am
Pastor: Tim 0427326553



Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

7 March 2018

I WILL TRUST YOU

Luke 23:25 “...*Pilate* turned Jesus over to them
to do as they wished.”



What will you do with
Jesus?

Tonight we heard
that the leaders
sought to kill Jesus.
Not only kill him but
destroy him
completely. That's
why they wanted
Jesus crucified and
not stoned to death.
They knew everyone
believed that if you
were hung on a
cross, that's crucified,
it meant you were
cursed of God.

They wanted Jesus
cursed of God. That
phrase scared me;
who do I at times
seek ill of? They
wanted Jesus
cursed, so that even
to say his name
would leave a bad
taste in your mouth.

They did as they
wished. What do you
wish to do with
Jesus?

Peter wished to
follow. Peter wished
to be brave. You
could say he even
went into the lion's
den. Right in where
the action was. But
what happened to
Peter? Where did his
bravery end up?

Peter wanted to
stand with Jesus.
What caused his fall?

They did as they
wished. What do you
wish to do with
Jesus?

I want to trust him. I
want to grow in
trusting him.

One of the reasons
Jesus is crucified is
to win our trust.
That's what we lost in
Eden. On Golgotha,
skull hill, Jesus seeks
to recreate it.

I know I'm always
wary of people who
say; 'trust me'.

Especially if they've
got something to sell
me. Thankfully Jesus
has nothing to sell,
just a person to
know, to share life
with at the most
intimate level.
Nothing to sell,
everything to live for.

Jesus comes, and in
a sense woos my
trust, for he lives true
to his word. Jesus
lives true to himself.
Jesus lives
trustworthy. His life,
his death, is inviting
me to trust him.

Out of the song
tonight I was drawn
to the phrase; 'I will
trust in you.' What do
I wish to do with
Jesus? Trust him.
Grow in the trusting
relationship he has
given his life inviting
me into.

Let's hear that bit
again. (I don't know
where to go from

here. As long as I know that you are near. I'm done fighting. I'm finally letting go. I will trust in you! I will trust in you.

What a wonderful gift Jesus offers, creates; that we might trust him. That when faced with life's choices we can trust him, and jump in favour of him, whether it makes sense or not. Whether others jump or not. I wish to trust Jesus with my life, with my living.

I liked the phrase; 'I'm done fighting. I'm finally letting go'. That reflects trust to me. Though did you notice they didn't sing with you? Actually wrestling with Jesus, asking him questions, seeking to know what's going on in his heart and mind is part of trust. Jesus invites us to wrestle with him, asking lots and lots of questions. That's one important way we grow. But

they are questions asked in trust, seeking the answer, the road to go, from Jesus.

I'm not after the road least travelled or the road most travelled. I'm wanting to walk along the road of life with Jesus, near to him.

What do YOU wish to do with Jesus?

What do I wish to do with Jesus? Trust him, walking through all of life with him, from buying a used car to wants for tea tonight. I wish to be real with Jesus and not play theological games with him.

One way not to trust Jesus is to wrap him up in good theology which has nothing to do with the choices we make everyday. Our life choices, right down to the smallest choice, like what to eat for lunch to the

big choices, like how do I love this person?

What do I wish to do with Jesus? I wish to trust him. To trust Jesus with my life, with all of life, the real everyday, nitty gritty reality of life. And guess what Jesus wishes to do with you. Share his life with you in an open,

trusting relationship of affection, as he embraces you in his love.

So I loved this phrase in the song; 'I lift my empty hands, come fill me up again'. What do I wish to do with Jesus; let him fill me up again, and again, and again, because he's the one I trust.

And for good reason. Jesus' words aren't empty; he has been born and still is my brother. He has lived out the ultimate act of love dying for me. He has been raised to life, so I'm not trusting a teaching but a person. A

person who promises life; life lived to the full.

Or as the New Living Translation puts John 10:10; '*Jesus*' purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.' Life to the full is found in living this relationship of trust that Jesus has created.

What do you wish to do with Jesus?

Jesus risked placing his life in his Father's hands, even when his intellect and feelings were confused. Jesus cried out in agony; 'my God, my God, why have you forsaken me'. And then he says; 'into your hands I place my life' and dies. Jesus risked trusting Father. Why?

Because of the relationship they shared. That wonderful intimate relationship, where Jesus walked through life chatting

with Dad about everything. Living in the reality of Dad's love for him. Jesus knew his Dad, so he knew without a shadow of doubt that he could trust him. So I like to think he triumphantly yells, 'into your hands I commit my life'.

I'm sure Jesus didn't

Jesus wish: I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain I my love.

give a weak, faint whisper. Which is what you'd expect from someone who is suffocating to death. It's hard to yell with no air in your lungs. But Jesus victoriously declares, for all the world to hear; as far as Australia. Jesus victoriously declares; 'Father into your hand I trust my life.'

I recon that's where he lived his life; in Father's hands. You know what, I recon that's where Jesus is right now; in Father's

hands. Enjoying that relationship of trust that not even the cross could break, but only strengthened.

Actually that's what Jesus hope is for us, for you, that as you look at the man on the cross you're drawn to trust him. You're drawn to know this guy is there for you; lock, stock and barrel. He's held nothing back.

Do you hear Jesus inviting you to trust him? To trust him because his will is to love you, to bring you into the relationship of love he shares with Father.

I'm always blown away by this statement of Jesus; "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love." (John 15:9) Wow, you're invited to live there. That's what 'remain in my love' means. I'm inviting you to live