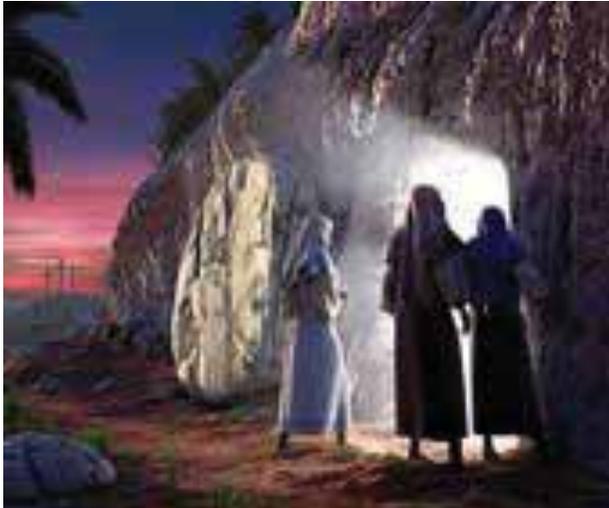


# ***BELIEVE...BELONG...SERVE...***

The Newsletter of Parkwood United Methodist Church

Serving Parkwood for 50years



Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's **good news**, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this **good news**!"

Mark 1:14-15



*March, 2013*

## **A Folded Napkin? Important?**

It's not often that I forward a chain mail in my inbox or tell my wife, "You have to read this one!" However, there is one story that I have been saving that I want to share with you and I can think of no better time than the month we begin our Easter celebration. This counts as forwarding it to the required twenty or so people to avoid bad luck, right? (just kidding):

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this.... The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see... The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side. Was that important? Absolutely! Is it really significant? Yes! In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day.

The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly and the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating. The servant would not dare touch that table until the master was finished. Now if the master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done'. But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because.....

The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

## **CHRIST is Coming Back!**

### **SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **The Seekers Class**

The Seekers class is continuing its study of **24 Hours That Changed the World** by Adam Hamilton with videos from the Holy Land. This is an exciting study. Adam Hamilton's writing is very insightful and thought provoking. It has received rave reviews. Please join us for this exciting study.

#### **the Jacob Class**

the Jacob class is exploring the book Luke on a verse by verse basis. As we continue in Luke; on March 3 we start with Jesus before Pilot. Before discussion begins, we will be seeing scenes from "Passion of the Christ" that coincides with our study. Won't you join us as we study Luke's; Gospel in the New Testament and, in the future, the book of Acts.

All you need is your Bible. the Jacob class meets at 9:30 in room 1

Feel free to join us at anytime.

#### **Missing Sunday School?**

As promised, our Sunday school leaders gathered after church and we have a special announcement to share with you. Mark your calendars for April 7th, because that will be when we all get back to Sunday school. Have you been wanting to join a Sunday school class, but don't know which one to join and when so you don't find yourself in the middle of a study? We have an opportunity for you! Starting on April 7th, all of our classes will be combined into one big group. We'll gather in the fellowship hall to participate in the study, "The Way," a six-week study by Adam Hamilton (check details about the study at the bottom of this email), and will begin promptly at 9:30, with

refreshments served beforehand. Together we will watch some wonderful videos of the Holy Lands as Adam Hamilton retraces the steps Jesus took in his ministry and then have break out groups to discuss some questions that pertain to the book, "The Way," that we'll all be reading. This is an all age's event, too, as we have breakout sessions for children and youth, as well.

What do I have to do to be a part of this wonderful event? I know that's the thought going through everyone's head as they read this email. It's simple, really. A signup sheet will be provided and all you have to do is put down your name, email address, phone number, and number of books needed for you or your family. You can also respond to this email with that information. We are not requiring anyone to pay for the books, but if you feel lead to donate towards the cost, you're welcome to place a donation in the offering plate marked 'The Way.' I'll share pricing for the books once they are ordered. Sign up soon, as I want to get everyone a book before our first session on April 7th. The book is also available through places, like Amazon, if you'd like to pick it up yourself, and it's also available for your Kindle.

As we're participating in this study, our Sunday school teachers will take each session to introduce to you what study they will be beginning in their classes after 'The Way' study is completed. That's right, our journey back to Sunday school continues once we're finished with our joint study!

I hope all of you will consider this wonderful opportunity to experience Christ's life, together! Read below for a description of the study. Blessings! Nathan

Travel with Adam Hamilton as he retraces the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Once again, Hamilton approaches his subject matter with thoughtfulness and wisdom, just as he did with Jesus' crucifixion in *24 Hours That Changed the World* and with Jesus' birth in *The Journey*. Read *The Way* on your own or, for a more in-depth study, enjoy it with a small group or part of a 40-day church-wide emphasis during Lent and Easter or anytime of the year.

Using historical information, archaeological data, and stories of the faith, Hamilton follows in the footsteps of Jesus from his baptism to the temptations to the heart of his ministry, including the people he loved, the parables he taught, the enemies he made, and the healing he brought.

This 40-day focus will help you and your group grow deeper in their faith, learn more about the life of Christ, spend time daily reading and reflecting upon the Scriptures, and invite families, through the children's and youth studies, to grow together in their faith. Additional resources include a DVD, devotional, youth and children editions, and a worship download to help with sermon planning.

**Easter Lily order form on page 10**



**Purim, March 8, 2013**

**Please Read the Book of Esther**

## **“If you are silent now....”**

**By Rabbi Moshe Rothschild**



I purposely only quoted half the verse above from the book of Esther. Often when I speak with groups about the Book of Esther I will quote the above half verse and ask them to guess what the rest of the verse is. Of course you need to know the background first. The wicked Haman has plotted to exterminate the Jewish people and Mordechai, the leader of the Jews, gets wind of this.

Prior to these events Mordechai’s relative Esther became queen of Persia when she was selected by King Ahaseurus to be the next queen. So Mordechai sends a message to Esther telling her that she must go and speak to the king and ask him to help. Esther replies that she cannot because as everyone knows, if you go to see the king without being invited you are most likely forfeiting your life. Esther had not been called to the king for 30 days. Now here is where it gets interesting. Mordechai tells Esther “If you are quiet at this time.....a great saving will come (to the Jewish people) from another source and **who will ever know that you were queen?**”

What? Did I quote that correctly?

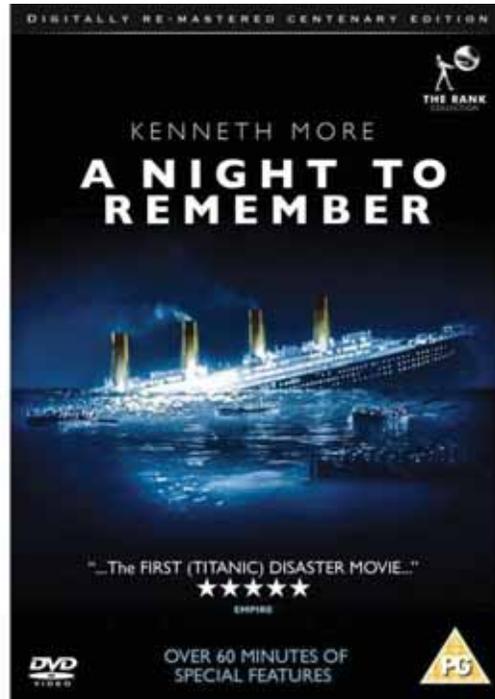


Most people assume that the verse should say “If you are quiet at this time, we are doomed! You are our only hope! Now go and talk to the king!” But it doesn’t. Mordechai knows that the G-d of Israel will not let the Jewish people be exterminated. The only question he had was what was going to be the means and method of G-d’s deliverance. Esther was thrust onto the stage of history with the spotlight shining brightly upon her. Would she sing her lines or would she run off the stage? **Would she play the role of G-d’s messenger or merely consider herself the queen of Persia?**

This is the choice she had to make. She made the right one and that is why we all know who Queen Esther is. Had she chosen to remain silent someone else would have been the conduit to save the Jewish people and none of us would have ever heard of her. She would have been a historical blip.



# The Friday Nite Movie Presents:



April 5th, 2013 @ 7:30 pm

## Previews of Coming Attractions\*

May 3	Bonhoffer, Agent of Grace	2000	Ulrich Tukur, Johanna Klante
June 7	Billy: The Early Years	2008	Armie Hammer, Stefanie Butler
July 5	True Grit	1969	John Wayne, Kim Darby
Aug. 2	To Sir With Love	1967	Sidney Poitier, Judy Green
Sept. 6	The Preachers Wife	1996	Denzel Washington, Whitney Houston
Oct. 4	Damn Yankees	1958	Tab Hunter, Gwen Verden
Nov. 1	Captains Courageous	1937	Spencer Tracy, Freddie Bartholomew
Dec. 6	Polar Express	2004	Tom Hanks, Chris Coppola

\*subject to change





The United Methodist Men's meeting will be held on March 16th at 8:00 am. at Beneties Restaurant at Hwy 55 and Sedwick Road.

The UMM wish to thank you for making out two winter fundraising events at success. We donated \$200.00 to Yo! Durham and \$200.00 to the Pastors Discretionary fund. We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Flea Market on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## *Knit, Purl, Pray*



**If you are an experienced knitter/crochet, beginner or a novice; you are welcome. We all have our own level of expertise and love to share.**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month**



## **Altar Flowers**



The holiday season has passed and our sanctuary is lovely but bare. Won't you take a Sunday and put some beautiful flowers in the church to enhance it. I am willing to make the arrangement for you if you wish, or if you are lucky enough to have something blooming in your yard, that would be great.

If everyone would put flowers in the church once or twice a year, we would always have something lovely to enjoy. It is a good way to remember a birthday, anniversary or just honor our Lord for all his blessings.

Thanks for your support, Betty Byrd 919-544-1380

## Tickle My Funny Bone

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

PUMC Youth Easter



Egg Hunt for the Community

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. @ 10:00 am

We need Easter type items donated: wrapped candy, plastic eggs.

Come one, come all



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**



### **Birthdays**

Linda Youngblood 3-19

Laura Moore 3-21

Taylor Potter 3-21

Clint Robson 3-27

Linnie Skidmore 3-31

### **Anniversaries**

Frank & Brenda Stephens 3-31

*Send birthdays and anniversaries to [crabbyron@yahoo.com](mailto:crabbyron@yahoo.com)*



## May I Say!

By Dr. J. Vernon McGee

### Did Jesus Descend Into Hell After His Death?

There are several things that need to be interpreted in 1 Peter 3:18-20. Peter writes, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the spirit: by which also He went and preached unto the spirits; which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

What spirits was he talking to and when did he speak to them? Here is the *when*: "When once...in the days of Noah." Noah had preached for 120 years, and there was a great company of people there that heard the message Noah had to give. It was a message of salvation: Judgment is coming, and the way you can avoid it is to get in the ark!

That is exactly our message today—it's the gospel. That was the message that Christ gave through Noah. In Christ's day, the spirits of those men to whom Noah had preached were in prison, for they had rejected the message of Noah. What is the prison? The Apostles' Creed calls it "hell," but that word translated in the King James is not what we think of hell. It's really the Greek word "Hades" (the same as *Sheol* in the Old Testament), and it's the place where the lost deal go when they die. But it's not hell. Hell, as we think of it, is a place of eternal abode. It hasn't been opened up to do business yet. It will not be opened up until the false prophet is put there. He, apparently, will be to first one put in that place.



*The Chancel Choir meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM and the Youth Choir (age's K-high school) meets weekly on Sundays from 9:30-10:00 AM. Both choirs rehearse in the sanctuary and all are welcome to join at any time!*





## Parkwood United Methodist Women

The Parkwood UMW met on February 28 in the Fellowship Hall at PUMC. President Susan Oglesby welcomed the twenty-one women attending. She opened our meeting with a prayer. As always, the members took a few minutes to share joys and to report on health concerns as well as improving conditions. Correspondence from our youth, the Methodist Home for Children, and Edna Walker was circulated. Minutes and treasurer's reports from the January meeting were presented and accepted.

Natalie presented the Response moment using an article from a recent *Response* magazine. The article was about Albemarle County in Virginia. This county is the location of Charlottesville and is one of the wealthiest counties in Virginia. At the same time 21% of its resident live below the poverty level. There are United Methodist women and Methodist congregations at work trying to help feed and shelter their neighbors in need. Among the programs in place are shelters that rotate among the churches, a back pack food program, and weekly distribution of groceries. The food box program began twenty-five years ago as a monthly distribution and has grown to weekly distribution. All the projects Natalie reported were started as UMW efforts to help their local community.

The program this month was the annual "Call to Prayer and Self Denial." Pam Skidmore led the program on financial literacy. Included in the program were facts about today's cost of living and the debt that quickly builds through use of credit cards, home mortgages, auto loans, and educational expenses.

We were reminded of John Wesley's "earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can." The offering collected during the program will be forwarded as designated funds to support financial literacy training programs of the UMW.

During the business portion of our meeting, Jan presented an update on the reception/dinner policy for PUMW. Betty and Pam are also working on this committee. Members agreed to help with the coordination and preparation of upcoming receptions. The receptions are not fundraisers, but a reception ministry.

Plans were made for the Irish dinner to be served on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 following the worship service. This will be a fundraiser to support PUMW projects this year.

Our March meeting will be held on the third Thursday, March 21, because the fourth Thursday is Maundy Thursday. The meeting will be at 7:00 pm at PUMC.

### *Letters to the Editor:*

Hi Ron,

What a hoot to see that old photo of us in the nursery (in the February Edition pg. 10). I had never seen it so it brought back fond memories of long ago. I think the other lady in the photo is Missy Bunch and it looks like that may be Mike Bunch's reflection in the mirror.

Our daughter, who attends First United Methodist Church in Cary along with Missy, is going to forward the photo on to her. Maybe Missy can remember who some of the kids might be. Her brain is a lot younger than mine!

Linda Youngblood



Orders are being taken for Easter Lilies which will adorn PUMC's sanctuary during the Easter season. The cost is \$7.50 per plant, payable when ordered. Please make checks to PUMC by March 11th and include:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of Lilies at \$7.50 each \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## United Methodist Women Present: A Real Saint Patrick's Day Feast! Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> right after church.

Corned Beef Cabbage, Potato Soup, Real Irish Scones  
and All Things Irish

...IRISH EYES ARE CRYIN....



...AND THEN A GROUP OF 'EM SLID DOWN THE RAINBOW,  
ROUGHED ME UP, AND STOLE ALL ME GOLD!!...

Answers to last month's Bible Quiz:

- 1 Samuel, Nathan, and Gad.
- 2 Tamar
- 3 God provided "tactile air support". 2 Samuel 5:22-25
- 4 1 Samuel 20:41-42, 1 Samuel 30:1-5, 2 Samuel 1:11-12, 2 Samuel 3:37, 2 Samuel 12:14-16, 21-22, 2 Samuel 13:36, 2 Samuel 15:30, 18:33.
- 5 1 Samuel 21:2-6
- 6 2 Samuel 20:4-10, 1 Kings 2:5
- 7 2 Samuel 1:12
- 8 1 Samuel 21:12-15
- 9 2 Samuel 10:1-5, 1 Chronicles 19:1-3
- 10 2 Samuel 21:10

Bible Quiz for March  
The Kings of Israel and Judah

- 1 Who was the first Israelite to claim the title "king"?
- 2 What king built a place of worship for the Moabite god Chemosh and for the Ammonite god Molech on the Mount of Olives?
- 3 Who were the two kings of Israel who committed suicide?
- 4 Name the two kings who, though guilty of capital crimes, were spared because they each repented before a prophet.
- 5 Which king of Judah was a leper?
- 6 Who was the only woman to rule as a sovereign over the Kingdom of Judah?
- 7 Name the kings who had the shortest and longest reigns.
- 8 One king had to repress a revolution led by his own son. Who were that king and his rebellious son?
- 9 Who was the last king of Israel?
- 10 Identify the last king of Judah.

Answers next month.

Believe.....Belong.....Serve... is usually published on the  
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Please have all newsletter information to Ron Byrd  
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By the 25th of the month

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
					<b>1</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Night Presents "Courageous"	<b>2</b> 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>3</b> 8:30 Trustees 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7 5-7 UMYF	<b>4</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>5</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>6</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>7</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>8</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>9</b> 9-11 Knit, Purf, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
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<b>24</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Palm Sunday Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>25</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>26</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>27</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>28</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 6:15 Maundy Thursday Meal and Communion 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>29</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise 12-3 Good Friday Vigil 7 Tenebrae Service	<b>30</b> 7 RTP Fellowship
<b>31</b> 6:45 Sunrise Service 11:00 Easter Worship 12:00 Sunday School Teacher's Mtg. 3-5 GS Rms 5,7 5-7 UMYF				Parkwood United Methodist Church	<b>March</b>	<b>2013</b>

<b>TASK</b>	<b>MARCH 3</b>	<b>MARCH 10</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>	<b>MARCH 24</b>	<b>MARCH 31</b>
<b>9:15 Greeters</b>	Marie Porter	Herb & Jan Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland and David Thompson	Ron & Betty Byrd
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>	Ron & Betty Byrd	Betsy Newlin and Priscilla Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark	Wayne Abbott and Florine Layman	Charlotte Thompson and Marie Porter
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Dena Roberts	Dianne Mitchell	Ron Clark	Betty Byrd	Dena Roberts
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron & Susan Clark	Ron & Betty Byrd	David Thompson and Andrew Key	Clint & Natalie Robson	Ron & Susan Clark
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Charlotte Thompson	Priscilla Thompson	Marietta Abbott	Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Bev Whitmore & Betty Whitaker				
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Betty Byrd		Betsy Newlin		
<b>Member Care Cards</b>	Betty Byrd	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze	Margaret Eiland	Betty Byrd
<b>Counters</b>	Eddie Hanson and Bob Newlin	Bob Newlin and Ron Byrd	Ron Byrd and Roger Jarrell	Roger Jarrell and Ann Farmer	Ann Farmer and Frank Stephans
<b>FT &amp; Lection Reader</b>	Bob Newlin	Peggy Moore	Charlotte Thompson	Marie Porter	Lauren Key
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Betty Byrd	Betsy newlin	Pam Skidmore	Jan Schwarze	Lauren & Andrew Key
<b>Office Help</b>	Ron Byrd	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Andrew Key
<b>Lead Armor Bearer</b>	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw

**MINISTRY TEAM FOR MARCH 2013 \*If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks**

# The Gates Of Paradise

Written by Dorothy L. Sayers

Read right to left on each page.

From the grave-bed and the winding  
sheet  
Is a long way for dead feet  
A dark road for dead eyes  
That leads to the gates of paradise

When Judas' soul went through the night  
To knock on Hades gate  
His way over the whin-pricked moor  
And the noise of the wind was great

He had no lantern to his feet  
Nor candle in his hand  
Such as God gives to every man  
That dies at the time planned

The angels sit in highest heaven  
And trim the lamps of God  
And all day long make the lights for  
those  
That travel deaths dim road

And when the cross is on thy bosom  
The chrism on thine eyes  
Thy angel will bear down thy night  
Out of the starry skies  
And thou therewith shalt walk by night  
Safely to paradise

But whoso doth so deadly sin  
To cast his life away  
Finding his lamp not lit betimes  
Walks through the midnight grey

For a long time night and half a day  
Did Judas walk alone  
Through the utter dark, for in that place

Is neither sun or moon  
For a long night and half a day  
Did Judas vainly seek  
To reach the gates of paradise  
The salt tears on his cheek

With that he saw a candle gleam  
Borne by a hasty man  
And Judas caught him by the cloak  
So swiftly as he ran

O let me walk with thee, kind friend  
I grope, I fail, I fall  
I have no lamp nor candle-light  
And the night is over all

Full gladly, so thou make good speed,  
I run to keep tryst  
That was given to me at the gates of hell  
By sweet king Jesus Christ

I am the thief who God forgave  
On Calvary bitter tree  
For "to-night," he said thou shalt rest  
thine head  
In paradise with me

And I am the man that sinned such a sin  
As the world remembers not  
That sold for a price the lord of life  
Judas Iscariot

Now God forbid, thou damned wretch  
That ever this should be  
That I should tryst with Jesus Christ  
In the company of thee

The first robber went his way,  
And Judas walked alone  
Mirk, mirk was the black midnight  
That heavy wind made moan

Right so there came a second man  
Was walking by the road  
O brother let me share thy light  
As far as Hell's abode

Now well I fear, my brother dear  
Thou never wilt walk with me  
I am that thief which railed on Christ  
All on his bitter tree

I cast shame on king Jesus then  
Wearing his painful crown  
And scorn upon his royal head  
Whence the pale sweat dripped down

O Rudd-red were the five blest wounds  
Where nails and spear went in  
A thousand, thousand years of purgatory  
fire  
Never can cleanse my sin

Why never I wee' said Judas then  
Did two such sinners meet;  
I sold King Christ to the bloody Jews,  
That pierced his hands and feet

Art thou that man quote the robber  
Most cursed under the skies  
God do so with me if I go with thee  
To the gates of paradise

The second robber went his way  
And Judas walked alone  
Till he was aware of a grey man  
That sat upon a stone  
And the lamp he had in his right hand  
Shone brighter than the moon

Come hither, come hither thou darkling

man  
And bear me company  
This lamp I hold will give us light  
Enough for thee and me

Judas walked with the grey-clad man  
And fear is in his heart  
Speak yet again thou man in grey  
And tell me what thou art

I bought a burden of deadly sin  
And needs must pay the price  
I bear it hither in my hand  
To the gates of paradise

Sin cannot lie upon thy heart  
So heavy as on mine  
Nay, sinner whosoever thou art  
Tis a heavier load than thine  
He hath not asked Judas' name  
And Judas makes no sign

If sin is heavy on thy heart  
And I must bear its weight  
It is fit that we should go together  
To tryst at Hades gates

Judas walked with the grey-clad man  
And feared to tell his name  
He clasped his hand in the barren land  
Bright burned the lanterns flame  
Brotherliwise and hand in hand  
To paradise they came.  
Satan looked out from Hades gate  
His hand upon the key  
Good souls before I let you in  
First tell me who ye be.

We be two men that died of late

And come to keep hells tryst,  
This is Judas Iscariot  
And I am Jesus Christ

It is hoped that you have enjoyed reading this Easter poem. Dorothy L. Sayers was a renowned [English crime writer](#), poet, playwright, [essayist](#), translator and [Christian humanist](#). She was also a student of classical and modern languages. She is best known for her mysteries, a series of novels and short stories set between World War I and World War II that feature English aristocrat and [amateur sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey](#), which remain popular to this day. However, Sayers herself considered her translation of [Dante's \*Divine Comedy\*](#) to be her best work. She is also known for her [plays](#), literary criticism and essays.



Dorothy L. Sayers June 13, 1893 – December 17, 1957.