

‘Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here, but has risen.’

(Luke 24:5)

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

And if Christ is risen...

He cannot be kept consistently entombed
in architecture, liturgy, or tradition,
but moves mysteriously from synagogue to seashore
and village to village,
and we must seek Him always afresh.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

And if Christ is risen...

He cannot be recast as a respecter of hypocrisies He despised,
but still weaves word-whips to cleanse His Father’s house,
and we must invite this judgment.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

And if Christ is risen...

He cannot be kept from quarantined peoples
whose skin or sin excludes them,
but shows up at all the wrong parties
and eats with uncertified guests,
and we must join these feasts.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

And if Christ is risen

our world is ever unmade
and ever making anew,

and we must not embalm a shrine, but must always seek a Person.