

A thought for Easter Day 12th April 2020



The Way of the Cross by Annie Johnson Flint

Some of us stay at the Cross, Some of us wait at the tomb,
Quickened and raised with Christ, yet lingering still in the gloom.
Some of us bide at the Passover Feast, with Pentecost all unknown:
The triumphs of grace in the heavenly place
That our Lord has made our own.
If Christ who had died had stopped at the Cross,
His work had been incomplete.
If Christ who was buried had stayed in the tomb, He had only known defeat.
But the Way of the Cross never stops at the Cross,
And the way of the tomb leads on
To victorious Grace in the heavenly place, Where the Risen Lord has gone.

Hymn by Lyra Davidica (1708) and others

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluia.
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia.
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia.
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing
unto Christ, our heavenly King,
who endured the Cross and grave,
sinners to redeem and save.

But the pains that he endured
our salvation have procured;
now above the sky he's King,
where the angels ever sing.

God of glory
Move in the world with the streams of your justice.
Give waters of life to the poor and rivers of freedom to the oppressed.
Move in our hearts with the fire of your love.
Spread the warmth of your healing and the flame of your transforming life.
Come, Holy Spirit, in your renewing power. Amen

Why not today place a flower or some foliage close to the cross or church entrance, to help us show to those who pass by that Christ has risen and this is where our hope is found. Or a banner in your window at home saying **Happy Easter**.

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