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EASTER DAY



Weep not beside His tomb,
Ye women unto whom
He was great comfort and yet greater grief,
Nor ye, ye faithful few that went with Him to roam,
Seek sadly what for Him ye left, go hopeless to your home,
Nor ye despair, ye sinners yet to be of their belief,
Though He be dead, He is not dead,
Nor gone, though dead,
Not lost, though vanished,
Though He return not, though He lies and molder low,
In the true creed,
It is yet risen indeed,
Christ is yet risen,
Sit if ye will, sit down upon the ground,
Yet not to weep and wail, but calmly look around,
Whatever befall,
Earth is not hell,
Now, too, as when it first began,
Life is yet life, and man is man,
For all that breathe beneath the heaven's high canopy,
Joy with grief mixes, with despondence hope,
Hope conquers cowardice, joy, grief,
Or at least, faith, unbelief,
Though dead, not dead,
Not gone, though dead,
Not lost, though vanished,
In the great Gospel and true creed,
He is yet risen indeed,
Christ is yet risen,
Arthur Hugh Clough.

LOVELIEST OF ALL EASTER FLOWERS

In the Candidum Lily Southern Europe Has the Finest and the Oldest.

Lilium candidum, a native of southern Europe, was introduced in 1596, making it the oldest lily in cultivation. It is not only the loveliest of lilies but the hardest of the white lilies.
Great quantities of candidum lily bulbs are grown in the warm climate of southern France, and these bulbs planted in the autumn do not stand severe winters well, while bulbs from



Queen of the Lilies.

northern France can be depended on to thrive in our climate if properly treated.

Ben Jonson referred to the madonna lily when he asked: "Have you seen but a white lily blow?" Metetrilnick said of it: "The great white lily, the old lord of the gardens, the only authentic prince among all the commonality issuing from the kitchen garden, the ditches, the copses, the pools and the moors, among the strangers come from none knows where, with his invariable six-petaled chalice of silver, whose nobility dates back to that of the gods themselves—the immortal lily raises his ancient scepter, august, inviolate, which creates around it a zone of chastity, silence and light."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Pagan Traits Remain.

Complete separation of Christian festivals from the pagan celebrations that preceded them has proved difficult. Our term "Easter" is strictly pagan, for example, being named in honor of the ancient Norse goddess of Spring, Ostara. The term "Lent," is derived from the old Saxon word Lencten, signifying spring, and the festivities of the carnival period are no doubt a persistence of the festival spirit in which our pagan ancestors used to celebrate the return of spring. All these things seem to bear out the declaration of Ulysses: "I am a part of all that I have met," for in spite of centuries of civilization some of the pagan traits of our prehistoric ancestors still abide with us.

All Have Significance.

Lovers of flowers may be interested to learn that the entire Episcopal church calendar may be counted in bloom from the Candlemas lily to the hastenbury thorn on Christmas day.—London Tit-Bits.

FAITH AND HOPE, EASTER MESSAGE

Promise of Immortality Most Glorious to the World of Humanity

Sorrow and loneliness and bleak winter come to the entrance of the cold, dark tomb.

And, lo! the tomb is bright with light supernatural! The all-glorious Angel of the Resurrection stands within it! They thought it the grave of life.



It is really the womb of the morning, all aglitter with the sun-rising of a new and better day.

The tradition of Easter is a holy one. The Feast lacks the merriment we have learned to associate with the Nativity, but the Resurrection is to the full as essential to the Christian faith.

Christmas is a season of joy, of blithesome cheerfulness at the advent of the Savior. To a world sobered by its Gethsemane and Calvary, Easter brings a message of Faith and Hope, the essence of the religion mankind needs.

Mankind has passed through the Agony culminating in and symbolized by the little white cross. Heavy-hearted we are still inclined to seek solace at the tomb. To us the message comes again: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here; He is risen."

Therein lies the message of Easter: the promise of immortality beyond the tomb.

Nor is it a mere coincidence that Easter falls at this season. Spring is simply Nature's way of reiterating the Easter message. Through the long winter months the world of Nature has seemed asleep in death. Trees bare, fields destitute, death appeared to reign supreme.

Then, just as we are almost wearied enough to give up hope, the sap begins to run, little green things to shoot, birds to chirp as cheerily as ever.

It is Nature's message of immortality to the world of humanity.

There is another and wider aspect of the Easter message. We seem to be standing by the tomb of much that is holy. Religion, belief in principle, idealism—how dead they seem to be! Seeking only material things, neglectful of things of the spirit, the world is in a perilous state. The few who have held their beliefs look about in perplexity and dismay. Has the very body of the faith been removed? Ah, no. In the midst of our anxious grief comes the reviving, heartening assurance: "He is not dead; He is risen."

Ever the Easter festival comes around—after the inevitable Agony—and every spring the magic words are spoken and we go forth clad in invulnerable armor for the fray, for "He is not dead; He is risen." So shall we other men.



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The famous Easter pilgrimage to the cross on Mount Rubidoux, near Riverside, Cal., heralded all over the country for its sincerity and beauty, was the conception of Jacob Rits, who inaugurated it several years ago. The service is nonsectarian and makes a



On Mount Rubidoux.

universal appeal, as prayer at sunrise is a racial expression as old as the impulse of the heart to bow to God in nature.

The cross, which stands out so clearly in the morning light as the thousands of voices are raised in song, is on the location of the one planted on the mountain by Father Junipero Serra, the famous old mission padre, whose good works in the Eighteenth century are considered the beginning of civilization in the land which is now California.

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