

## RUSHING TO AND FROM MASS

The early Catholics were very much in earnest in their devotion to the Mass. A half-hour more or less seemed a small matter to them when they assembled to adore Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist. There is too much impatience in the congregation of today to have Mass quickly said and over and done with; and it is not by any means always because of pressing affairs outside; but a great many people simply let themselves get fidgety if they have to sit in church ten minutes longer than usual. Many young men rush out after the Communion part of the Mass to light a cigarette and wait for their friends to leave the church. This is not a sign of devotion to Holy Mass. It is not respectful to the Blessed Eucharist. The great majority of Catholics go to Mass only once a week; and too many of them begrudge an extra minute in the church on Sunday.

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**For Easter Day.**

Give me an Easter-tide within my heart,  
 A resurrection from my tomb of sin.  
 O Christ! let Thy great light this morn come in,  
 And all the darkness of my night depart.  
 Now, at the April thrill, when violets start,  
 When Thy wide earth with new life would begin.  
 What better time for me Thy love to win,  
 To roll the stone back, finding where Thou art!  
 Let my great morning dawn at last for me,  
 And let me burst my sealed prison bars,  
 Forgetting all my tears and sin-wrought scars  
 On this white day of peace and jubilee.  
 And let ascension lilies hear the song  
 Of one who triumphed over sin and wrong!

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