

of heaven opened with its revelation of the sympathetic interest of the Father and the holy angels. In that moment He experienced a foretaste of the "joy unspeakable and full of glory" awaiting Him on the other side of the cross. I believe that to His vision heaven at that moment was in gala dress, with hosts of seraphs crowding the bannered battlements of glory and chanting hallelujah choruses to cheer the Champion of Humanity on to victory.

There was also the heavenly Messenger. "The Spirit of God descending as a dove" rested upon Him. The dove is the emblem of Peace. As it rested that day upon the Messiah it was a token of the peace of God which should keep the heart of the blessed Son through all the days of His earthly pilgrimage. And we know that God's peace abode with Him unto the end:—

"Peace,
Deep as the sleep of the sea
When the stars their faces glass
In its blue tranquillity."

The dove is the emblem of Hope. Noah's dove returned to the ark with one fresh-plucked leaf in its beak. That was to him the prophecy and pledge of a whole world of