

FROM EASTER TO ASCENSIONTIDE.

The Easter sun has set in all its glory, and on the first day of the week came Mary Magdalene early. While it was yet dark—to the sepulchre in which the body of the Lord was laid, and seeing the great stone which had been at the door of the cave moved away, she ran and told Simon Peter and other disciples whom Jesus loved, that the Lord had been taken away—the friends of Jesus were very much troubled to think that their dear Lord's body had been taken away—and as they talked one with another in troubled tones, Jesus Himself appeared in their midst, and said "Peace be unto you," at first they did not know Him, but when He revealed himself to them, their joy was great, to behold their risen Lord and Master, and they said "abide with us for it is toward evening and the day is far spent," and Jesus stayed with them a while and talked with them and told them to go amongst all people and teach and preach to them as He had done. Then he disappeared again, and the disciples went to Jerusalem and said to the people, "the Lord is risen indeed." Jesus told his disciples many loving and comforting things at this time, he told them that he was going to Heaven to prepare a place for them and for all who loved God, and He said "whatsoever ye shall ask in my name ye shall receive, for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me. In this world ye shall have tribulation, but fear not, I have overcome the world," and what he promised then to his disciples, He promised to us and to you, dear children; He has ascended into Heaven to prepare a place for you, and He will come again in the clouds, to receive you unto Himself, and every eye shall see Him. While our Lord yet spoke with His disciple, He was taken up into Heaven and a thick cloud received Him from their sight—and the wondering disciples stood and gazed up steadfastly into Heaven, where their dear Lord and master had departed—this, dear children, is the story which our church teaches us at ascensiontide, Jesus has conquered death and the grave, His sorrow and trouble are all over, and with last messages of love and counsel to those who loved Him on earth, He has ascended in glorious majesty into Heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, and there was joy in that day among the angels hosts of Heaven, and the beautiful gates were open wide that the King of Glory might come in. And there He still is, and pleads with the Father for us, that where He is there we may be also, we are not told exactly what the joys of Heaven are, for eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the things which God hath prepared for those who love Him. But we know that when we awake "we shall be satisfied for we shall see Him as He is."

Far out of sight, while sorrows still unfold us, lies the fair country where our hearts abide, and of its bliss is nought more wondrous told us than these few words, "We shall be satisfied."
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