

## Easter Morn.

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The bright green things are springing through the sod,  
All fair and pure, fresh from the hand of God;  
The earth seems newly born.

The hyacinth and crocus blooms are up,  
The dew is sparkling in the jonquil's cup;  
All far or near, where'er I look abroad,  
There's joy this Easter morn.

The robins and the blue birds of the spring  
Have come again—I hear them carolling  
A gladsome song of praise.

All nature wakes and pulses with new breath,  
And tells my questioning soul, "There is no death."  
There is no death! All winters end with spring—  
In joyous Easter days.

"There is no death," triumphant hopes are rife.  
The Lord has risen and won immortal life.

## Easter-Day.

The primitive Christians very early on the morning, saluted each other with the words, "Christ is risen!" to which the response was made, "Christ is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Simon!" The Greek Church still retains this custom, and the anthems used in our Liturgy, instead of the Venite at morning prayer, are said to represent this primitive Easter salutation. In nearly all Christian countries the recurrence of Easter has been attended with such ceremonies and popular customs as to make the Easter chapter a conspicuous one in the national history. The varied Easter services in all branches of the Christian Church are, of course, the grandest and most impressive during the year, and each individual congregation desires to lay special stress upon the character of the Easter music. In the present Sunday School age the celebration of Easter becomes especially dear to the children of the Church, and the number of very beautiful Easter carols furnished us every year by our greatest musical composers, is the means of presenting the Easter truths to our little ones in a very forcible and enjoyable way. Thus new volumes of precious Easter literature, which have come to us through the Sunday School. Among the many frivolous and curious customs associated with the festival, that which seems to continue longest in England and the United States is the custom of making presents of coloured eggs, formerly called pasche or paste eggs, and symbolical, no doubt, of the hidden life ready to burst forth from its shell sepulchre. These eggs are often elaborately ornamented. The Patriarch of the Greek Church, after blessing the faithful who kneel before him at his Easter reception, presents each one with a bag containing eggs very beautiful in their ornamentation.

## The Easter Eucharist.

Remember what was said of those two disciples, who, when the first Lent was over, went on the first Easter, with one they knew not, a Sabbath day's journey from Jerusalem. We read: "He made as though He would have gone further, but they constrained Him, saying, Abide with us, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. And He went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass as He sat at meat with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and brake and gave unto them, and their eyes were opened, and they knew Him, and He vanished out of their sight. And straightway they knew themselves, for they said, one to another, Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"

Blessed Eucharist! Happy Communion! Feast of Joy! Remember, beloved, in that Holy Supper is the presence of Jesus manifested, and with it the knowledge of ourselves.

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## Easter Offerings

"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast." The venerable divine injunctions hold good to this day: "Ye shall appear before the Lord," and "Ye shall not appear before the Lord empty; every man shall give as he is able according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee." Inasmuch as the Lord asks our offerings, how can thankfulness for all the benefits which He has bestowed be possible without the practical and real token of gratitude? Offerings, quite as much as any other feature of our Easter services, are a necessary element in true Easter observances. Indeed, one's gratitude may be safely tested by his willingness to devote a goodly proportion of his worldly goods to God's service. No one keeps Easter worthily who does not make what is to him a generous offering to the Lord.

## In the Spring

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## Easter Lilies.

In the busy world somewhere  
Tended by a loving care,  
Lest their buds be soon or late,  
Do the Easter Lilies wait.

In the heart some sweet hopes lie,  
Hopes too fair for earthly sky,  
Folded carefully away  
For the soul's glad Easter day.

## Bilious from Childhood.

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## Three Daily Duties.

While there are always special duties arising in the life of every Christian which, when they confront us, cannot be neglected or given mere careless attention, there are also some daily duties which must be conscientiously repeated with each successive dawn. The first act should be one of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the mercies of the past night; the next naturally follows as an act of faith by placing our lives in the keeping of our blessed Redeemer, with the sweet consciousness that He will faithfully guard whatever may be thus committed to Him; the third duty should be a firm resolve to do some kind deed, speak some word of cheer, bring sunshine and happiness into some life, and seek to make the world better by being better ourselves—

Count that day lost whose low descending sun  
Sees from our hand no worthy action done.

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## Hints to Housekeepers.

**HOMINY CROQUETTES.**—To a cupful of cold boiled hominy add a tablespoonful of melted butter and stir hard, moistening by degrees with a cupful of milk, beating to a soft light paste. Put in a teaspoonful of white sugar, and last, a well beaten egg. Roll into oval balls with floured hands, dip in beaten egg, thin cracker crumbs, and fry in hot lard.

**SPONGE PUDDING.**—Half a cup of butter, one and a half pounds of sugar, three cups of flour, one cup of milk, four eggs, two spoonfuls cream of tartar sifted in the flour, one spoonful of soda, the juice and rind of one lemon, bake in a moderate oven.

Broiled veal cutlet is very much better than fried if one knows how to prepare it. Take two pounds of cutlet, season well, broil quickly and thoroughly, half an hour before it is to be eaten. Have ready in the oven a pan with a tightly fitting cover, in which is a cup of hot water and a piece of butter the size of an egg. Lay the cutlets into this, cover tightly and let them remain, keeping all very hot until served.

**CREAMED EGGS.**—Boil six eggs for fifteen minutes. Remove the shells, take out the yolks carefully, chop the whites, and mix with six mushrooms, cut into small pieces; put a tablespoonful of butter in a frying pan and set over the fire, let melt, add a tablespoonful of flour, mix until smooth, thin with a cupful of cream, stir until boiling, season with salt and pepper, add the whites of the eggs and the mushrooms to the yolks; let stand one minute; take up in a heated dish and serve immediately.

**OMELETTE.**—Six eggs, one tablespoon of flour, one-fourth teaspoon of salt, three-fourths teaspoon of baking powder, one cup of sweet milk. Beat the eggs well. Sift flour, salt, and baking powder together. Mix it with a little of the milk, and beat it with the remainder of the milk into the eggs, pour all into a hot, well-buttered frying-pan, or skillet, and bake from five to seven minutes in a hot oven. The addition of baking powder makes the omelette lighter, and lessens its liability to fall when taken from the oven.

**HAM, CHICKEN, OR VEAL OMELETTE.**—Mix a plain omelette as above, adding a trifle more baking powder, and add to it before baking one cup of cooked and finely mixed ham, chicken, or veal.

**STEAMED EGGS.**—Butter a deep pie tin and break carefully into it as many eggs as needed. Sprinkle them with pepper, salt, and bits of butter; place them in a steamer over boiling water until done. This will be found better than poaching them, especially if cooked for an invalid.

**POACHED EGGS.**—Break the eggs one at a time, into slightly salted, scalding water, and cook until done sufficiently. Or, cook in an egg poacher. If this is not obtainable, break the eggs into muffin rings set in the bottom of a tin containing salted water. The eggs keep their shape better if dropped into the rings.

**SCRAMBLED EGGS.**—Put a tablespoon of butter into a frying-pan, and when hot, break the eggs into it and stir lightly until they are set.

**ANOTHER.**—Pour a cup of cream into a frying-pan, and when hot pour the eggs, ten or twelve previously broken into a dish, into it; stir lightly until the eggs are cooked. Season with pepper and salt, and serve hot.

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