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## VICTORY!

Yes! this is the key-note for Easter. For surely it is a mighty victory to overcome Death in his own territory. And yet this is exactly what our blessed Lord did. For by the sin of our first parents, death came upon all men, death of the body, death of the soul. But, in order to alter all this, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ gave Himself up to die upon the Cross, and thus became a full, perfect and sufficient Sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. And further, by virtue of His Divinity, He also broke the bands of death and rose triumphant o'er the grave. And thus He ensures to all who die in union and communion with Him, a like glorious Resurrection. United with the risen Lord, both the body and soul of each Saint is affected, and has in it a principle of Life—Eternal Life; and thus at a future day, as Christ rose, so must those who pass away in union with Him rise to Eternal Life and Glory.

The great necessity, therefore, of the Christian Life is to cement our union with Christ—an object which is chiefly

accomplished by a regular and devout receiving of the Holy Mysteries of His love. At this blessed Easter, then, let all who read this make preparation; and let all come in true penitence and faith, and unite themselves with their holy, risen Lord, ever remembering the dear Saviour's own words: "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood dwelleth in me and I in him."

And having come at Easter, let us all persevere, coming again and again unto our life's end. For then, if we be but sincere in our approaches to the Table of the Lord, we shall be so completely in union with Christ our Head, that Death will not be able to hold us, and we shall rise, as our Lord rose, to a like glorious Resurrection.

Oh, how glorious and resplendent,  
Fragile body, shalt thou be,  
When endued with so much beauty,  
Full of health, and strong and free,  
Full of vigour, full of pleasure  
That shall last eternally!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour, Who has gain'd the  
victory;  
Alleluia to the SPIRIT, fount of love and  
sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the TRUE Majesty.