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Easter: The Heart's Hope.

By REV. C. F. SHERRILL.

THE hope of immortality is the sweetest hope of the human heart. All through the ages, from generation to generation, it has been the inspiration of the noblest deeds, the loftiest sentiments, and the purest lives. It is the most imperishable hope of the human heart. Since the first mother looked upon the face of the soul upward and toward the eyes of the sweetest songs, this hope of eternal life is like and unlike the stars, whose light the angels say by and yet never reach. By the light of this hope we make the voyage of life, and somewhere, at some time we shall bathe our souls in its effulgent light.

Love that will not let me go, that rest my weary soul in thee, give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

Light that followed all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee, thy heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

The word "life" was often on the lips of Christ. He is the Lord of life. His mission to earth was to give life, full, rich, abundant. He gave new life to the leper. The dead heard His voice and awoke. Saul became Paul. The "son of thunder" became the apostle of love under His touch and by the inspiration of His love. Jesus did not come as a crown-monoarch, a brilliant statesman, a erudite philosopher, a conquering general, a great inventor. He came to give life here and hereafter. "He that hath the Son hath life." Jesus came to call us from the temporal to the eternal, from the transient to the permanent, from the perishable to the imperishable. He became human to make us divine. He lay in the grave to take us to glory. He was born in a manger that we might have a manger. The Son of God became the son of man that the sons of men might become the sons of God. Christ came forth to take us to heaven. He died on the cross to bring us to the throne.

"I am the life." These are the ringing words of Christ. "Come forth." These are the words He spoke not only to Lazarus and the leper, but to constitutions, to parliaments, to England, to America, to literature, to Christian hymnology—to the mind and heart of man. "In Him is life." Darkness is the absence of light. Cold is the absence of heat. Sickness is the absence of death. Death is the absence of life. Spiritual death is the absence of Christ. "He that hath the Son hath life." The flower plucked up and thrown in the sun and sand—death! The birdling fallen from the nest—death! The fish out of the water—death! The soul taken from the body—death! The soul removed from Christ—death here and hereafter! "Life, eternal life!" cried the pilgrim as he began his Christian journey. How sweet is life here! Walk out some night under the open heavens. Look up and behold the "orb of light" as they move in the fields of space. The tuned car catches "the music of the spheres." The "open eye" sees the "glory of God." Walk down a street some May morning when the sun rests like a benediction on the fair fields, when the dew-drops hang like pearls on the sweet-scented flowers, when life is rich and full and friends are dear.

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Sit some evening by your own fire-side. Look in the love-lit faces of those dear to you. Hear the sweet prattle of the child. O how sweet is life! But these stars shall pale in their light. That glorious morning will end in night. That happy family circle will be broken. But all the sweet and blessed things of earth shall abide in heaven. The perfect day will never end. The glory of God will abide eternally. That happy home shall never be disturbed. No friendships will be broken in heaven. No storms shall darken the skies. "The face of death is toward the Sun of Life."

Easter is the new day of hope. Easter points the longing heart to the "sunrise." In the glad light of this glad Easter time the cross is seen to be a golden key to unlock heaven. When the anthems of Easter are sung, the message to mortals revealed is that mankind are the children of God. Easter says that eternal life begins here and flows on to the full radiant life in the presence of God.

"O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain And feel the promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be."

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Easter Day Services.

Anglican Cathedral, Easter Day—Holy Communion, 5.30 a.m., 6.30, 8, and 11 (Choral); Matins, 10; Choral Service at 11; Processional 497, setting (Eyre in E flat); Anthem, "In the end of the Sabbath"; Children's Service, 3.15 p.m.; Evensong, 6.30; Processional, 1.30; Anthem, "In the end of the Sabbath."

Easter at St. Thomas's—On Easter Day there will be three celebrations of the Holy Communion—at 6.30, 8, Choral, Smart in E flat; soloist, Miss Olive Major, and at noon. Morning prayer at 11, when the following music will be rendered: Processional Hymn, 170; Easter Anthem, Grand Chant, Gloria—Bentinck; Te Deum—Smart; Jubilate—Dr. Garrett; Kyrie and Gloria Tibi—Smart in E flat; Anthem—Mozart; Hymns 165, 459; Preacher, Rev. Dr. Jones; Children's service at 2.15. Evensong at 6.30. Processional Hymn, 170; Magnificat—Daisy; Nunc Dimittis—Elvay; Anthems: Awake, thou that sleepest, Read; solo by Miss Eva Jones; Gloria, Mozart; Hallelujah Chorus, Handel; Hymns, 386, 356, Sevenfold Amen—Stainer; Preacher, Rev. C. A. Moulton.

St. Mary the Virgin—6.30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8, Holy Communion; 11, Matins and Holy Communion, Preacher, The Rector; 6.30, Evensong, Preacher, Rev. Dr. Jones. Easter Services at St. Mary the Virgin—Matins; Processional Hymn, 44. Easter Anthems; Grand Chant; Proper Psalms, 2, 67, 111; Te Deum, Woodward Smart and Turle; Jubilate Deo, Hayes in A; Anthem, "Hallelujah! Christ is Risen!" (Minshall); Hymns, 170, 176, 178; Kyrie Eleison, Simper in G; Gloria and Thanks, Shoch in C; Recessional Hymn, 366. Evensong—Processional Hymn, 162; Proper Psalms, 113, 114, 118; Magnificat, Pye in E; Nunc Dimittis, Jones in D; Anthem, "Hallelujah! Christ is Risen." Hymns, 170, 171, 174. Recessional Hymn, 356.

St. Michael's—Holy Communion, 7 and 8; Morning Service, 11; Evening Service, 6.30.

METHODIST. Gower St.—11 and 6.30, Rev. E. W. Forbes, M.A., B.D. George St.—11 and 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon, B.A. Cochrane St.—11 and 6.30, Rev. G. J. Bond, B.A. Wesley—11 and 6.30, Rev. W. B. Bugden, B.A.

Congregational Church—11 and 6.30, Rev. T. B. Darby, M.A. Special music at both services by the choir. All are welcome.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church—Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., Minister. Sunday services at 11 and 6.30. The Minister will preach at both services. At the morning service the Communion will be dispensed. The subject for the evening service will be, "Seeing the Unseen." A musical programme, appropriate to Easter, will be given at this service. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock a Children's Cantata will be given. Strangers welcome at all services.

Easter Music at St. Andrew's—Following programme of Easter music will be rendered by the choir of St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening: First, Mrs. Geo. W. B. Ayre, contralto soloist, will assist the choir on this occasion:—Organ prelude, "Impromptu in G—Faulkes; Anthem, "Christ is Risen"—Turner, soloist, Mr. R. A. Stansfield; solo, "Be joyful, oh my happy heart"—J. S. Bach—Miss Margaret Mitchell; Anthem, "As it began to Dawn"—Martín—soloist, Mr. D. McIntosh; solo, "I come to Thee"—Old English Melody—Mr. A. Lawrence; Offertory, "Cantique d'Amour"—Wendt; solo, "God shall wipe away all tears"—Sullivan—Mrs. G. W. B. Ayre; Anthem, "How long wilt Thou forget me?"—Pfeiffer—soloists, Mrs. G. Dickie and Mrs. G. W. B. Ayre; Chorus, "Gloria" (from 12th Mass)—Mozart; Organ Postlude, "Allegro Vivace"—Capocci; Organist and Choir-master, W. Moncrieff, Mawer.

Gower St. Church—Sunday services 9.45, class meetings; 2.30, Sunday School and Bible Classes; 4, Young Women's class meeting; 11 and 6.30 Public Worship. The Pastor will preach at both services. Morning subject: "The sound of the Trumpet." Evening subject: "The Resurrection of the Church." There will be a Reception Service for children in the morning and for adults in the evening. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the evening service. All are welcome. The Easter Anthems at Gower St. to-morrow will be: "Christ is Risen from the Dead," "Who shall roll away the stone?" "There is a Green Hill Far Away" (Counoud). The soloist will be Miss Nettie Russell. The session of the Sunday School in the afternoon will be an open one in the church auditorium. A special Easter programme will be presented. The Missionary offerings of the school will be received. Mr. L. C. Morris will give the address.

George Street Adult Bible Class—The class meets to-morrow afternoon at 2.45, when the discussion of the Easter, led by Mr. Ayre, will be engaged in. Those who attend will also be favored with a solo by Mr. W. B. King. Visitors are invited. Entrance Buchanan Street. Wesley Sunday Morning Victory Class throws out an invitation to come along to their services at 7 and 9.30 a.m. Miss Abbott will sing one of her favorite Easter Songs. The Glass Room will be nicely decorated and the Easter Calendars will be distributed. Bethesda Pentecostal Assembly, 193 New Gower St.—Sunday services: Men's class meetings from 10 to 11 a.m.; public services 11, 3 and 7 p.m.

These services are undenominational, and a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Risen Indeed!

Fling out your banners, brave toilers, Bring lilies to altar and shrine; Ring out, Easter bells! He is risen, For you is the token and sign.

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