

CHRIST IS RISEN !  
THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED !  
ALLELUIA !

And we all, while with face unveiled we behold as in a mirror the brightness of our Lord's glory, are ourselves transformed into the same likeness ; and the glory which shines upon us is reflected by us, even as it proceeds from the Lord, the Spirit,

"Welcome, Thou Victor in the strife.  
Now welcome from the gloom !  
To-day we triumph in Thy Life  
Around Thine empty tomb."

ALIVE FOR EVERMORE !

The wondrous dramatic power of the Church's ritual for the Holy Week lies in the witness of the Holy Ghost, by the four evangelists, to the cross and Passion of the Incarnate Son of God. No accessories of human oratory, music, or art can add to the dignity and pathos of the words which the Holy Ghost teacheth. In this respect, the ancient cathedral has no advantage over the mission chapel at the farthest outpost. The loftiest human endeavor can only follow after, if that it may apprehend the mystery of redemption. The feeblest human spirit, with whom the Holy Spirit witnesseth, can supply its own Passion music, and its own reproaches as the solemn recital goes on. The most careless and unspiritual can hardly yield an outward compliance to the Church's order for the Holy Week, without being inwardly moved to some searchings of heart. And thus it happens that the Easter joy comes forth from the sepulchre with the Prince of Life, new, fresh and radiant on every recurrence of the Easter feast. The septuagenarian is glad some as the child ; the old believer, as the new disciple in his first emotions, and even aliens from the commonwealth of Israel catch the contagion of happy satisfaction at the triumph of that Just One, and join the sacred song. In a real sense and measure all generations partake in that ecstatic revulsion from grief to joy unspeakable and full of glory, which came upon the first disciples when they heard that Christ had risen, and came, and saw and believed, and said, "The Lord is risen indeed." And truly the source and spring of the Easter joy is Christ's own joy upon His victory over death ; nor can it be that the Son of Man, by the right hand of God exalted, is now indifferent to the memory of that mighty triumph. The exultation of His first All hail ! still rings in the voice with which He declares His identity to His servant John : "I am He that liveth and was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen. And have the keys of hell and of death." It is a man's voice

still, after so many years, thrilling with the profoundest emotion, alleging His deepest experience of sorrow and of joy, vibrating with His own sense of human immortality ; challenging the sympathy of His brethren that are in the earth, to send up the answering shout, "Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more ; death hath no more dominion over Him." Well saith the Greek service book : "Praise we Him, who rose on the third day, our Almighty God, who shattered the gates of hell, and raised the dead of ages from the tomb ; who appeared first, for so He deemed good, to the ointment-bearers, and greeted them first, with His All hail ! and, only Giver of life, bade His apostles rejoice. In faith the women bear back the glad news of triumph to the disciples ; hell groans, death mourns, the world rejoices, and all things sympathize in the joy."

"O share with us the spoils, we pray,  
Thou diedst to achieve ;  
We meet within Thy house to-day  
Our portion to receive."

YE SHALL LIVE ALSO.

Not as spectators, but as partakers in the joy of the Son of Man the sons of men rejoice in the Lord, for he has said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." The hope of immortality was never lost out of men's hearts even while the covering of condemnation was cast over all people and the death-veil was spread over all nations. Already for Israel the power of Christ's resurrection stirred in His mystical members, with a drawing force, prophetic, inspiring, consoling ; as holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, testifying beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow. But the sense of immortality both in body and soul, as an indwelling consciousness in the hearts of men, lost since Eden, sprang up again, and forever from that new tomb of human righteousness, wherein yet never man was laid until Good Friday. Thenceforth apostles preach Jesus and the resurrection as God's good news to man. Thenceforth, from Christ that died, yea, rather that is risen again, went forth a power to quicken a dead world, to abolish death and the fear of it for men, to swallow up mortality in life. Thenceforth with face unveiled and minds unblinded, "we all" behold the glory of the Lord bringing life and immortality to light, for His life is the light of men. "Now we see through a glass"—"as in a mirror"—by the power of the Lord, the Spirit. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him." "And when I awake up after Thy likeness I shall be satisfied with it." Alleluia !