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And Jesus came and stood in the midst of the disciples and said, "Peace be unto you; it is I, be not afraid."

We now come to the end of the Lenten Season and prepare to celebrate the great Christian festival of Easter. Appropriately it is at the beginning of Spring when the earth sees the annual miracle of a revived earth. The long sleep of nature is over and already the new shoots of grass and flowers are shoving above the ground, the sap is flowing in the trees and soon the countryside will be clothed in brilliant green. From death they spring into new life.

During the days of Holy Week we are brought face to face with the stark tragedy of the sufferings and death of our Divine Saviour, God and man, who willingly offered Himself, the Lamb of God, as a victim for the sins of mankind. On Good Friday, He died. On Easter Sunday, by His own power, He rose again from the dead, proving His divinity and confirming our hope of eternal salvation.

In His death, He seemed a complete failure. In His resurrection, He showed Himself the victor over death and all evil. Only as His followers, faithful to His laws, grateful for His favours, hopeful of His promises, can we have any assurance of future security, either in this life or the next.

To the forces of evil now rampant around the world and for the moment successful in their designs, the cross of Christ is a mockery, His resurrection a fable. Our final victory can come to us as it did to Him only through suffering and sacrifice. If our labours and trials are dedicated to Him, if individually we acknowledge His kingship and submit ourselves to His rule, then we can be assured that victory will be ours. Though our own lives may be given in that struggle, we will have gained for ourselves the greatest victory and the most glorious reward, and for those to follow a better world where at last may be realized the highest Christian hope in this world, "The peace of Christ, in the reign of Christ."

—FLIGHT LIEUTENANT DWYER, Padre.

