

This will be the final rest : the rest of perfect newness of body, soul, and spirit in the resurrection, and in the Kingdom whose centre and metropolis will be "The Heavenly Jerusalem"—"Jerusalem the Golden" of St. John's vision, and of St. Bernard's song.

This will be the perfect and final rest : the rest of completed victory ; the rest of our dear Redeemer's fully accomplished redemption : the rest of which Isaiah sings, when speaking of the future days when the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea, he says of Israel's Messiah and ours, "His rest shall be glorious."

To conclude.

May the God of all grace give us His grace to enter by faith in Christ Jesus into the present rest of the people of God, the rest of deliverance from sin's guilt and sin's power.

Then when the summons comes to us to depart hence, we may be permitted through the infinite merits of our beloved Lord and Saviour to enter into the rest of Paradise, there to be trained according to our several needs, and to look humbly and hopefully forward to the final and victorious rest of our King at His second Advent in glory.

And thus will we realize as we advance from step to step in our Christian life here on earth, and beyond in Paradise, that

"There remaineth a rest for the people of God."