



EASTER DAY : FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH

On this day of Resurrection we transform the Lenten Cross which has borne the symbols of His death into the radiancy of the new life he has won for us all.

The symbols from the Cross have all been removed with these words

We remove the bread and the wine

We will keep them to remind us of his death and suffering

We remove the bowl and towel

He came to serve us. We too must be like servants

We remove the bag of money

We sold Christ once. Now we must give to save one another

We remove the purple robe and the crown of thorns

We will learn not to abuse each other

We remove the whip

Remembering violence towards one another is not to be condoned

We remove the palm branch

And resolve to be open and honest, loving and generous

We remove the nails

Our debt can never be repaid by us. But he has paid it for us.



ALL TOGETHER – ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

The Cross is now transformed with flowers. We have begun to transform the cross but if you are passing the chapel there is a bucket of flowers outside by the cross. Please take one and add your own flower to the cross

A prayer request

God, give us eyes to see
the beauty of the Spring,
And to behold Your majesty
in every living thing -
And may we see in lacy leaves
and every budding flower
The Hand that rules the universe
with gentleness and power -
And may this Easter grandeur
that Spring lavishly imparts
Awaken faded flowers of faith
lying dormant in our hearts,
And give us ears to hear, dear God,
the Springtime song of birds
With messages more meaningful
than man's often empty words
Telling harried human beings
who are lost in dark despair -
Be like us and do not worry
for God has you in His care.

Helen Steiner Rice

A prayer of praise

God of Promise and God of Hope,
who through your great mercy
have granted us new birth
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
we praise your wonderful name!
God of Glory and God of Might
who through your great power
have granted us new strength
to endure all things through faith in Christ our
risen King,
we praise your wonderful name!



A prayer for forgiveness

Lord, we are often not the Easter People
that we should be,
living in the certain knowledge
of your great mercy and love.
Distracted by the world around us
we fail to hear your voice,
or hide when faith is challenged
as we wander off the path.
Forgive us, we pray;
restore the love that we first had,
a faith that can endure.
We will keep our eyes fixed on you, Lord,
and with you at our right hand
we shall not be shaken.