

A MEDITATION FOR EASTER

EASTER DAY belongs to our Lord, Jesus Christ. On this day, above all others, we honour him for his resurrection. But how are we best to honour him? What can we, as individuals and as a people called by him, do to give our Saviour the homage due him?

S. Paul wisely advised: 'If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth' [Colossians 3:1-2]. Let us join then with Christians around the world and lift our thoughts to the heavens as we renew our baptismal vows this Easter. These are our divine rights and privileges as Christians. Let us accept nothing less than that which is ours through faith and baptism.

"I believe in God, The Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth"

Before baptism, I could not have known you as my Father, or believe in you, but now I have been adopted into your divine family. Therefore, I do not hesitate to call you "Abba" as Jesus taught us. Because of your mercy, I am not an orphan but a true child of God. Father, I adore you, even though I cannot fathom your limitless love. Help me to know you as Jesus knew you when he walked this earth.

"I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord".

Lord Jesus, you ransomed me from death with your own blood and brought me into the kingdom of God. I fix my eyes on you, seated at the right hand of the Father. Open my eyes, O Lamb of God and allow me to see those blessed wounds you bear forever as a sign of your payment for my redemption. You are my king, my redeemer. Let me see you crowned with honour and glory.

"I believe in the Holy Spirit"

Holy Spirit, you are with the father and the Son and yet you condescend to dwell within me. I revere you and I cherish your presence in my life. Free me from the allurements of the world which attract and distract me. Lift my consciousness to higher realms where Christ is seated with God.

"I believe in the Holy Catholic Church"

The church is the bride of Christ chosen for himself. Lord, help me to see the Church as you see her; to see her worthiness as the object of your love. Open my mind to see the glory of your Church that I may work diligently to prepare her for the wedding feast to come.