

It is only right, with all the powers of our

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heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your

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Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension

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of Loving-Kindness toward us, Your servants,

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You gave up Your Son.

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Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us

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to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured

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forth in Loving-Kindness.

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You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your  

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magnificent and radiant Resurrection.

You broke the bonds of death and rose from  

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the grave as a Conqueror.

You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had  

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no hope of Eternal Happiness before You  

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redeemed us.

Your Resurrection has washed away our sins,  

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restored our innocence and brought us joy.

How inestimable is the tenderness of Your Love!

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We pray You, Lord, to preserve Your servants

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in the peaceful enjoyment of this Easter

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happiness.

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We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord,

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Who lives and reigns with God The Father, in

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the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

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Amen.

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Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and  
the life: he that believeth in me, though he were  
dead, yet shall he live.

1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to

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dawn toward the first day of the week, came

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Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see

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the sepulchre.

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2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake:

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for the angel of the Lord descended from

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heaven, and came and rolled back the stone

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from the door, and sat upon it.

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3 His countenance was like lightning, and his

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raiment white as snow:

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4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake,

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and became as dead men.

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5 And the angel answered and said unto the

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women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek

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Jesus, which was crucified.

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6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said.

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Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

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7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he

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is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth

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before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him:

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lo, I have told you.

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8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre

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with fear and great joy; and did run to bring

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his disciples word.

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9 And as they went to tell his disciples,

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behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And

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they came and held him by the feet, and

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worshipped him.

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when faces called flowers

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float out of the ground

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and breathing is wishing and wishing is having —

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but keeping is downward and doubting and never

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— it's april (yes, april; my darling) it's spring!

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yes the pretty birds frolic as spry as can fly

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yes the little fish gambol as glad as can be

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(yes the mountains are dancing together)

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when every leaf opens without any sound

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and wishing is having and having is giving —

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but keeping is doting and nothing and nonsense,

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— alive; we're alive, dear:

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it's (kiss me now) spring!

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now the pretty birds hover so she and so he

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now the little fish quiver so you and so i

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(now the mountains are dancing, the mountains)

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when more than was lost has been found

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has been found

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and having is giving and giving is living —

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but keeping is darkness and winter and cringing

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— it's spring (all our night becomes day)

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o, it's spring!

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all the pretty birds dive to the heart of the sky

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all the little fish climb

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through the mind of the sea

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(all the mountains are dancing; are dancing)

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“sweet spring is your

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time is my time is our

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time for springtime is lovetime

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and viva sweet love

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(all the merry little birds are

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flying in the floating in the

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very spirits singing in

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are winging in the blossoming)

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lovers go and lovers come

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awandering awondering

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but any two are perfectly

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alone there's nobody else alive

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(such a sky and such a sun

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i never knew and neither did you

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and everybody never breathed

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quite so many kinds of yes)

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not a tree can count his leaves

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each herself by opening

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but shining who by thousands mean

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only one amazing thing

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(secretly adoring shyly

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tiny winging darting floating

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merry in the blossoming

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always joyful selves are singing)

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