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An Easter Prayer (Inspired by G. M. Hopkins and John 20:1-16) Of Now Done Darkness and the Promise of the Resurrection

O most Holy God -

Too long has the darkness covered us.

We ache with desire to live more and more in Your light, the light only You can give.

Hear now in this moment our need for the dawn of Easter.

This Easter, transform us to more finality; make more of who You are for us - more light and more love.

Gladden our eyes, our ears, our skin with cool quiet dawn.

Quicken our hearts, our minds, our hopes with the fire of your love.

Sate our thirst for justice and make peace in our lives so that we may imitate You in making peace.

Teach us not to cling to the past but to embrace the future.

This dawn, when we leave our tombs behind, let us see Your face radiant with Your love for us.

Give us the courage to rise with You; bid us to see as You see, love as You love.

Let us live in the light.

Amen.

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