

Almighty and ever-living God, whose Son  
 on this day didst shatter the power of death, bring-  
 ing life and immortality to light: We worship  
 Thee. On this day of all days in humanity's  
 history, assist us that we fail not in low-  
 aim or dull sensitiveness to its high significance.  
 Intensify our feelings that are stirred with  
 emotions stirred by Thee and the eternal  
 suggestions of this day. Mine us the joy of  
 the resurrection that turned night into  
 light and mourning into laughter, to lighten  
 us too frequently dark lines. Mine  
 us the power of the resurrection, which  
 broke the reign of death, to shatter every  
 ancient tyranny that entombs your people:  
 The intrigues of war, the subtlety of highly  
 vested interests, contemptuous racial pride,  
 and ambitious self-seeking.

Mine us the victory of Easter that turned  
 a cross into a resurrection, and made the  
 one-time symbols of shame the sign of  
 your conquering hosts, to capture spiritual  
 triumph from our worst defeats, to make  
 sickness a keening ministry to character,  
 to transform tragedy into faith, and all  
 bitterness into love. Mine us the peace  
 of the resurrection that calmed the terror-  
 ized hearts of Thy children of old.

Until the day dawns grant us brave  
 hearts and constant spirits; and ever  
 to Thee be praise and glory,  
 world without end. Amen.