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EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2013

At the Mass during the Day

Collect:

O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection:

We gather today after having celebrated with great joy the preceding days of the Paschal Triduum. The rituals of those days and especially the time spent at the Easter Vigil are still ringing in our ears and filling our hearts. The brightness of a new day dawning give us another image of Christ conquering death and rising to new life.

We have become witnesses to the conquering in our lives of the items that bring death to our souls. The light of this first day of the week enables us to renew with great exhortation our own Baptism and the rising of our lives into the glory of the Lord's Resurrection. Our path to eternity has been opened and we step upon it with feet prepared to walk stronger and braver into living out the way of life modeled for us by Christ and fortified by the Spirit. Our days of Lenten and Paschal Triduum experiences have been well spent. We rest in the risen Lord ready to be raised up into the light of life.

Prayer:

Risen Lord, pour into our hearts the joy of the vision of being with you for ever in eternity as we go walking strongly on the path leading us into the light of life.

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