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Theme song:

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain, but now hath Christ arisen.

### ***Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem***

Lyrics: Robert Campbell, trans from St Fulbert of Chartres (c. 952-1028)

Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Artists: Choir of Clare College, Cambridge, Graham Ross (dir.), Matthew Jorysz (organ)

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts His chains,  
Crushing the serpent's head;  
And cries aloud through death's domains  
To wake th'imprison'd dead.

[Neale's interesting translation of the above verse:  
When Christ, Who spake the Dragon's doom,  
Rose, Victor-Lion, from the Tomb:  
That while with living voice He cries,  
The dead of other years might rise.]

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Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

Devouring depths of hell  
Their prey at His command restore;  
His ransom'd hosts pursue their way  
Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in His glory now  
To Him all power is given;  
To Him in one communion bow  
All saints in earth and heaven.

While we, His soldiers, praise our King,  
His mercy we implore,  
Within His palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.

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Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

[The Doxology was added by the editors of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.]

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
While endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen.

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[N.B. This is the final in this series of Lenten meditations, which began on Ash Wednesday. All earlier meditations remain available on this website and can be searched by date (year-month-day) or composer; each meditation comes with an appropriate PDF. The Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship in Vancouver, Canada thanks you for listening to these meditations and hopes that you will join us again this coming Advent.]

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