

Reflections

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Maundy Thursday..... during the days of this week we have followed Christ's dark days of bitter anguish – of betrayal by two of his own disciples, of desertion by the rest, of humiliation and abuse, of condemnation both by authority and by the crowd.

Good Friday lies ahead. He will plummet the depths of despair, his experience even that God has forsaken him. His endurance is pushed to human limits.

We sometimes have our own dark, dark times, for whatever reason. Can we bear it? Will we ever come out the other side? Christ had God-given powers to endure. and so have we. 'Lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day', 'Christ is risen, we are risen'. Between today and Easter Day we will move from mourning into morning.

*'I am emerging from an ocean of grief.
From the sorrow of many deaths,
From the inevitability of tragedy,
From the losing of love,
From the terrible triumph of destruction,
I am seeing the living that is to be believed,
The laughter that is to be laughed,
The joy that is to be enjoyed,
The loving that is to be accomplished,
I am learning at last
The tremendous triumph of life'*

Marjorie Pizer

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