

Wood and Nails by Porters Gate

O humble carpenter, down on Your hands and knees
Look on Your handiwork and build a house
So You may dwell in me
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The work was done with nothing but
Wood and nails in Your scar-borne hands
O show me how to work and praise
Trusting that I am Your instrument

O loving laborer with the sweat upon Your face
Oh, build a table that I too may join You
In the Father's place
Oh, in the Father's place

The kingdom's come and built upon
Wood and nails gripped with joyfulness
So send me out, within Your ways
Knowing that the task is finished
The dead will rise and give You praise
Wood and nails will not hold them down
These wooden tombs, we'll break them soon
And fashion them into flower beds
The curse is done, the battle won
Swords bent down into plowshares
Your scar-borne hands, we'll join with them
Serving at the table You've prepared

O humble carpenter

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odisftO1uLE>

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Joining the Resurrection



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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To Ponder:

Brian McClaren, *Joining the Resurrection*

In Romans Paul pictures Jesus as the firstborn “of many brothers [and sisters].” In passing through death and emerging on the other side, Jesus is the older brother, the pioneer of faith, leading the way into a new day, a new way of life, a new creation.

In this way Easter celebrates not only the resurrection of one man, but the resurrection of the whole human race. Perhaps this is the full meaning of the term “son of man.” Jesus is the new generation of humanity. By proclaiming his resurrection now (not at the end of time), we are inviting people everywhere to join him—in a new birth, as part of a new humanity, to walk “in newness of life.” We are saying, “You don’t have to wait for some distant future to start practicing kindness, nonviolence, reconciliation, reverence, joy, hope, neighborliness, and peace. You can leave the old humanity behind and start practicing this new humanity now.”

It is good and right to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning, but even better and greater to choose to affiliate with it ... to identify with it, to join it, to enter it and let it enter and fill us, to give ourselves to it and receive all it offers us, so we can wholeheartedly participate in it, so that resurrection keeps spreading until everything is healed. everything is new, all is well and all manner of things are well.

The firstborn from the dead does not want to be the *only* one, but invites us all to join in a contagious and ongoing resurrection.

Reading: adapted from

Sr. Joan Chittister, *Monastery of the Heart*

We are called in the Resurrection
to build communities together,
to seek the Universal God,
to hold the wounded of the world
in one heart.

And in that place of love
to serve that world
by being for it
oases of peace and prayer.

As the Monastery of the Heart becomes
a beacon of light in truth and justice
we come to know one another in love.

We support our mutual gifts
in conscious and committed ways
and take each other’s souls into your hands.

Sharing. . .

a word...

a phrase...

a reflection...