

Our Father in Heaven, if there is any who are mourning, and downcast, please lift up their hearts. Father, lift up the light of Your countenance and make their hearts glad in Jesus. On this Day of our Lord's Resurrection may no soul be in gloom but be filled with the joy of the empty tomb.

Today may all the saints in Christ rejoice in their risen Lord. May their hearts rise with Him and sit with Him in the heavenlies, and may they reign with Him in the fullness of His joy.

Heavenly Father bless our dear brothers and sisters in Christ as we cannot gather together to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. Truly the absence of our weekly gatherings had made our hearts grow fonder of worshipping Jesus together.

Heavenly Father, we will rejoice when we can say, "*Let us go to the house of the LORD!*" Yet, until that day comes, we will lift up our eyes to the hills and know that our help comes from the LORD who made heaven and earth. May we continue to trust in You and not be moved. May we abide with You and may You surround us with your grace as the mountains surround Jerusalem.

We look forward to the time when we can sing together:

*¹ This is the day the Lord hath made,
He calls the hours his own;
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad,
And praise surround the throne.*

*² Today he rose and left the dead,
And Satan's empire fell;
Today the saints his triumphs spread,
And all his wonders tell.*

³ *Hosanna to th' anointed King,
To David's holy Son:
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from the throne.*

⁴ *Blest be the Lord, who comes to men
With messages of grace;
Who comes in God his Father's Name
To save our sinful race.*

⁵ *Hosanna in the highest strains
The church on earth can raise;
The highest heavens, in which he reigns,
Shall give him nobler praise.¹*

In the glorious name of Jesus, we pray—Amen!

¹ Watts, Isaac. *The Psalms of David*. Pioneer Library. Kindle Edition.