

From Darkness to Light
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When everything seems long, difficult, dark ...
When “I call by day and God gives no reply,
I call by night and find no peace” (Ps. 21) ...

When Good Friday seemed so final, Jesus himself cried out
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

When the world was without hope –
Then Easter dawned.

“Very early in the morning ... when it was still dark,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb”,
And the Garden burst into a shout of light and praise.

“Above us the Lord now rules
And above us his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
And kings to your dawning brightness.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,
Your God will be your splendour”, (Is. 60)

If we feel that “Night still covers the earth
And darkness the peoples”,
When stricken by the evil around us,
The sinfulness within ourselves,
We remember that, because of Easter,
If we open our eyes to see it,
The light of Christ’s resurrection
Suffuses creation and raises us up.

Where lies my hope?
To whom am I called to reflect the light today?