

REFLECTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

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(prompted by John 12.1-11)

There will again be a time to celebrate, but it is not now.

There will again be a time for feasting, but not today.

There will again be a time to pour out expensive perfume,
but for the moment we leave it stored.

We long for resurrection, but for now see mostly death.

We long for the fresh air of freedom, but today salvation
keeps most at home,

whilst nurses and doctors keep Lazarus company, and water
waits to be turned to wine.

It will all come; but not today.

Today, we hope.

In Christ, with Christ, through Christ.

Rev Dr Barbara Glasson

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(prompted by 1 Corinthians 18-31)

How is this weakness strong?

what point to sacrifice

this holy love brought low

how is this folly wise?

How does the kingdom come

through such a gentle power

how will new life be given

in this dark watchful hour?

When will new life be given

how is love revealed

when fear still overcomes

how will the earth be healed?

What mystery is this?

the Son of God despised

how can such foolish strength

be glory realised?