

Third Sunday after Easter

2020

"but ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:" – 1 PETER 2.9.

My Dear friends,

I have spoken previously about the "good news" which may sound quite perverse in this current climate of fear and despair. The Coronavirus continues to infect and kill at an alarming rate. Politicians and scientists continue in their struggles to find answers and solutions as the pandemic continues its voyage of misery and destruction. As yet, there is little meaningful evidence of any workable solutions being forthcoming in the near future, so the misery of illness and bereavement is sadly going to continue for quite some time.

However, as Christians we are well aware of the "Good News" of the Gospel and as such we are a chosen generation. We have been invited to step out into the glory of the marvellous light of God. We are in fact a peculiar people set apart for a peculiar purpose.

We have been called out of darkness, not by any virtue of our own, but essentially to perform at this vital time especially the work of witness and testimony. We are all part of the royal priesthood of the Kingdom and it is our collective duty to light the candles of Christ upon the dark pagan altars of the world.

The Marvellous Light is not a spotlight upon any particular group of persons; it is the fire of Divine love that burns at the heart of the universe. It is the duty and privilege of the peculiar people to light their torches from this cosmic fire and carry them out to the ends of the earth.

There are very many people at this time in a very dark place indeed, trying to make any sense of the present situation in which they find themselves. It is our duty to try and bring the light of Hope and Salvation to beat down and extinguish this scourge of evil that is blighting the lives of so many. We must continue to pray in all sincerity that we are together guided in our mission in order that we can help shine that Divine light into the lives of those in darkness. It is the Christian who has a creed for the living and a hope for the dying. "Ye are the light of the world."

May Almighty God, Bless, Preserve and Keep You all. Amen.

In Christ.

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