

Reflection Easter Tuesday 2021

Called by name and called by God. The prophet Samuel was called by name in his young days and needed help to understand that God was calling him. The angel Gabriel called Mary by name when asking her to become the mother of Jesus. Mary of Magdala recognised Jesus when he called her by name and told her to be the bearer of the good news of his resurrection to his disciples. In Baptism and in Confirmation we are called and chosen by name, called to be bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ. The promise of the resurrection, the promise that Peter speaks about, is that we share in the resurrection and therefore in eternal life that Jesus Christ won for us through his death and resurrection. But the promise also means that we already share in eternal life on earth in being bearers of Jesus Christ to those we encounter by living in his way: in kindness and gentleness, in service and compassion, in being merciful and forgiving, in respecting the sacredness and dignity of every person, in generously sharing our lives with others and allowing them to share their lives with us just as Jesus did.

The Lamb by WILLIAM BLAKE

*Little Lamb who made thee,
dost thou know who made thee
gave thee life and bid thee feed
by the stream and o'er the mead;
gave thee clothing of delight,
softest clothing woolly bright;
gave thee such a tender voice,
making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb who made thee,
dost thou know who made thee?*

*Little Lamb I'll tell thee,
little Lamb I'll tell thee!
He is called by thy name,
for he calls himself a Lamb:
he is meek and he is mild,
he became a little child:
I, a child, and thou a lamb,
we are called by his name.
Little Lamb God bless thee.
Little Lamb God bless thee.*

What do you call a mischievous Easter egg?

A practical yolker!