

Eternity's Great Gifts: Jesus Christ's Atonement, Resurrection, Restoration

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Te mau tao'a hōro'a rahi nō te tau mure 'ore : Te tāra'ehara, te ti'afa'ahoura'a, te fa'aho'i-fa'ahou-ra'a a Iesu Mesia

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We find in Easter in Jesus Christ peace, becoming, and belonging—that which is enduringly real and joyful, happy and forever.

Years ago, our early-morning gospel class memorized Bible verses. Naturally I was drawn to short passages. This included John 11:35—the shortest verse in scripture, only two words—“Jesus wept.”

For me now, that Jesus weeps in sorrow and joy testifies of the miraculous reality: the divine Son of God came into physical mortality and learned according to the flesh how always to be with and bless us.

When we cry out in grief or joy, Jesus Christ understands perfectly. He can be present in the moments when we most need eternity's great gifts: Jesus Christ's Atonement, Resurrection, restoration.

Mary and Martha weep for their brother Lazarus, who has died. Moved with compassion, Jesus weeps. He raises Lazarus to life.

Jesus beholds Jerusalem on the eve of the Passover. He weeps, unable to gather His people as a hen would her chicks. Today His Atonement gives us hope when we sorrow for what could have been.

The Lord of the vineyard weeps as He asks His servants, which could include us as ministering brothers and sisters, “What could I have done more for my vineyard?”

Mary stands bereft at the sepulchre. Jesus

E 'itehia mai ia tātou i roto i te Pāsa ia Iesu Mesia ra te hau, te rirora'a mai 'e te tā'amura'a—'ò tē vai maoro 'e te pāpū 'e te 'o'ao'a rahi, ma te 'o'ao'a ē a muri noa atu.

Tau matahiti i mā'iri, 'ua tāmāu 'āau tō mātou piha ha'api'ira'a 'evanelia nō te po'ipo'i i te mau 'irava nō te Bibilia. 'Ua hi'ō iho ā 'ia vau i te mau 'irava poto. Tei roto te Ioane 11:35—te 'irava pā-pa'ira'a mo'a poto roa a'e, e toru ta'ō—« 'Oto ihora Iesu. »

Nō'u nei, i teienei, te mea ē 'ua ta'i Iesu ma te 'oto 'e ma te 'o'ao'a, e fa'a'itera'a 'ia nō te parau pāpū 'e te temeio ē : i tae mai te Tamaiti hanahana a te Atua i roto i te tāhuti tino nei 'e 'ua 'apo i te mau ha'api'ira'a i te tino nei e nāhea i te vai noa i piha'i iho ia tātou 'e i te ha'amaita'i noa ia tātou.

'Ia tuō tātou i tō tātou māuiui 'aore rā tō tātou 'o'ao'a, 'ua māmarama hope roa Iesu Mesia. E ti'a iāna 'ia tae mai 'ia tītau-roa-hia anāe te mau tao'a hōro'a rahi nō te tau mure 'ore : te tāra'ehara, te ti'afa'ahoura'a 'e te fa'aho'i-fa'ahou-ra'a a Iesu Mesia.

'Ua ta'i Maria 'e 'o Mareta nō tō rāua tae'a'e ia Lazaro, tei pohe. Nō tōna aumihi, 'ua 'oto Iesu. 'Ua fa'ati'a mai 'oia ia Lazaro.

'Ua hi'ō Iesu ia Ierusalem a i te pō nā mua noa a'e i te Pāsa a te 'āti Iuda. 'Ua 'oto 'oia, 'aita i noa'a iāna 'ia ha'aputupu i tōna mau ta'ata mai te moa i tāna mau fanau'a. I teie mahana, e noa'a mai te ti'a'ira'a maoti tāna tāra'ehara, i te taime e 'aue tātou nō te 'āhani ē.

'Ua 'oto te Fatu o te 'ō vine i te anira'a i tōna mau tāvini mai ia tātou ato'a paha 'ia te mau tae'a'e 'e te mau tuahine aupuru : « E aha atu ā tei ti'a iā'u 'ia rave nō tā'u 'ō vine ? »

E mana'o mo'emo'e tō Maria i te mēnema. I

gently asks, “Why weepest thou?” He knows “weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” Resurrection brings dawn for all.

In Book of Mormon lands, as the faithful multitude arises to Him, Jesus’s joy is full. He weeps.

“And he took their little children, one by one, and blessed them, and prayed unto the Father for them.

“And when he had done this he wept again.”

This is Easter in Jesus Christ: He answers the longings of our hearts and the questions of our souls. He wipes away our tears, except our tears of joy.

When our tears flow, we sometimes apologize, embarrassed. But knowing that Jesus Christ understands life’s pains and joys can give us strength beyond our own as we navigate bitter and sweet.

In South America, a father sobs. A sparkle in his life, his young daughter, has died. “I would give anything to see her again,” he cries in my arms. I cry too.

At the Puebla Mexico Temple dedication, tears of happiness wet the face of a dear sister. Her features radiate faith and sacrifice. She says, “Todos mis hijos están aquí en el templo hoy” — “All my children are here in the temple today.” Generations gathered in the house of the Lord bring tears of joy and gratitude.

In cruel civil war, families and neighbors did unspeakable things to each other. Bitter tears are slowly giving way to hope. Her voice trembling, a woman in a small village says, “Neighbor, before I go to my grave, I want you to know where to find your missing family members.”

A radiant bride and handsome groom are being sealed in the house of the Lord. She is 70 years old, as is he. A beautiful bride, she has worthily waited for this day. She shyly swishes her bridal dress this way, then that way. We shed joyful tears. God’s promises are fulfilled. His covenants bring blessings.

While home teaching a widowed sister, a

ui marū ai Iesu : « E aha 'oe i 'oto ai ? » « 'Ia tapae noa mai te 'oto i te ahiahi, e riro rā i te 'oāoa 'ia po'ipo'i. » E fa'atae mai te ti'afa'ahourā i te 'āhia-ta nō te tā'ato'ara'a.

I te mau fenua nō te Buka a Moromona, i te ti'ara'a mai te naho'a ha'apa'o maita'i i mua iāna ra, 'ua 'i roa 'oia i te 'oāoa. 'Ua 'oto ihora.

« 'E 'ua rave atu ra 'oia i tā rātou mau tamari'i ri'i, te tahi i muri iho i te tahi, 'e 'ua ha'amaita'i atu ra ia rātou, 'e 'ua pure atu ra i te Metua nō rātou.

« 'E 'ia oti a'era 'oia i te nā-reira-ra'a, 'ua 'oto fa'ahou ihora 'oia. »

'O teie te Pāsa ia Iesu Mesia ra : E pāhono 'oia i te mau hia'ai o tō tātou 'āau 'e i te mau uira'a o tō tātou vairua. E horoi 'ē 'oia i tō tātou roimata, e iaha rā te roimata nō te 'oāoa.

'Ia tahe tō tātou roimata, i te tahi mau taime, e 'ape tātou, e ha'amā. Te 'itera'a rā ē 'ua māra-marama Iesu Mesia i te mau māuiui 'e te mau 'oāoa o te orara'a, e noa'a mai iā te pūai rahi atu ā i tō tātou iho, i te rāterera'a nā te maramara 'e te monamona.

I Amerika Apatō'a, 'ua autā te hō'ē metua tāne. 'Ua pohe te feti'a 'amo'amo o tōna orara'a, tāna tamāhine 'āpī. « Aita e mea e'ita vau e hōrō'a nō te 'ite fa'ahou iāna », 'ua tā'i 'oia i roto i tō'u rima. 'Ua tā'i ato'a vau.

I te ha'amo'ara'a o te hiero nō Puebla (Mēhi-ko), e roimata nō te 'oāoa i ni'a i te mata o te hō'ē tuahine iti. E tā'ahia i ni'a i tōna mata tōna fa'aro'o 'e te fa'atusiara'a. 'Ua nā 'ō 'oia : « Todos mis hijos están aquí en el templo hoy Pauroa tā'u mau tamari'i i roto i te hiero i teie mahana. » Nō te mau u'i ha'aputuputuhia i roto i te fare o te Fatu, e tahe iho ā te roimata nō te 'oāoa 'e te māuruuru.

I roto i te tama'i tivira taehae, 'ua rave te fēti'i 'e te tāata tupu i te 'ohipa ri'ari'a mau i ni'a i te tahi 'e te tahi. Tē mono-marū-hia ra te maramara i te tiā'ira'a. 'Ua parau te hō'ē vahine i te hō'ē 'oire iti ē, ma te reo rūrū : « E te veutupu ē, hou vau 'a hunahia ai i tō'u mēnema, 'ua hina'aro vau 'ia 'ite 'oe i hea e 'itehia ai ia 'oe tō mau fēti'i i mo'e. »

E vahine mata 'ana'ana 'e tāna tāne nehenehe tei fa'aipoipohia 'e tei tā'atihia i roto i te fare o te Fatu. E 70 matahiti tō rāua tāna tāne. E vahine mōmō'a nehenehe, tei tiā'i noa na i teie mahana, ma te ti'a mā. 'Ua fa'a'ohu ri'i 'oia i tōna 'ahu fa'aipoipora'a i terā pae 'e i terā pae. E roimata nō te 'oāoa tō mātou. 'Ua fa'atupuhia te mau parau fafau a te Atua. 'Ua fa'atae mai tāna mau fafaura'a i te mau ha'amaita'ira'a.

I te hāhaerera'a te taure'are'a ra Boyd K.

young Boyd K. Packer learned a tender lesson. Following a disagreement with her husband, the sister had called out a final hurtful remark. An unexpected accident took her husband's life that day. "For fifty years," the widow sobbed, "I've lived in hell knowing that the last words he heard from my lips were that biting, spiteful remark."

Easter in Jesus Christ helps us mend, reconcile, make right our relationships, on both sides of the veil. Jesus can heal grief; He can enable forgiveness. He can free us and others from things we or they have said or done that otherwise bind us captive.

Easter in Jesus Christ lets us feel God's approbation. This world tells us we are too tall, too short, too wide, too narrow—not smart, pretty, or spiritual enough. Through spiritual transformation in Jesus Christ, we can escape debilitating perfectionism.

With Easter joy, we sing, "Death is conquered; man is free. Christ has won the victory." Christ's Resurrection frees us from death, from time's frailties and physicality's imperfections. Jesus Christ's Atonement also restores us spiritually. He bled from every pore, weeping blood as it were, to provide us escape from sin and separation. He reunites us, whole and holy, with each other and God. In all good things, Jesus Christ restores abundantly—not only what was but also what can be.

Jesus's life and light testify of God's love for all His children. Because God our Father loves all His children in every age and land, we find His loving invitation to come find peace and joy in Him in many traditions and cultures. Wherever, whenever, whoever we are, we share divine identity as children of the same Creator. In similar spirit, followers of Islam, Judaism, and Christianity share religious heritage in Father Abraham and covenant connection through events in ancient Egypt.

Packer i te hōē tuahine 'ivi, e ha'api'ira'a iti tana i 'apo mai. Nō te tahi mana'o tū'ati 'ore ē tana tane fa'aipoipo, 'ua tāora ihora te tuahine i te tahi parau teimaha mau. I terā mahana, e 'ati purōmu mana'o-'ore-hia tei ha'apohe i tana tane fa'aipoipo. 'Ua 'autā te vahine 'ivi ē : « E pae 'ahuru matahiti te maoro, 'ua ora na vau i hade, nō te 'itera'a ē te mau parau hope'a tana i fa'aro'o mai nī'a atu i tō'u 'utu, e parau mānaina ia ē te 'ino. »

E tauturu mai te Pāsa ia Iesu Mesia ra i te tātā'i, i te fa'afaitē, i te fa'a'āfaro i tō tātou mau tā'amura'a, i nā pae e piti o te pāruru. E ti'a ia Iesu 'ia fa'aora i te māuiui ; e ti'a iāna 'ia ha'amataa i te fa'aōrera'a hapa. E ti'a iāna 'ia fa'ati'amā ia tātou ē ia vetahi ē i te mau mea tā tātou 'aore rā tā rātou i parau ē i rave, 'ia 'ore ana'e, e ru'uru'u fa'atiti noa te reira ia tātou.

Maoti te Pāsa ia Iesu Mesia ra e putapū ai tātou i te parau fa'ari'i a te Atua. Tē parau nei teie ao ia tātou ē 'ua rahi roa tātou, 'ua poto roa, 'ua 'āano roa, 'ua oaoa roa, 'aita i nava'i tō tātou māmarama, te nehenehe ē te fāito pae vārua. Nā roto i te tauira'a pae vārua i roto ia Iesu Mesia, e ti'a ia tātou 'ia ora mai i te mana'o ha'aparuru nō te hina'aro 'ore i te hape.

Ma te 'oa'oa nō Pāsa, e hīmene tātou : « 'Ua vī rā te pohe ['ua ti'amā te tāata]. Tei te Mesia te rē. » E fa'ati'amā te ti'afa'ahourā o te Mesia ia tātou i te pohe, i te mau taime paruparu ē i te mau hape-hape pae tino. E fa'aho'i ato'a te tāra'hara a Iesu Mesia ia tātou i te pae vārua. 'Ua tahe tōna toto nā te mau poa ato'a, mai te huru e roimata toto, 'ia ti'a ia tātou 'ia ora mai i te hara ē i te fa'ata'a-ē-ra'a. E fa'atāhōē 'oia ia tātou, te tā'ato'a ē te mo'a, te tahi i te tahi ē i te Atua ato'a. I roto i te mau mea maitata'i ato'a ra, e fa'aho'i rahi mai 'o Iesu Mesia—e 'ere i te mea noa i vai na, 'o te mea ato'a rā e nehenehe e riro mai.

Tē parau pāpū nei te orara'a ē te māmarama o Iesu i te here o te Atua nō tana mau tamari'i ato'a. Nō te here o te Atua tō tātou Metua i tana mau tamari'i ato'a, nō te mau fāito matahiti ato'a ē i te mau fenua ato'a, tē 'ite nei tātou i tana anira'a here 'ia haere mai ē 'ia 'imi i te hau ē i te 'oa'oa iāna ra, i roto i te mau peu tumu ē i te mau ta'ere e rave rahi. Noa atu te vāhi, noa atu te taime, noa atu 'o vai tātou, e hīro'a atua ana'e tō tātou 'ei tamari'i nō te hōē ā Hāmani. Nā reira ato'a, hōē ā faufa'a pae fa'aro'o tō te feiā 'āpēē i te fa'aro'o mahometa, 'ati Iuda ē keresetiano, i roto i te Metua ra Aberahama ē te tū'atira'a fafaura'a tei 'itehia i roto i te mau 'ohipa i tupu i Aiphiti tahito

Father Abraham came to Egypt and was blessed.

Joseph, sold into servitude in Egypt, knew Pharaoh's dream meant seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. Joseph saved his family and his people. Joseph wept when he saw God's larger plan, where all things work together for good for those who keep their covenants.

Moses, raised in Egypt in Pharaoh's household, received and later restored the keys for the gathering of God's children.

Fulfilling prophecy, Joseph, Mary, and the infant Christ child sought refuge in Egypt. In Cairo, a devout Muslim believer reverently says: "The Quran teaches that Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus found safety and sanctuary in my country. In my country, Jesus as a toddler ate our food, took His first steps, said His first words. Here in my country, we believe trees bent low to give Him and His family fruit. His being in my country blessed our people and land."

God's plan of moral and mortal agency allows us to learn by our own experience. Some of our greatest life lessons come from things we would never choose. In love, Jesus Christ descended below and ascended above all things. He rejoices in our divine capacities for creativity and delight, kindness without hope for reward, faith unto repentance and forgiveness. And He weeps in sorrow at the enormity of our human suffering, cruelty, unfairness—often brought by human choice—as do the heavens and the God of heaven with them.

Each Easter spring season testifies that spiritual sequence and convergence are both part of the divine pattern of atonement, resurrection, and restoration through Jesus Christ. This sacred and symbolic convergence comes not by accident or coincidence. Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter celebrate Christ's Atonement and Resurrection. As today, every April 6 we commemorate the establishment and organization of The

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I haere mai te Metua Aberahama ra i Aiphiti 'e 'ua ha'amaita'ihia 'oia.

'Ua 'ite Iosepha, tei ho'o-titi-hia i Aiphiti, i te aura'a o te ta'oto a Pharaoh, e hitu matahiti 'auhune 'apeehia mai e hitu matahiti o'e. 'Ua fa'aora Iosepha i tona 'utuafare 'e i tona mau ta'ata. I ta'i Iosepha i te 'itera'a 'oia i te fa'annahora'a rahi ae a te Atua, 'e i reira te mau mea ato'a e 'ohipa no te maita'i o te feia e ha'apa'o i ta ratou mau fafaura'a.

'Ua fa'ari'i Mose, tei pa'ari i Aiphiti i roto i te 'utuafare o Pharaoh, i te mau taviri no te ha'apututurua i te mau tamari'i a te Atua, 'e i muri iho 'ua fa'aho'i mai i te reira.

No te fa'atupu i te parau tohu, 'ua 'imi o Iosepha, Maria 'e te 'aiu Mesia ra i te ha'apura'a i Aiphiti. I te 'oire no Le Caire, 'ua parau te ho'e mahometa paieti mau e : « Te ha'api'i nei te Korana e, 'ua 'itehia mai ia Iosepha, Maria 'e te 'aiu Iesu te parurura'a 'e te ha'apura'a i to'u nei fenua. I to'u nei fenua, 'ua 'amu te pepe ra Iesu i ta matou ma'a, 'ua hahae no te taime matamua 'e 'ua parau i tana mau parau matamua. Io nei i to'u fenua, te ti'aturi nei matou e, 'ua pio roa te mau tumu rau no te horo'a iana 'e i tona 'utuafare i te ma'a hotu. No tona vairaa i to'u nei fenua, i ha'amaita'ihia ai to'u mau ta'ata 'e to'u fenua. »

Maoti te fa'annahora'a a te Atua no te ti'amara'a 'ia ma'iti i te pae more 'e i te tahuti nei e tia ai ia tatou 'ia ha'api'i na roto i te mau mea e tupu i nia ia tatou iho. Vetahi o ta tatou mau ha'api'iraa rahi roa ae o te orara'a, no roto mai ia i te mau mea e'ita roa tatou e ma'iti. No tona here, 'ua pou' Iesu Mesia i raro ae i te mau mea ato'a 'e 'ua ta'uma i nia ae i te mau mea ato'a. Te o'aoa nei 'oia i to tatou 'aravihi hanahana no te mana rohi 'e te fa'ao'aoa, no te hamani maita'i ma te tia'i ore i te fa'aho'iraa, no te fa'aro'o i roto i te tatarahapara'a 'e i te fa'aorera'a hapa. 'E te ta'i nei 'oia ma te oto i mua i te rahi roa 'ino o to tatou mamae ta'ata nei, te taehae, te 'ohipa tia ore—tei tupu pinepine no te ma'itira'a ta'ata nei—mai to te mau ra'i ato'a 'e mai te Atua o te ra'i 'e ratou ra.

Te parau papu nei te pu'e tau fa'atupura'a rau tata'itahi e i Pasa e, e tuha'a te ana'iraa 'e te tuitira'a pae varua no te ho'ho'a hanahana no te taraehara, te ti'afa'ahoura'a 'e te fa'aho'i-fa'ahoura'a na roto ia Iesu Mesia. E ere teie tuitira'a mo'a 'e te rahi te tapao i te mea hape noa 'e te mea tano noa. Te fa'ahanahana nei te Sabati o te ama'a tamara, te Hepetoma mo'a 'e te Pasa i te taraehara 'e i te ti'afa'ahoura'a o te Mesia. 'E mai teie mah-

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. This Restoration is a reason we gather the first Sunday each April in general conference.

Restoration also came as the resurrected Jesus Christ, Moses, Elias, and Elijah returned priesthood keys and authority at the newly dedicated Kirtland Temple on Easter Sunday, 1836. In that setting on that day to the restored Church of Jesus Christ came God's authority and blessings to gather His children, prepare His children to return to Him, and unite families for eternity. Restoration that day fulfilled prophecy by occurring both on Easter and Passover.

Including the Kirtland Temple, I recently visited sacred places in Ohio where the Prophet Joseph and others saw in vision God our Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. The Prophet Joseph saw what heaven is like. In heaven, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, “saves all the works of his hands” in a kingdom of glory. The only exceptions are those who willfully “deny the Son after the Father has revealed him.”

As His mortal ministry began, Jesus declared His mission to bless us each with all we are willing to receive—in every time, every land, every circumstance. After fasting 40 days, Jesus went into the synagogue and read, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.”

Poor, brokenhearted, captive, blind, bruised—that's each of us.

The book of Isaiah continues the Messianic promise of hope, deliverance, assurance: “Appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, ... give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.”

ana, i te mau 6 nō 'Ēperēra ato'a, e fa'ahanahana tātou i te ha'amaura'a 'e te fa'anahora'a o Te 'Ēkālesia a Iesu Mesia i te Feiā Mo'a i te mau Mahana Hope'a nei. Teie Fa'aho'i-fa'ahou-ra'a, o te hōē ia tumu tātou e ha'aputuputu ai i te sābati mātāmua tāta'itahi nō 'Ēperēra nō te 'āmuira'a rahi.

'Ua tae ato'a mai te Fa'aho'i-fa'ahou-ra'a i te fa'aho'ira'a mai Iesu Mesia, Mose, Elia 'e Eliaha, tei ti'afa'ahou, i te mau tāviri 'e te ha'amanara'a autahu'ara'a i te hiero nō Kirtland tei ha'amo'a-āpī-noa-hia i te sābati Pāsa nō te matahiti 1836. I terā vairā'a, i terā mahana, 'ua tae mai i te 'Ēkālesia a Iesu Mesia i fa'aho'ihia mai, te ha'amanara'a a te Atua 'e te ha'amaita'ira'a 'ia ha'aputuputu i tāna mau tamari'i, 'ia fa'aineine i tāna mau tamari'i nō tōna ho'ira'a mai 'e 'ia tāhōē i te mau 'utuāfare ē a muri noa atu. 'Ua fa'atupu te Fa'aho'i-fa'ahou-ra'a i terā mahana ra i te tohura'a nō te tupura'a te reira i te mahana Pāsa 'e i te mahana Pāsa ato'a a te 'āti Iuda.

Mai te hiero nō Kirtland, 'ua tere mātā'ita'i a'enei au i te tahi mau vāhi mo'a nō Ohio, i reira te peropheta Iosepha 'e vetahi ato'a i te 'itera'a i roto i te 'ōrama i te Atua tō tātou Metua 'e i tāna Tamaiti ia Iesu Mesia. I 'ite te peropheta Iosepha mai te aha ra te ra'i. I te ra'i ra, nā roto ia Iesu Mesia, e « fa'aora [te Metua i te ao ra] i te mau 'ohipa ato'a a tōna rima » i roto i te hōē bāsileia hanahana. Te mau tāata noa e'ita, 'o rātou ia tei 'ōpua iho e « huna i te Tamaiti i muri mai i tō te Metua fa'a'itera'a mai iāna ra. »

I te ha'amatarā'a tāna tāvinira'a i te ao tāhuti nei, 'ua fa'a'ite Iesu i tāna misiōni e ha'amaita'i ia tātou tāta'itahi i te mau mea ato'a 'ua ineine tātou 'ia fa'ari'i—i te mau tau ato'a, i te mau fenua ato'a 'e i te mau vairā'a ato'a. I muri mai i te ha'apaera'a i te mā'a e 40 mahana te maoro, 'ua haere Iesu i roto i te sunago 'e 'ua tai'ō atu ra : « Tei ni'a iho iā'u te Vārua o te Fatu, 'oia i fa'atāhinu mai iā'u 'ei poro haere i te parau maita'i i te tāata ri'i, 'ua tonono mai 'oia iā'u 'ei fa'aora i te feiā 'āau 'oto, ei poro haere i te ora nō te tītī, 'e 'ia hi'ō fa'ahou te matapō, 'e 'ei tu'u ho'i i te feiā i ha'aparuparuhia. »

Te tāata ri'i, te feiā 'āau 'oto, te tītī, te matapō 'e te feiā i ha'aparuparuhia—'o tātou tāta'itahi ia.

Tē tāmau ā te buka nō Isaia i te parau fa-fau a te Mesia nō te tiā'ira'a, te fa'ati'amāra'a 'e te ha'apāpūra'a : « 'Ei hōpoi atu [...] i te feiā i 'oto i Ziona ; 'ei hōro'a atu ia rātou i te 'una'una 'ei mono i te rehu auahi ; 'e te mono'i ra i te 'oāo'a 'ei mono i te 'oto ; 'e te 'ahu pū ra i te ha'amaita'i 'ei mono i te 'āau taiā. »

Thus, we cry out, “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness.”

Each Easter season, we celebrate, as a symbolic whole, eternity’s great gifts through Jesus Christ: His Atonement; His (and the promise of our) literal Resurrection; Restoration of His latter-day Church with priesthood keys and authority to bless all God’s children. We rejoice in the garments of salvation and the robe of righteousness. We shout, “Hosanna to God and the Lamb!”

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

May we each find in Jesus Christ atonement, resurrection, and restoration—peace, becoming, and belonging—that which is enduringly real and joyful, happy and forever, I pray in His holy name, Jesus Christ, amen.

’E nō reira e tuō tātou : « E ’oāoa roa vau ia Iehova, e ’ōu’au’a noa tā’u vārua i te ’oāoa i tā’u Atua. ’Ua fa’ā’ahu mai ’oia iā’u i te ’ahu ra i te ora : e ’ua tāpo’i ’oia iā’u i te ’ahu pū ra i te parauti’a. »

I te pu’e tau Pāsa tāta’itahi, e fa’ahanahana tātou, ’ei tāpa’o nō te tāāto’a, i te mau tao’a hōro’a rahi nō te tau mure ’ore nā roto ia Iesu Mesia ; tāna tāraēhara ; tōna (’e te parau fafau nō tō tātou) ti’afa’ahoura’a mau ; te Fa’aho’i-fa’ahou-ra’a mai o tāna ’Ēkālesia i te mau mahana hope’a nei ma te mau tāviri ’e te ha’amanara’a autahu’ara’a nō te ha’amaita’i i te mau tamari’i a te Atua. Tē ’oāoa nei tātou i roto i te ’ahu nō te ora ’e te ’ahu pū ra i te parauti’a. E tuō tātou : « Hosana i te Atua ’e te ’Ārenio ! »

« I aroha mai te Atua i tō te ao, e ’ua tae roa i te hōro’a mai i tāna Tamaiti fānau tahi, ’ia ’ore ’ia pohe tē fa’aro’o iāna ra, ’ia roa’a rā te ora mure ’ore »

’Ia ’itehia mai ia tātou tāta’itahi i roto i te tāraēhara, te ti’afa’ahoura’a ’e te fa’aho’i-fa’ahou-ra’a mai a Iesu Mesia—te hau, te rirora’a mai ’e te tāāmura’a—’o tē vai maoro ’e te pāpū ’e te ’oāoa rahi, ma te ’oāoa ē a muri noa atu, ’o tā’u ia pure i tōna i’oa mo’a ra, ’o Iesu Mesia, ’āmene.