

FAITH

By Bill Pugh



What does Easter Day mean? It marks the beginning of a great procession of all the suffering of human history. And yet, as the parade passes by, on every face which was once clouded with pain, grief and despair, there is a smile, a look of hope, something more, just ahead. How could this be?

Because, right at the very end of this line of the ages, comes a shepherd

with a crook, which once was a cross, rough-hewn, never needed again since that first Easter.

Finally the great procession arrives at the Gate of Heaven, the Innocents at the very front. Wide open is the Gate, never to be closed. Because the toll has been paid, once and for all, by the One who comes, last of all, shepherding all before.

Reflection:

Paul the Apostle wrote of his Easter experience in his Letter to the Romans thus: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ our Lord."

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