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### **An Easter Reflection**

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With Easter fast approaching and Christians around the world preparing to celebrate the resurrection, the tendency may be to rush past the pain and suffering our Lord endured. He invites us into the garden and into his experience: "My soul is deeply grieved, even to point of death. Remain here and stay awake with me." (Matthew 26:38). Amidst his anguish and turmoil, we can learn from our Master to steadfastly pray, to endure suffering, and to welcome death as a path to life with him. (Romans 8:17). Use the hymn below entitled, "Go to Dark Gethsemane" as a meditation or reflection as we spiritually accompany our Lord through his suffering.

#### **Go to dark Gethsemane,**

You who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see;  
Watch with Him one bitter hour;  
Turn not from His griefs away;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall;  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
O the worm-wood and the gall!  
O the pangs His soul sustained!  
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;  
Learn of Him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb  
There' adoring at His feet,  
Mark the miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete:  
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;  
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

Early hasten to the tomb  
Where they laid his breathless clay;  
All is solitude and gloom;  
Who hath taken Him away?

Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:  
Savior, teach us so to rise.

YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/vD6tcMroY0A>

Hymnal w/ music: [https://hymnary.org/text/go\\_to\\_dark\\_gethsemane](https://hymnary.org/text/go_to_dark_gethsemane)