

Enter by the narrow door

The Gospel proclaims that we must enter via the narrow door.

Enter what ?

Not eternal life

But daily life

The door being Christ Jesus

The way the truth and the life

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There is no way around it

You will grow older

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Responsibilities will come your way

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In order to have it you must move. This way, or that way.

But if you try to stay where you are, inhibited by fear or possession

You will destroy the joy

A truth is that life is expensive

Those who love will pay the price of deep joy.

A truth is that you are part of a community

That you must work with others to find joy

A truth is that there are miracles all around you

But at times of struggle all you may see are the illusions

Undermining choice and delaying the payment of the cost of joy

The life of Christ does involve crucifixion

The pain felt, at birth, death, joy

The life of Christ is a path of faithfulness and aspiration

Thus nothing can totally destroy the joy which strengthens the resolve

The life of Christ is full of dignity

So dignity is an expression of the joy in the love that you share

There is no way around it

We may not fully understand it

But be prepared

In the simple day

And God help you

Even in the dramatic

To enter by the narrow door

Be prepared to pay the price of joy

And enter by the narrow door.