

I Will Arise
(celebrate it)

If you were listening to me in Midday Prayers last week, you might have questioned, or been puzzled by a reference I made : a quotation that "justice is a terrible virtue." It was in fact taken from a reflection on forgiveness and love of enemies : and today I'd like to share some of those thoughts with you, for forgiveness is in a sense the most radical and fundamental public virtue of our Christianity, and one that needs special cultivation in the kind of world we live in, where vengeance, in Christians and in society, leads to disaster, as you can see so often in people and countries. Forgiveness is the exact opposite of vengeance . . .

QQ. "Praise & Sing & Bless"
p 108 ff.

But now, let us pray : in music first, in praise of God : "Exultate Deo"
— words from Ps 80, in a setting by Francis Poulenc. MUSIC

PRAYERS

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Music, !