

# **SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS**

**March, April and May 2025**



The Order of the Cross

## ORDER OF THE CROSS PUBLICATIONS

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## Thoughts to Inspire



### The Blessing of Compassion

**L**ET LOVE DISTINGUISH YOU. To be of the Divine Love, both in its realization and manifestation, is more to be desired than earthly inheritance and power. For love enriches the life. Love exalts the vision. Love ennobles the purpose. The regnancy of Love is assured.

If ye love, ye will not fail in the way. If ye truly love ye will give Love. If ye give Love, many will rise up and call you blessed.

Love begets. It is ever creative. The offspring of Love are manifest in blessed ministry. Therefore, love ye one another. To rule by Love those who are within our circle, is a greater thing, and more to be desired, than to rule a Kingdom of the Earth.

To love our neighbour as ourself is surely a Divine Ambition. It is the selfless way. Seek ye unto the finding of it. Let the Good of Love, and the Truth of Love, ever be expressed in all your ways. For the Good of Love is its healing power, and the Truth of Love is its Radiance.

*From Life's Mysteries Unveiled. by John Todd Ferrier pages 10-11*

*From the Teachings*

**The Simplicity of the Teachings**

BY USING THE TERM 'simplicity' we do not mean that they are not profound. They are. But in their first aspects they can be easily understood, because they relate to Life, to the Purification of Life, to the right way of living, thinking, feeling, desiring.

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THE TEACHINGS are simple enough even for a child to understand. They reveal Love in its lowly, expression, in its gentleness and purity, and the Love-principle applied to life in every act, in relation to those in the home, in relation to those in other homes, in relation to everyone whom one meets in the way; how Love should look of the windows of the Soul upon the creatures with sweet compassion and exquisite pity.

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THE TEACHINGS have at the very heart of them this attitude of mind and heart towards all Souls and to all creatures. They are simple enough for Life. One cannot follow them without laying aside everything that is unlovely, everything that is unlike true Love, compassion and pity.

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IF THE LOVE and the compassion and the compassion and the pity for which the Teachings stand for were regnant, the World would regain its balanced polarity so much more quickly. It would be greatly hastened, and so many of the woundings of humanity would be healed and their sorrows wiped away.

*Herald XXVIII, pages 140-142*

## **Reflections upon The Simplicity of the Teachings Richard Ashley**

**T**HE PART OF HERALD XXVIII titled ORDER TEACHINGS RELATIVE TO DIVINE HEALING is one that has a particular resonance to me and to which I often return. The paragraphs relating to 'The Simplicity of the Teachings' from which the foregoing extracts were taken sum up their very essence and contain everything that one needs to know to be a Member of the Order of the Cross. A life lived as set out in this section is an Order Life; one lives in consciousness of the Love of GOD and channels that Love to others. Of course, there are times when we fall short of these ideas but the important thing is to hold them in our vision and keep seeking to achieve them.

The Teachings given through the founder of the Order of the Cross, John Todd Ferrier, are a Treasury opening up to us knowledge of many beautiful spiritual things and deepening our understanding of our place in the universe but there is a lot in them that one does not need to know to be a Member of the Order of the Cross. Deeper study can come later.

I do wonder if a person coming new to the Teachings might find their sheer volume intimidating. The books themselves take up nearly a metre of shelf space and they are written in a way that to the modern reader is not always easy to understand but I would say do not be put off by this. If your heart is in the right place, full of Love for your fellow men and women and all the Creatures and you are willing to follow the spiritual path set out in the Spiritual Aims and Ideas of The Order of the Cross and are not already a Member but perhaps a reader of *Spiritual Reflections* do consider applying for Membership. The Love and Fellowship is truly amazing

My advice to anyone coming new to the Teachings is to start gently reading in moderate amounts and allowing time to absorb them through quiet contemplation and prayer. Any attempt to take in too much at once or too quickly may lead to what one Member described as 'Spiritual Indigestion'. This is to be avoided, and it is important not to let words get in the way of the message. Remember always that in their essence the Teachings are very simple.

**Forthcoming Gatherings 2025**  
**Please see our website for details**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2025**

**2025**

**Spring Gathering at Sarum College**

Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> – Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Gathering at Swanage**

Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> - Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**Glenthorne Spring Gathering**

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> – Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Ammerdown Summer Gathering**

Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup> July – Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> August

**North America International Gathering**

**The Holy Spirit Retreat Center, Encino, California**

Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> – Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Western Area Gathering at Sheldon Retreat Centre**

Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> October

## **Communal Sharing Circle: Services and Studies by Phone**

**T**HE COMMUNAL SHARING CIRCLE is international and open to all. Initially designed to link callers world-wide by phone, calls can now be accessed electronically from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

Readings taken from the books are referenced on the schedule below.

Local call times, dial-in numbers and internet access link are listed on the following pages. Please call in before the scheduled hour.

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## **SCHEDULE**

### **APRIL TO JULY SCHEDULE 2025**

#### **APRIL 2025**

- 6 The Purpose of this School (HXII, p201) – Richard Palmer
- 13 Solomon’s Porch, (H XXVI p94) – Dawn Culverwell
- 20 See Spiritual Linking Easter Service – Christopher Nye
- 27 The Holy Grail (H XIX p175) – Patrick Barnes

#### **MAY 2025**

- 4 Abraham and Sarah (H XXIV p3) – Michael Arcese
- 11 The Presentation in the Temple (H XXX p43) – Elsie Danielsson
- 18 See Spiritual Linking – Christopher Nye  
The Church of the Living Christ (DR II p209)
- 25 The Living Streams (H XXVIII p98) – Lindajeane Stewart

#### **JUNE 2025**

- Absolute Pacifism (H XXII p259 & H XIII p8) – Patrick Barnes
- 8 The Benediction (H XIX p71) – Sara Smolen
- 15 Prayer in the True Place (H XXIII p 151) – Patrick Barnes
- 22 The Passion of the Soul (LMU p290) – Richard Palmer
- 29 Holy Convocation (LMU p71) – Michael Arcese

#### **JULY 2025**

- 6 Mystery Named Will of God (H XXV p161) – Michael Arcese
- 13 Transformation House of Israel (H XXVI p67) – Patrick Barnes
- 20 Mystery of Prayer in Divine Gov (DRII p477) – Richard Palmer
- 27 Can the Christhood Arise (H XV p53) – Ian van Zyl



MEETING TIME IS: California time (PST/PDT), 9am Sunday morning, all year round regardless of standard or daylight time. (see Time Conversion Chart below).

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<b>A – Daylight Saving Time in Northern Hemisphere; Standard Time in Southern Hemisphere</b>	<b>B – Standard Time in Northern Hemisphere; Daylight Saving Time in Southern Hemisphere</b>
<b>IA: 00:00 UTC (= GMT)</b> 5 pm PDT (Previous eve.) 8 pm EDT (Previous eve.) 8 am AWST 10 am AEST 12 pm NZST	<b>IB: 00:00 UTC (= GMT)</b> 4 pm PST (Previous eve.) 7 pm EST (Previous eve.) 8 am AWST 11 am AEDT 1 pm NZDT
<b>IIA: 16:00 UTC</b> 9 am PDT 12 pm EDT 5 pm BST (UK) (12 am next day AWST) (4 am next day NZST)	<b>IIB: 16:00 UTC</b> 8 am PST 11 am EST 4 pm GMT (U.K.) (12 am next day AWST) (5 am next day NZDT)

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## **Spiritual Linking** **Christopher Nye**

**T**HE READING FOR MARCH IS:

*“Karma”*

*Herald 10 part 2 pages 58-68*

It will take place on Sunday 16

“And now all who will arise out of earthly conditions may hear  
the Angels singing ...”

Daylight Saving Time started in North America on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
March, so the Reading will take place at 9am PDT, 10am MDT,  
11am CDT and 12 noon EDT. In the UK it will be 6pm GMT, as  
British Summer Time does not start till Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

**T**HE READINGS FOR APRIL ARE:

*“Easter”*

*Herald 9 pages 35-40*

*Herald 27 pages 162-168*

It will take place on Sunday 20

“Easter contains the secret of the Son of God realized by the  
Initiate.”

**T**HE READING FOR MAY IS

*“The Church of the Living Christ.”*

*Divine Renaissance volume 2 pages 209-218*

It will take place on Sunday 18

“The Church of the Living Christ is the manifestation of  
Christhood in and through the individual.”

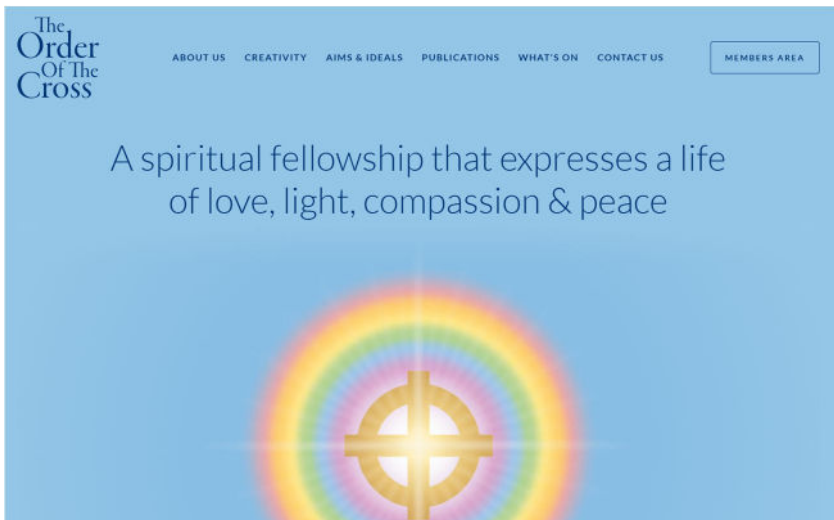
The Readings will take place at **16h00 UTC (=GMT)** that is 5pm  
BST in the UK, 9am PDT, 10am MDT, 11am CDT, 12 noon EDT

in North America. For phone-in numbers please see the Communal Sharing pages.

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## **New Website**

By the time the next Newsletter is published our new website will be live. You will access it in the same way as before, [www.orderofthecross.org](http://www.orderofthecross.org) The illustration below is of the Home page just to give you a feel of how it will appear.



Please take the opportunity to have a look and explore the Web Group would be pleased to hear your feedback so please let us know via:

[webgroup@orderofthecross.org](mailto:webgroup@orderofthecross.org)

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## **The next issue of the Spiritual Reflections**

**THE ORDER OF THE CROSS SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS**  
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will be published at the beginning of June 2025.

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## **To make a painting**

**Annie Campbell**

I am on the cliff  
Air filled with spirals of lark  
Eye dazzled with spring light  
Heart filling  
Blue blue blue  
Wild garlic in my nose  
Blue blue  
blue bells are ringing  
Heart filling  
Sea surging, waves beating  
Blue blue blue  
Heart filling  
Chalk white cliff  
I am on the cliff  
Blue blue blue  
Heart filling.

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