

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

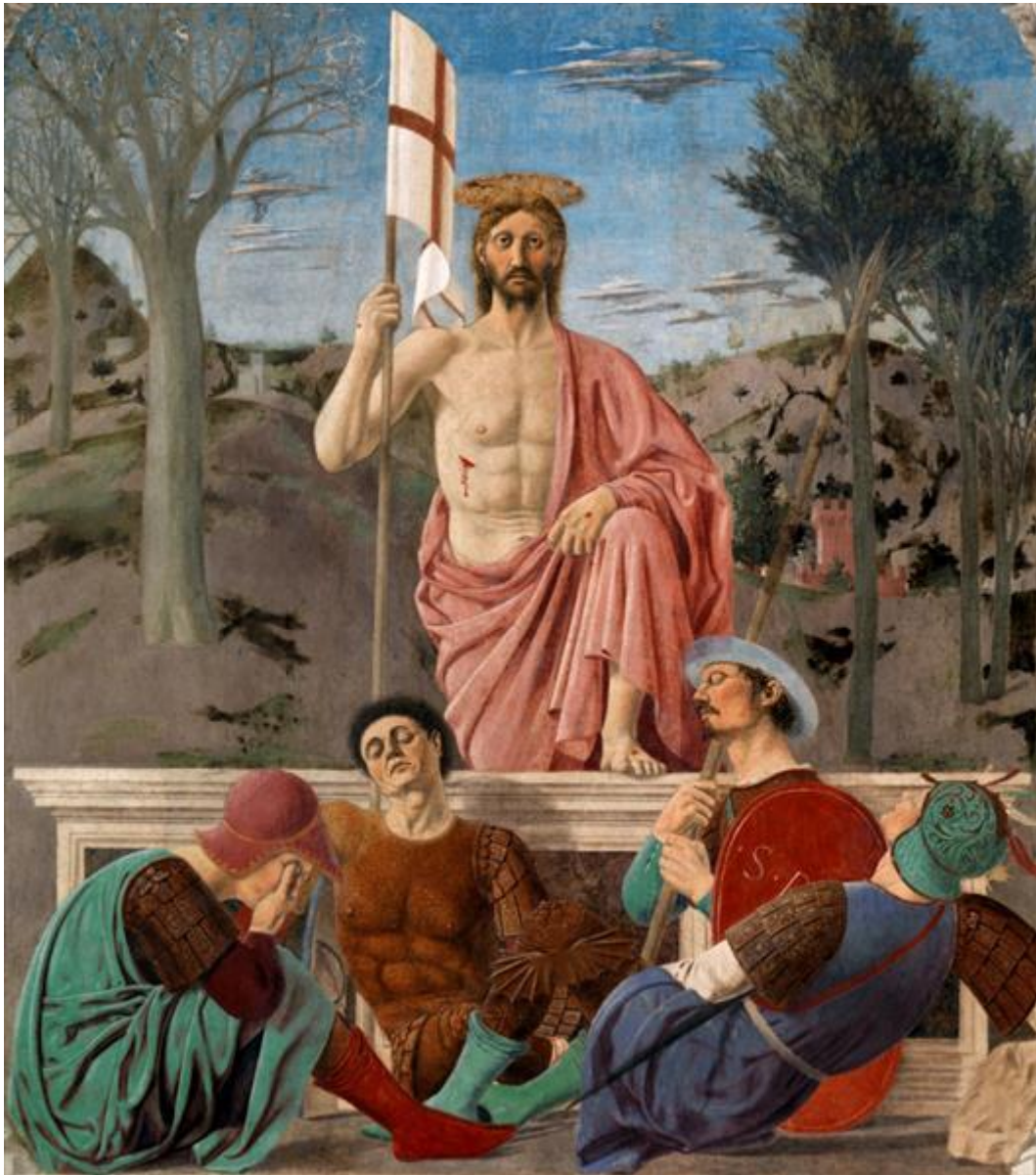
Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Ten O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, April 16, 2023

THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

AND CHOIR APPRECIATION DAY



The Resurrection
Piero della Francesca, .1460

PRELUDE

“Today God’s Son Triumphs”

J.S. Bach, BWV 630

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 210

“The day of resurrection!”

Ellacombe

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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ALMIGHTY God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

HYMN 417, v.1,3,5

“This is the Feast of Victory of our God”

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. *(Refrain)*

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. *(Refrain)*

5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia! *(Refrain)*

A COLLECT FOR THANKSGIVING FOR THE ARTS IN WORSHIP

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you. Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: **Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON A Reading from the Acts of the Apostle

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before

me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

Refrain: Make a joyful noise, a joyful noise, unto God, all the earth.

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¹O sing to God á new song,
for God has done marvéulous things.

God’s strong hand and hóly arm
have given God the victory.

²God has made kñown God’s victory,
and has revealed God’s vindication
in the sight óf the nations.

³God has remembered having steadfast
love and faithfulness to the house
of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have
seen the victory óf our God.

⁴Make a joyful noise to God,
áll the earth;
break forth into joyous song
ánd sing praises.

⁵Sing praises to God wíth the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound
of melody. *R*

⁶With trumpets and the sound óf
the horn

make a joyful noise before the
Rúler, the Sovereign.

⁷Let the sea roar, and áll that fills it;
the world and thóse who live in it.

⁸Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for
joy ⁹at the presence of God;
for God is coming to júdge
the earth.

God will júdge the wórd
with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity. *R*

Holy Cross ABC vs. 1-5 (Alt.).

THE SECOND LESSON: A Reading from the First Epistle of Peter.

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in

praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The People stand

GRADUAL HYMN 206 v.1

“O sons and daughters, let us sing!”

O filii et filiae

1. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! o'er death and hell rose triumphing.
O sons and daughters, let us sing! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The King of heaven, the glorious King,

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Gospeler: Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus said, “All who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

People: Alleluia!

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

6. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been;

for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The People are seated.

SERMON

The Rev'd Gary K. Sturni, D.Min.

After the sermon, the People stand.

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection ✠ of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASCHAL PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Subdeacon: Today we offer our joy that we celebrate your glorious resurrection with our brothers and sisters around the world. We pray for all who suffer persecution and oppression because of their faith, especially those in Myanmar, China, and Christians in the Mideast. Envelop your people, we pray, with a sense of your risen presence, and strengthen us to work tirelessly against racism and prejudice. We pray,

Be with us and bless us, O God.

Leader: For the household of faith, the church of the risen Christ; for our bishops, Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey and Laura, our bishops, and all the faithful of this parish, we pray,

Be with us and bless us, O God.

We pray for Joseph, our President, for the Congress and Supreme Court. For respect for

the truth, for tolerance and goodwill to those who differ from us. For peace in the Ukraine; for political prisoners; for reasonable gun legislation, for immigrants at our border.

Be with us and bless us, O God.

We pray for the whole world. God of creation you have given us a world of glorious diversity. Give us the eyes to see, and wills to protect, the beauty of your cosmos. For those who suffer from hunger. Lead us not only to

share our wealth, but to enter with hope into the poverty of those who do not share our good fortune. We pray:

Be with us and bless us, O God.

We pray for this community: help us see you in each member of this community. Keep before us the image of the Servant Jesus, that joined with him we remain ready to serve each other, we pray:

Be with us and bless us, O God.

We pray for the sick and lonely, especially those whose needs are known to us whom we name now, either silently or aloud (*pause*). Give us courage to learn the names of others. Be present, through us, to those

who need your comfort. God of compassion, open our hearts to bind and heal in your name.

Be with us and bless us, O God.

We pray for all who have died, and for whom memorial flowers have been given. God who loves us beyond the grave, we remember those who have died in the glorious hope of the resurrection, and we remember those who mourn, that they may be assured with that same hope. For all who have entered new life in Christ's resurrection, we pray:

Be with us and raise us, O God.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

We would like to take this time to thank all of our Choral Scholars. We truly appreciate their talent that enriches our worship services. Please join us at 11:30 am today for their Special Concert.

The congregation would like to recognize our graduating Choral Scholars:

Matthew Plourd
Eric Venables
Mary Ancona
Julia Michnowicz

We are happy to welcome our incoming scholars for next year:

Leon Nguyen
Gabriella Xavier
Bryce Turner

We are thankful for our returning students:

Evan Timnev
Emily Dell'Orfano
Ava Johnson

We are also grateful for our Choir

Joan Doiron
Bruce Steinway Renie Steinway

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

All who are baptized in any branch of Christ's Church are welcome to receive the Eucharist at the Lord's Table. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a Blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest). If you have not been baptized and find yourself drawn to Jesus Christ and life in him, please let one of our clergy know. We would be honored to have a conversation with you about Baptism or answer any other questions. Baptism and life in the Body of Christ is open to all.

PRAYER AT THE OFFERTORY (*Celebrant*)

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise. As we are fed with the bread of Heaven, may we know the glory of your resurrection, through Christ our risen Lord. **AMEN.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. **People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

IT is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S-113

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he ✠ that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. ✠

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, ✠which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood ✠ of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts ✠ that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, ✠ that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a memorial of Christ's sacrifice upon the cross.

FRACTION S-155 (*Sung*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

ANTHEM AT HOLY COMMUNION

Musikalische Exequien, Opus 7.

Schutz

Part I: Concerto as a German burial Mass
INTONATIO (Tenor I)(Matthew Plourd) Nacket
bin ich von Mutterleibe kommen,
Naked came I out of my mother's womb,

(Tenor I/II, Bass II)(Eric Venables, Matthew
Plourd, Evan Timnev, Bryce Turner)
nacket werde ich wiederum dahinfahren. Der Herr
hat's gegeben,
der Herr hat's genommen, der Name des Herren
sie gelobet.
*naked shall I return. The Lord gave and the Lord has
taken away,
blessed be the name of the Lord. (Job 1:21)*

(Capella)(Choir)
Herr Gott, Vater im Himmel, erbarm dich über
uns!
*Lord God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us! (Kyrie
eleison)*

(Soprano I/II, Tenor I)(Emily Dell"Orfano, Julia
Michnowicz,
Mary Ancona, Ava Johnson, Eric Venables)
Christus ist mein Leben, Sterben ist mein Gewinn.
Siehe,

das ist Gottes Lamm, das der Welt Sünde trägt.
*Christ is my life and to die is gain. Look, this is the Lamb
of God,
which carries the sin of the world. (Philippians 1:21, John
1:29b)*

(Capella)(Choir)
Jesu Christe, Gottes Sohn erbarm dich über uns!
*Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon us! (Christe
eleison)*

(Alto, Bass II) (Joan Doiron, Leon Nguyen, Evan
Timnev)
Leben wir, so leben wir dem Herren; sterben wir,
so sterben wir dem Herren;
darum, wir leben oder sterben so sind wir des
Herren.
*When we live, we live for the Lord; when we die, we die for
the Lord: therefore,
whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 14:8)*

(Capella)(Choir)
Herr Gott, Heiliger Geist erbarm dich über uns!
*Lord God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us! (Kyrie
eleison)*

THE CONCLUDING RITE

The People stand.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. (*in unison*)

E^{ternal} God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

POST COMMUNION COLLECT (*Celebrant*)

We praise and we bless you, Lord God, for raising your Son in high triumph. Raise us also to life in him, that we may seek what is above, and set our affections on the imperishable, your kingdom and your justice, the food which endures to eternal life. **AMEN.**

PASCHAL BENEDICTION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **AMEN.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **AMEN.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **AMEN.** AND the blessing ✠....

RECESSIONAL - SEE INSERT "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

DISMISSAL

Sub Deacon: He is not here. He is risen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!

CHORAL POSTLUDE:

"Come ye that love the Lord"

arr. Parker

MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY MINISTERS

APRIL 16, 2023

Rite I, 8 am

- Altar Guild: D. Spooner-Auden
- Usher: S. Gagnon
- Eucharistic Minister: J. Morrow
- Reader: J. Morrow
- Prayers of the People: M. Zimmer
- Videographer: D. Sykes

Rite II, 10 am

- Altar Guild - John Doiron
- Usher -
- Eucharistic Minister - Laurie Gypson
- Reader & Intercessor -
- Videographer - John Doiron
- Coffee Hour -

EASTER MEMORIALS

EASTER FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:

- Posey Armistead given by Sudie and Harry Evageliou
- Martin Fox given by Karla Fox
- My sister Laury Zerba given by Lynn Grabowski
- Elaine Bennion, Fred Bennion, Douglas Bennion, Katharine DeWolf, Theodore DeWolf given by John and Susan DeWolf
- The Hughes, Szymanski, Wright, and Southern family members that have passed given by Will and Mary Ann Hughes, and Rob and Mary Wright
- Clinton L Rossiter, Jr. given by Barbara Rossiter
- Bud and Bette Tatton, and Bud and Maria Sykes given by David and Gloria Sykes
- Robert B. Northrop given by Anne and Michael Connor
- Richard K. Alley given by Barbara Alley
- John Tryba, Millie Tryba, JR and Marie Piela, Chris Piela, and Rayleene Seyb given by Mary Jo Tryba
- Charlotte and Carl DeWoody, Venita K. Higgins, Warren Higgins, Gladys and Frederick Temple, Louise and Charles Dainton, Charles, Ethel and Chuck Anthes, Norman and Catherine Williams, Harold and Lucille Lewis, and Dorothy, Clarence and John Morgan given by Charles and Cynthia Dainton Jr

IN HONOR OF OR THANKSGIVING FOR:

- Our grandchildren given by Bruce and Rene Steinway
- Adelaide Northrop given by Anne and Michael Connor
- Many thanks given by Barbara Depray and Steve Rogers
- The wonderful friendship and thoughtfulness of my church family given by Barbara Alley
- Many thanks given by Theresa Bitwinski
- Posey Armistead's life given by Sudie and Harry Evageliou
- Many thanks given by Bill and Marcia Zimmer
- Joe Piela and the St Mark's community given by Mary Jo Tryba
- Many thanks given by the Auden and Spooner Family
- Amanda N. Dainton and all of the blessings in our lives given by Charles and Cynthia Dainton Jr
- Serving at St. Mark's given by Father Gary and Cindy Sturni.

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THE EASTER SERMON OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Are there any who are devout lovers of God?
Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival!

Are there any who are grateful servants? Let them
rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary with fasting?
Let them now receive their wages!

If any have toiled from the first hour,
let them receive their due reward;
If any have come after the third hour,
let him with gratitude join in the Feast!
And he that arrived after the sixth hour,
let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss.
And if any delayed until the ninth hour,
let him not hesitate; but let him come too.
And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour,
let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as
the first.
He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour,
as well as to him that toiled from the first.
To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows.
He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor.
The deed He honors and the intention He
commends.
Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord!

First and last alike receive your reward;
rich and poor, rejoice together!
Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!
You that have kept the fast, and you that have not,
rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!

Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one.
Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup
of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty,
for the universal kingdom has been revealed.

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again;
for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior
has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it.
He destroyed Hell when He descended into it.
He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh.

Isaiah foretold this when he said,
"You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering
Him below." Hell was in an uproar because it was
done away with.
It was in an uproar because it is mocked.
It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed.
It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated.

It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive.

Hell took a body, and discovered God.
It took earth, and encountered Heaven.
It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting?
O Hell, where is thy victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!
Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!

Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!
Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead;
for Christ having risen from the dead,
is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever.
Amen!

The Easter sermon of John Chrysostom (circa 400 AD)

