

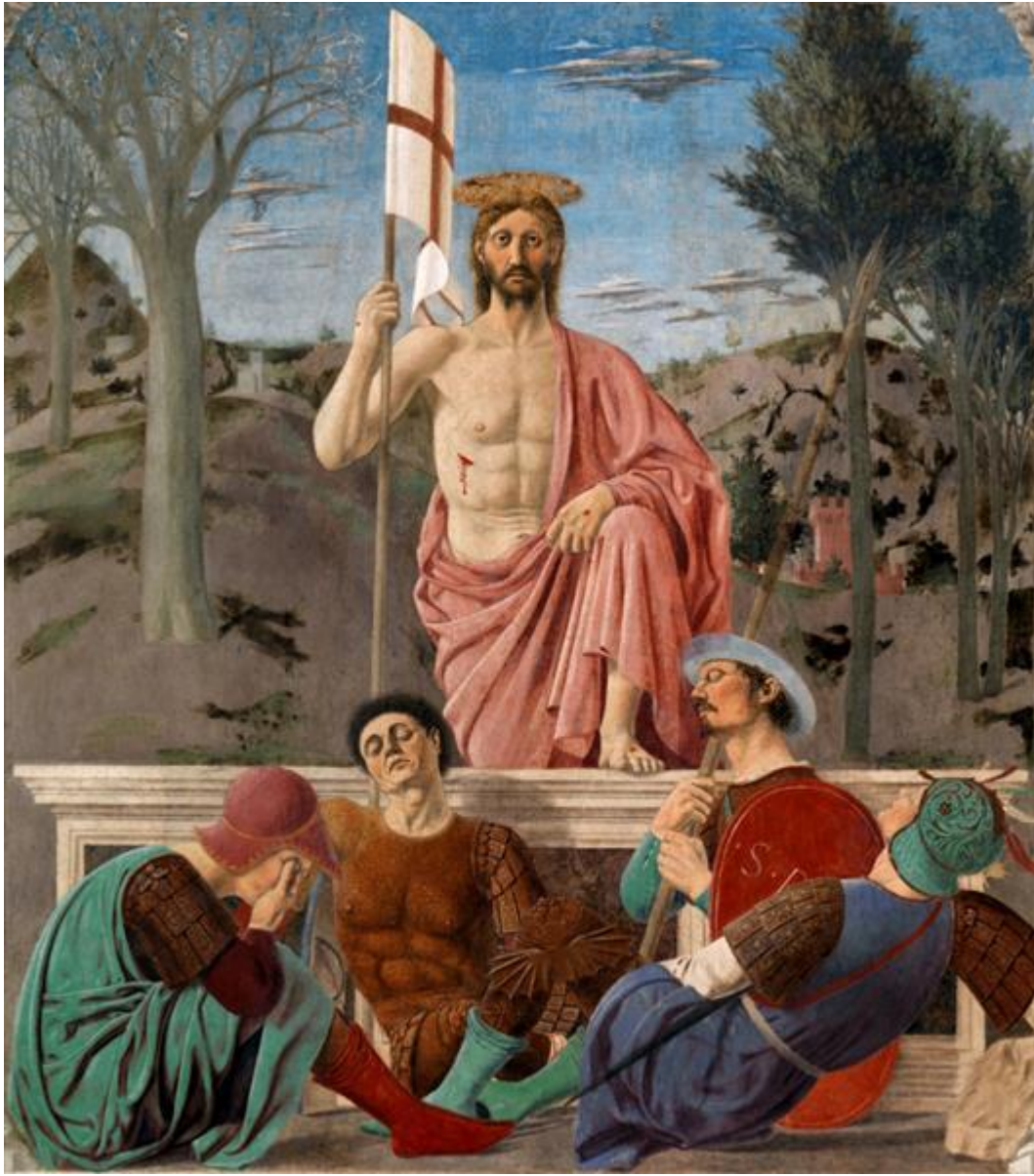
WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

*Open hearts, open minds, open doors*

Eight O'clock in the Morning

Sunday, April 16, 2023

THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



*The Resurrection*  
*Piero della Francesca, .1460*

## THE ENTRANCE RITE

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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**A**LMIGHTY 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.

**THE COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**A***lmighty and everlasting God,* who in the Paschal mystery hast 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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

**P**eter, 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 16** *(in unison)*

- 1 *Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \**  
I have said to the LORD, "You  
are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly  
that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble  
among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods  
\* shall have their troubles  
multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not  
offer, \* nor take the names of  
their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and  
my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant  
land; \*

*Conserva me, Domine*

- indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me  
counsel; \* my heart teaches me,  
night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before  
me; \* because he is at my right  
hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my  
spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to  
the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life;  
\*in your presence there is  
fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are  
pleasures for evermore.

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

1 Peter 1:3-9

**B**lessed 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*

**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 be to thee, O Lord.**

**W**hen 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 be to thee, O Christ.**

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

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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.**

**H**eavenly 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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### 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 with thy spirit.**

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

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

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

**I**T 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:

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

**A**ll glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

**F**or in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

**A**nd we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word ✠ and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

**A**nd we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of

praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace ✠ and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in

him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

**B**y whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

***O*ur 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.*

*The People say in unison:*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### AGNUS DEI

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Have mercy upon us.***

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Have mercy upon us.***

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **Grant us thy peace.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE CONCLUDING RITE

### THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

***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*)

**W**e 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 with thy spirit.**

**G**od 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 ✠...

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!**

### **WHAT PRECISELY HAPPENED?**

“As we turn our gaze wider toward the rest of the New Testament and early Christianity we find Paul’s perspective reaffirmed at every turn. The resurrection narratives of the Gospels, for all their puzzling nature and apparent conflicts, are quite clear on three points.

First, the sightings of and meetings with Jesus are quite unlike the sort of heavenly visitations or visions of a figure in blinding light or dazzling glory or wreathed in clouds that one might expect in the Jewish apocalyptic or mystical traditions. The portrait of Jesus himself in these stories does not appear to have been modeled on existing stories of “supernatural appearance.” It was not created out of expectation alone.

Second, the body of Jesus seems to be both physical, in the sense that it was not a nonmaterial angel or spirit, and transphysical, in the sense that it could come and go through locked doors. ... They are, in effect, describing more or less exactly that for which Paul provides the underlying theoretical framework: an event for which there was no precedent and of which there remains as yet no subsequent example, an event involving neither the resuscitation nor the abandonment of a physical body, but its transformation into a new mode of physicality.

Third, the accounts are quite clear that the appearances of Jesus were not the sort of thing that went on happening during the continuing existence of the early church. ...

All attempts to show that the resurrection narratives in the Gospels are derived from other literature have conspicuously failed. Meanwhile, it is often noted that the tomb of Jesus was not venerated in the manner of the tombs of the martyrs, that we have to explain the emphasis in very early Christianity on the first day of the week as the Lord’s Day. It is not so often pointed out that the burial of Jesus was intended as the first part of a two-stage burial; had his body been still in a tomb somewhere, someone would sooner or later have had to collect the bones and put them in an ossuary, and the game would have been up. These and similar considerations force the eye back to the first Easter day and to the question we have asked all along; what precisely happened?”

~ N.T. Wright, *The Challenge of Easter*



## 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.

### **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 -

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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?

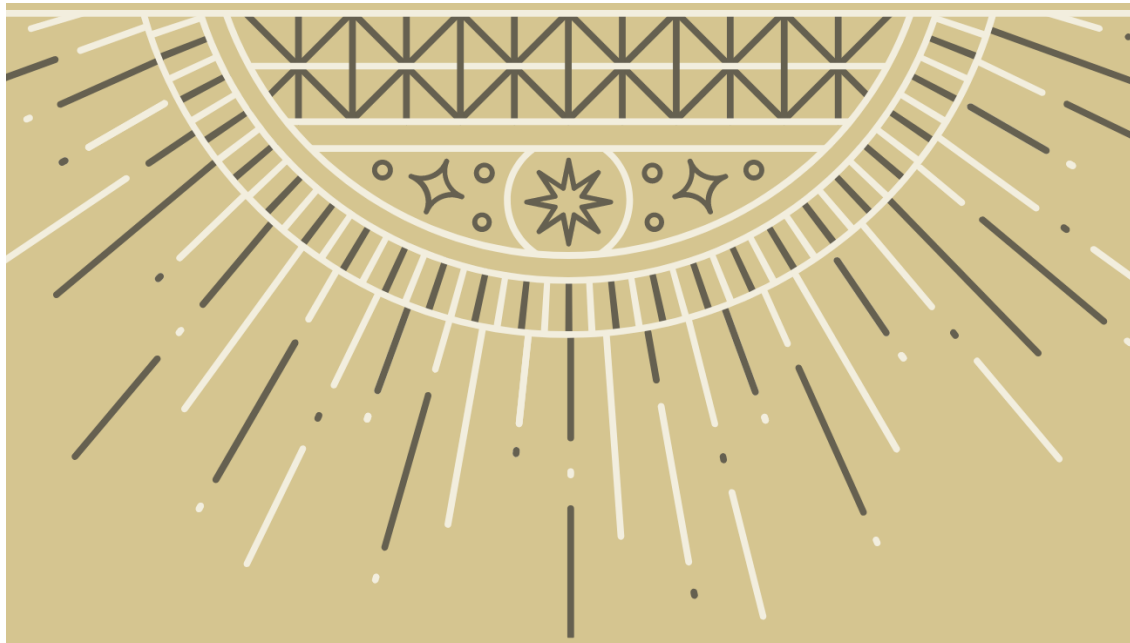
Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated!  
Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down!  
Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice!  
Christ is Risen, and life is liberated!

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)*

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023**

**10AM - HOLY COMMUNION**

**11:30AM - SPECIAL CONCERT**

Join us at the 10am service to experience the musical offerings of our choir. After coffee hour, there will be a special presentation by the St. Mark's Choral Scholars & Choir of Heinrich Schutz's requiem.

We will gratefully accept donations to support the Choral Scholars Program to fund future singers.