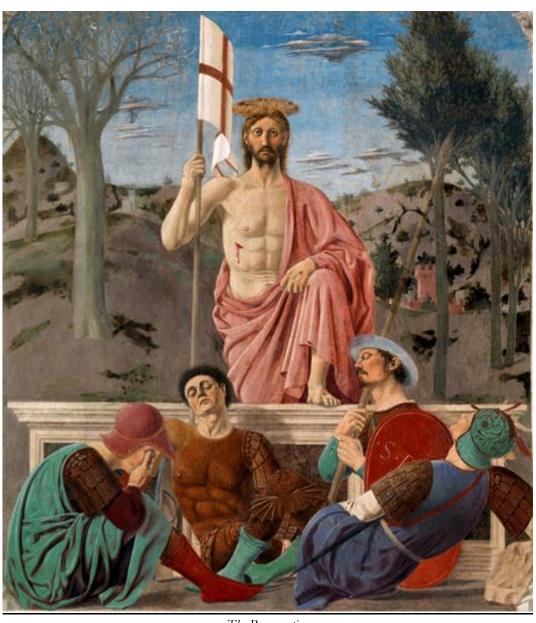
WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S CHAPEL

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

Eight O'clock in the Morning Sunday, April 9, 2023

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



The Resurrection Piero della Francesca, 1460

THE ENTRANCE RITE

When invited by the Celebrant, the People stand and turn to face the back of the nave.

Beginning at the Baptismal Font, the Celebrant prays

A lmighty, everlasting God, look graciously upon the dedication of your people here born anew, who, like the deer, desire the well-spring of your waters: and mercifully grant that by the mystery of baptism, the thirst of our faith may sanctify both soul and body. Through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

The People and Leader say responsively:

Leader: I will take you out of the nations,

People: and gather you from every land, and bring you to your own soil.

Leader: I will sprinkle clean water over you,

People: and you shall be clean from all that defiles you;

Leader: I will cleanse you from the taint of all your idols.

People: I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit within you;

Leader: I will take the heart of stone from your body.

People: And give you a heart of flesh.

Leader: I will put my spirit into you and make you confirm to my statues;

People: you shall keep my laws and live by them.

Leader: You shall live in the land which I gave to your ancestors; you shall be my people,

People: and I will be your God.

Leader: All we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death.

All: We were buried therefore with Him through baptism into death: that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

The People turn forward to receive the blessing of water.

THE ASPERGES The Asperges is a reminder of Holy Baptism, which is our sacramental entrance into the Mystery of the Resurrection.

Returning to the Font, the Celebrant says

At the tomb the angel said to the women, Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sub Deacon: Christ is risen from the grave, alleluia, alleluia.

People: And has appeared to Mary of Magdala, alleluia, alleluia.

Sub Deacon: Let us proceed in peace. People: In the Name of Christ. Amen.

The People read the Pascha Nostrum in unison.

CHRIST our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast;

Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness:

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Cor. 5. 7.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:

death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once:

but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:

but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6. 9.

Christ is risen from the dead:

and become the first-fruits of them that

slept. For since by man came death:

by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die:

even so in Christ shall all be made alive. *1 Cor. 15. 20.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

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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.

THE COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

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

Imighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The People are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON A Reading from the Acts of the Apostle

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
 his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
 "His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
 *

and he has become my salvation.

- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory * in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! * the right hand of the LORD is exalted! the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, * and declare the works of the LORD.

- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, * but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; * he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me * and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected * has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, * and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; * we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SECOND LESSON: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Col.3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader:

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The People stand

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

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 Matthew.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

A fter the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The People are seated.

SERMON

The Rev'd Bennett Brockman, Ph.D.

After the sermon, the People stand.

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e 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 \maltese 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 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.

The Celebrant continues

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 with thy spirit.

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.

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

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. For 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.

And 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.

And 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, ourselves, 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;

By 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,

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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.

Eternal 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 with thy spirit.**

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 *.... 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.

IN HONOR OF OR THANKSGIVING FOR:

- Our grandchildren given by Bruce and Rene Steinway
- Adelaide Northrop given by Anne and Michael Connor
- The wonderful friendship and thoughtfulness of my church family given by Barbara Alley
- 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
- Amanda N. Dainton and all of the blessings in our lives given by Charles and Cynthia Dainton
- Serving at St. Mark's given by Father Gary and Cindy Sturni.

MANY THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY MINISTERS APRIL 9, 2023

Rite I, 8 am

• Altar Guild: Sue DeWolf

• Usher: John DeWolf

• Eucharistic Minister: Sue DeWolf

• Reader: Sue DeWolf

• Prayers of the People: Sue Gagnon

Videographer: David Sykes

Rite II, 10 am

• Altar Guild - John Doiron, Laurie Gypson

• Usher - Mark Healey

• Eucharistic Minister - Laurie Gypson

• Reader & Intercessor - Bruce Steinway

• Videographer - John Doiron

• Coffee Hour - Paula Weinman

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THE EASTER SERMON OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

re 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)

