



## Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

### Upcoming Mass Details:

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

Location: The Austin Venue - 18619 Hamilton Pool Rd, Austin, TX 78738

(Please check the website for detailed directions, you'll need it!)

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Dear Faithful,

I am sorry that it has taken me this long to send out a bulletin. Doubtless, you have heard of sudden death of Bp. Daniel Dolan on the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel by now. This plunged us not only into mourning, but a massive amount of work to ensure we are able to continue with all the work of St. Gertrude the Great and its missions.

Last Wednesday, we had the funeral Mass for the good Bishop. Many priests from far and wide were in attendance and Bp. Rodrigo da Silva, from Brazil, whom Bp. Dolan consecrated last September, came up to be the celebrant for the Pontifical Requiem Mass.

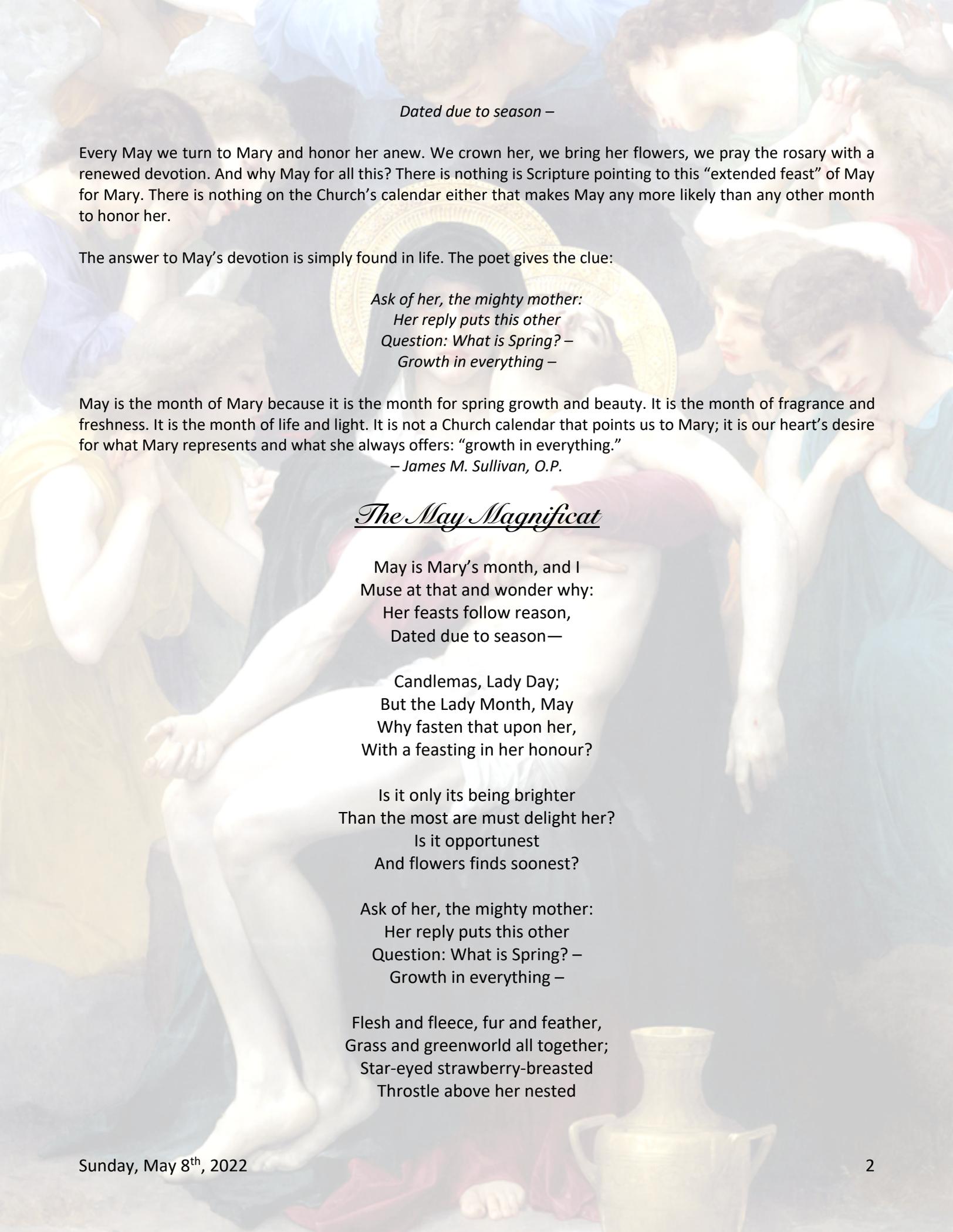
This began our triduum of Wednesdays for sacred ceremonies. This upcoming Wednesday we have the ordination of the four deacons. Their ordination was pushed a week later to make way for the funeral, but it was important that they be ordained as quickly afterwards as we could manage, especially because we certainly need the help now. The Wednesday after the ordination caps off the three Wednesdays with the consecration of Fr. Charles McGuire, who will be the successor to Bp. Dolan for the sake of all our apostolate. Please pray for Fr. McGuire, the four soon to be priests, and all the clergy here at St. Gertrude's. We have been dealt a heavy blow and simultaneously given the large task of continuing all this work. We are happy to do so, of course... but it does take time to get everything organized, recognize our new or adjusted roles moving forward, and to get all settled back down into a semblance of normality.... a new normal if you will.

In Christ, Fr. McKenna

## *Our Mother's Month of May: The Springtime of Our Lives*

The celebrated Jesuit poet of the later nineteenth century, Gerald Manley Hopkins, asks in his poem The May Magnificat a simple question:

*May is Mary's month, and I  
Muse at that and wonder why:  
Her feasts follow reason,*



*Dated due to season –*

Every May we turn to Mary and honor her anew. We crown her, we bring her flowers, we pray the rosary with a renewed devotion. And why May for all this? There is nothing in Scripture pointing to this “extended feast” of May for Mary. There is nothing on the Church’s calendar either that makes May any more likely than any other month to honor her.

The answer to May’s devotion is simply found in life. The poet gives the clue:

*Ask of her, the mighty mother:  
Her reply puts this other  
Question: What is Spring? –  
Growth in everything –*

May is the month of Mary because it is the month for spring growth and beauty. It is the month of fragrance and freshness. It is the month of life and light. It is not a Church calendar that points us to Mary; it is our heart’s desire for what Mary represents and what she always offers: “growth in everything.”

*– James M. Sullivan, O.P.*

### *The May Magnificat*

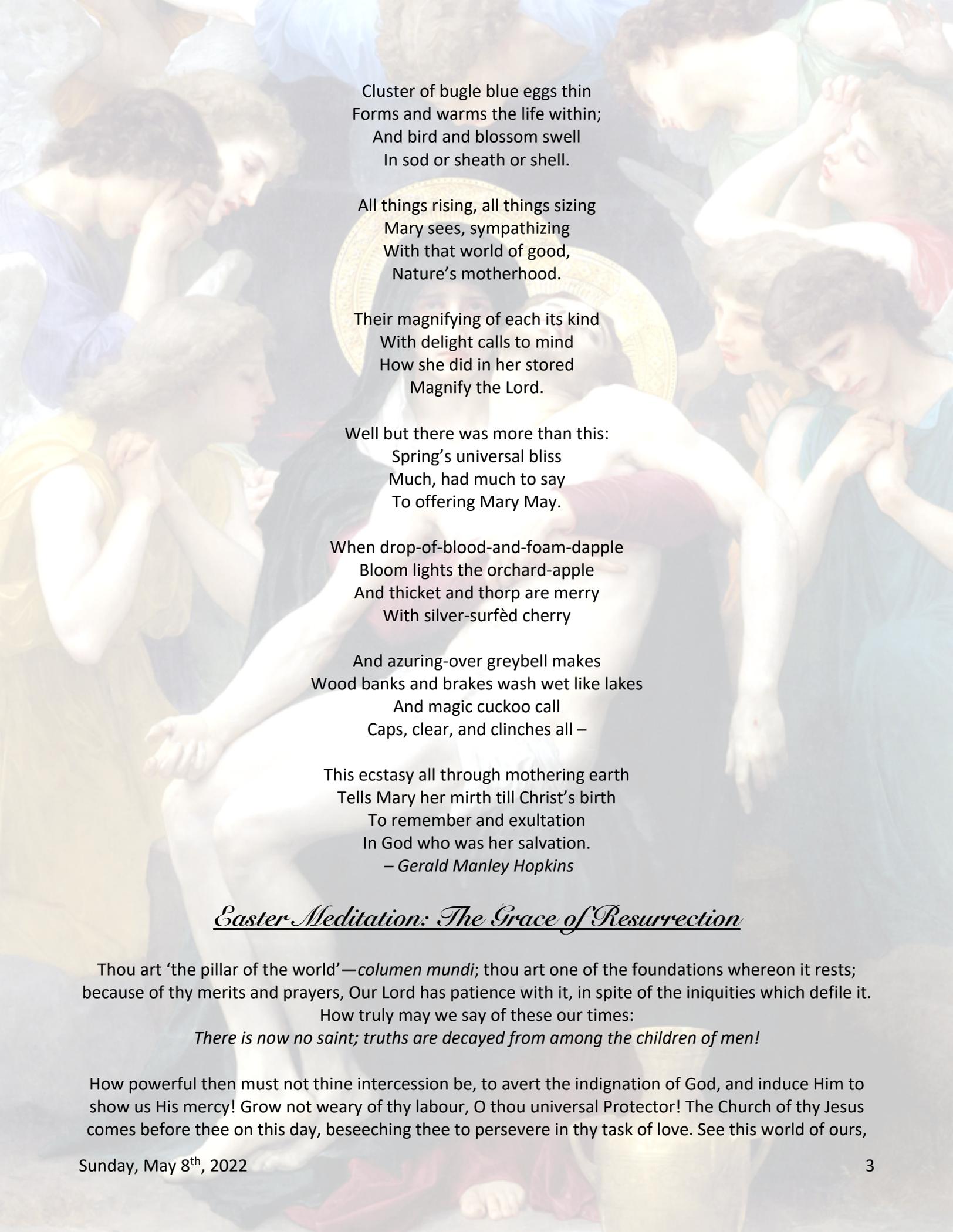
May is Mary’s month, and I  
Muse at that and wonder why:  
Her feasts follow reason,  
Dated due to season—

Candlemas, Lady Day;  
But the Lady Month, May  
Why fasten that upon her,  
With a feasting in her honour?

Is it only its being brighter  
Than the most are must delight her?  
Is it opportunist  
And flowers finds soonest?

Ask of her, the mighty mother:  
Her reply puts this other  
Question: What is Spring? –  
Growth in everything –

Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,  
Grass and greenworld all together;  
Star-eyed strawberry-breasted  
Throstle above her nested



Cluster of bugle blue eggs thin  
Forms and warms the life within;  
And bird and blossom swell  
In sod or sheath or shell.

All things rising, all things sizing  
Mary sees, sympathizing  
With that world of good,  
Nature's motherhood.

Their magnifying of each its kind  
With delight calls to mind  
How she did in her stored  
Magnify the Lord.

Well but there was more than this:  
Spring's universal bliss  
Much, had much to say  
To offering Mary May.

When drop-of-blood-and-foam-dapple  
Bloom lights the orchard-apple  
And thicket and thorp are merry  
With silver-surfèd cherry

And azuring-over greybell makes  
Wood banks and brakes wash wet like lakes  
And magic cuckoo call  
Caps, clear, and clinches all –

This ecstasy all through mothering earth  
Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth  
To remember and exultation  
In God who was her salvation.

– Gerald Manley Hopkins

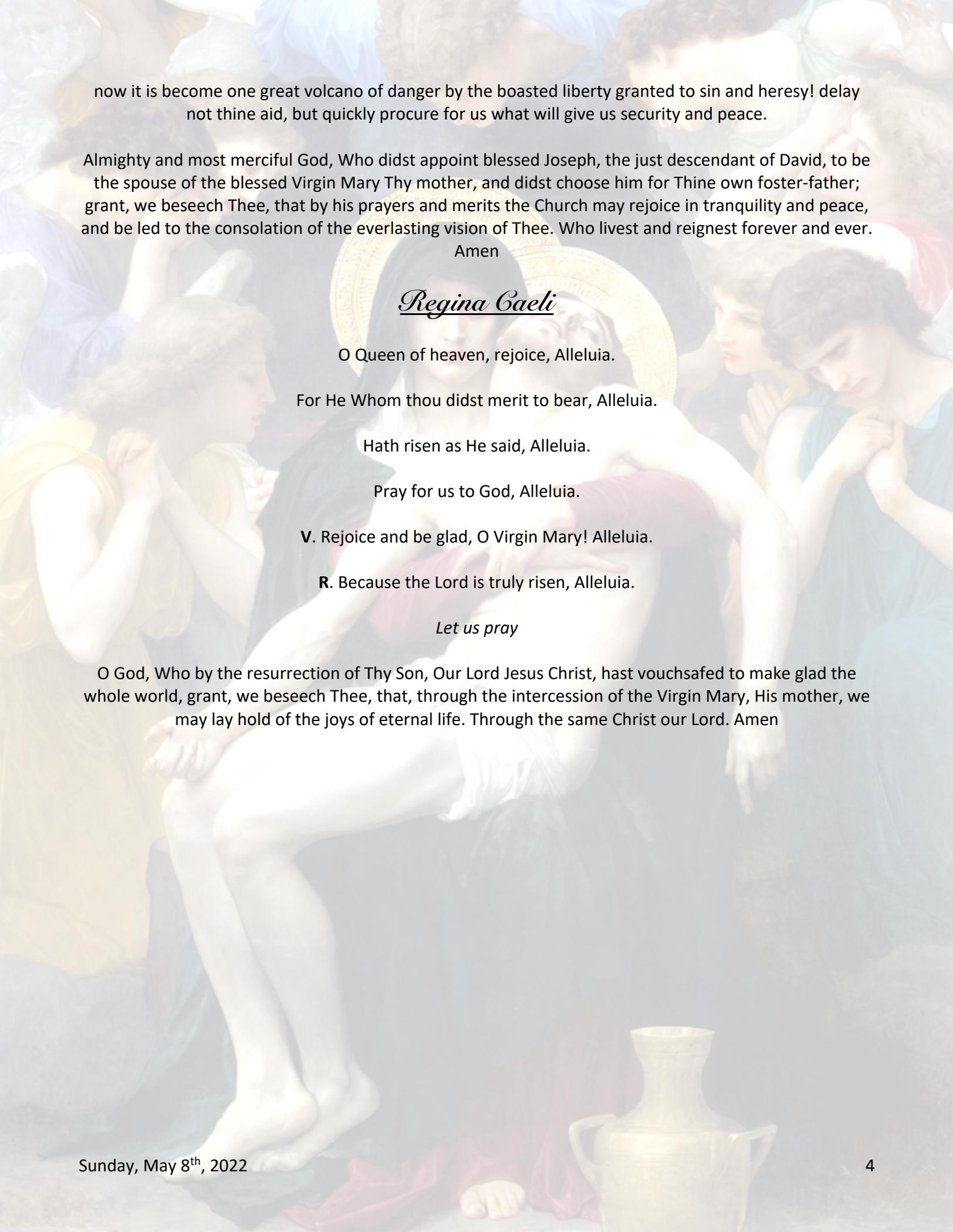
### *Easter Meditation: The Grace of Resurrection*

Thou art 'the pillar of the world'—*columen mundi*; thou art one of the foundations whereon it rests; because of thy merits and prayers, Our Lord has patience with it, in spite of the iniquities which defile it.

How truly may we say of these our times:

*There is now no saint; truths are decayed from among the children of men!*

How powerful then must not thine intercession be, to avert the indignation of God, and induce Him to show us His mercy! Grow not weary of thy labour, O thou universal Protector! The Church of thy Jesus comes before thee on this day, beseeching thee to persevere in thy task of love. See this world of ours,



now it is become one great volcano of danger by the boasted liberty granted to sin and heresy! delay not thine aid, but quickly procure for us what will give us security and peace.

Almighty and most merciful God, Who didst appoint blessed Joseph, the just descendant of David, to be the spouse of the blessed Virgin Mary Thy mother, and didst choose him for Thine own foster-father; grant, we beseech Thee, that by his prayers and merits the Church may rejoice in tranquility and peace, and be led to the consolation of the everlasting vision of Thee. Who livest and reignest forever and ever.

Amen

*Regina Caeli*

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia.

For He Whom thou didst merit to bear, Alleluia.

Hath risen as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary! Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

*Let us pray*

O God, Who by the resurrection of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, hast vouchsafed to make glad the whole world, grant, we beseech Thee, that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen