



Our Lady of Sorrows

Traditional Catholic Mission Central Texas

Upcoming Mass Details:

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mass – 6:00pm, Confession – 5:30pm

Vintage Villas Hotel & Events

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Dear Faithful,

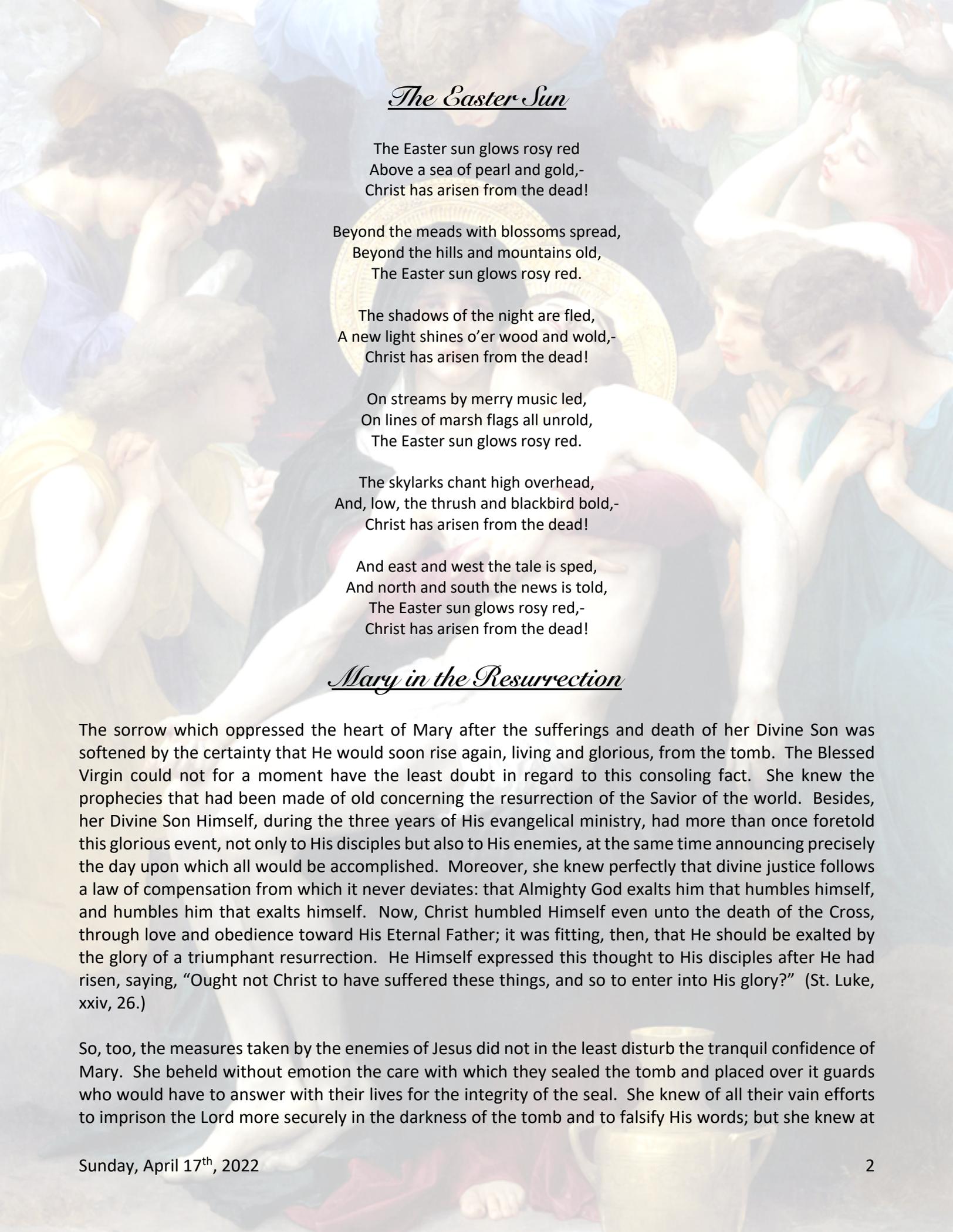
Blessed Easter to you all!! It has been quite the beautiful Holy Triduum up here in Milwaukee. It had been a long time since I had celebrated Holy Week on my own. It was very rewarding. To pull off a full Holy Week is always quite a large undertaking, and it always amazes me that our little church here can do such a beautiful job in marching through the very long and complex ceremonies. The choir works tirelessly to be able learn all the chant and hymns. The servers dedicate a lot of their time to practice and perform their rubrical duties. The faithful come together to decorate the church, help set up all the appointments for the ceremonies, to spend holy hours at the altar of repose, and to attend the beautiful liturgy of the church. It is truly a group effort... one which they have done for years, but one which never ceases to impress me.

We had the happy occasion of having a baptism during the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil. A little baby boy name Patrick Joseph (good Irish name). The little tyke was quite pleased to enter the Church on such a solemn occasion and was quite well mannered throughout the long liturgy. He did, however, strangely cry when the salt was placed on his tongue (usually a favorite part for babies, who love the wisdom it represents). His mother told me she thinks it is because he has a sweet tooth. May he always find our Faith to be sweet and delectable to him his whole him.

I depart Milwaukee early on Easter Monday morning. I do not head home, but rather I begin my long journey throughout the mission lands, both north and south, to bring Easter blessing and sacraments. In a way, it is a little way in which I can imitate Our Risen Lord, who made His rounds to several people to show the proof of His Divinity and of our redemption.

In Christ,

Fr. McKenna



The Easter Sun

The Easter sun glows rosy red
Above a sea of pearl and gold,-
Christ has arisen from the dead!

Beyond the meads with blossoms spread,
Beyond the hills and mountains old,
The Easter sun glows rosy red.

The shadows of the night are fled,
A new light shines o'er wood and wold,-
Christ has arisen from the dead!

On streams by merry music led,
On lines of marsh flags all unroll,
The Easter sun glows rosy red.

The skylarks chant high overhead,
And, low, the thrush and blackbird bold,-
Christ has arisen from the dead!

And east and west the tale is sped,
And north and south the news is told,
The Easter sun glows rosy red,-
Christ has arisen from the dead!

Mary in the Resurrection

The sorrow which oppressed the heart of Mary after the sufferings and death of her Divine Son was softened by the certainty that He would soon rise again, living and glorious, from the tomb. The Blessed Virgin could not for a moment have the least doubt in regard to this consoling fact. She knew the prophecies that had been made of old concerning the resurrection of the Savior of the world. Besides, her Divine Son Himself, during the three years of His evangelical ministry, had more than once foretold this glorious event, not only to His disciples but also to His enemies, at the same time announcing precisely the day upon which all would be accomplished. Moreover, she knew perfectly that divine justice follows a law of compensation from which it never deviates: that Almighty God exalts him that humbles himself, and humbles him that exalts himself. Now, Christ humbled Himself even unto the death of the Cross, through love and obedience toward His Eternal Father; it was fitting, then, that He should be exalted by the glory of a triumphant resurrection. He Himself expressed this thought to His disciples after He had risen, saying, "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter into His glory?" (St. Luke, xxiv, 26.)

So, too, the measures taken by the enemies of Jesus did not in the least disturb the tranquil confidence of Mary. She beheld without emotion the care with which they sealed the tomb and placed over it guards who would have to answer with their lives for the integrity of the seal. She knew of all their vain efforts to imprison the Lord more securely in the darkness of the tomb and to falsify His words; but she knew at

the same time that all the precautions which they were taking were precisely such as would serve to establish more convincingly the triumph of Jesus.

The perfect knowledge of this mystery was a soothing balm to the wounded heart of Blessed Mary. Though hope, by its nature, gives strength and consolation to the suffering heart, inasmuch as it presents the thought of an end to pain, it does not bring with it a feeling of joy, still less is it joy itself, - it is but the presage of what is to come; and the longings of the soul become the more ardent and painful in proportion to the vividness with which the object of its desires is set before it. Such was the mental disposition of the afflicted Mother of Jesus immediately before His resurrection. She awaited that glorious event with the holy impatience of the most perfect love, and the strongest aspirations of her soul were directed toward the speedy realization of her desires. Her heart eagerly longed to see Him whom she had beheld dying upon the Cross restored to her, glorious and triumphant.

The moment so long expected at length arrived. The Lord of the Sabbath had slept the sleep of death on that great Sabbath Day, and the third day after the cruel crucifixion of Jesus had begun to dawn. At that moment the soul of the Redeemer, accompanied by the souls of the patriarchs and prophets, departed from Limbo and penetrated to the sepulcher of Calvary. There it was again united to that sacred body, which, disfigured by the bruises and wounds inflicted upon it, received a new beauty as life was restored to it. That precious blood which had been poured forth so abundantly again coursed through its veins, - recalled, without the loss of a single drop, - through the power of the Divinity. All the wounds were healed, save the marks of the nails in the hands and feet, and the opening made in the sacred side, which remained to all to the beauty of the glorified body of the Savior of the world.

After this wonderful restoration, Jesus threw aside the winding-sheet which had covered His body cold in death and put on a garment like to the one He had hitherto worn, but of ravishing whiteness and brilliant with the splendor of the Divinity. The, without removing or breaking the stone that closed the entrance to the tomb, He arose and issued forth, as the rays of the sun pass through the clearest crystal. Alleluia! The Savior of the world has risen!

Easter Meditation: The Grace of Resurrection

It is You, O Divine risen Lord, who come to me; You who after having expiated sin by Your sufferings, have vanquished death by Your triumph, who, henceforward glorious, live only for Your Father. Come to me "to destroy the works of the devil," and to destroy sin, and my infidelities; come to me to detach me more from all that is not You; come to make me a partaker of that superabundant perfect life which now overflows from Your sacred humanity. God is so magnificent in what He does for His Christ that He wills that the mystery of His Son's resurrection should extend not only to our souls but also to our bodies. We too shall rise again... If Christ is risen, and He is risen in His human nature, it is necessary that we, His members should share in the same glory. For it is not only in our soul, it is likewise in our body, it is in our whole being that we are members of Christ. The most intimate union binds us to Jesus. If then He is risen glorious, the faithful who, by grace, make part of His mystical body will be united with Him even in His resurrection. The celebration of Easter, the contemplation of the glory of Jesus triumphant over death, makes us participate more fruitfully and more abundantly in the state of our risen Lord; it increases our detachment from all that is not God, and, by grace, faith, and love it makes the divine life grow within us. At the same time, it enlivens our hope.

– Dom Columba Marmion



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