Easter Day

Well, a very Happy Easter everyone!

What a strange time we are living in! A unique time. Never in the history of mankind has such a global cessation of public activity taken place. Extraordinary!

However, today is the Feast of the Lord’s Resurrection. It is also unique and extraordinary!

Never before, and never again, will a man be raised from the dead to die no more.

As the Church, we celebrate and proclaim this event today and the God-Man, to whom it happened and whom we worship as Lord.

I have had the busiest Holy Week of my life this year, keeping the services each day in their traditional and ancient form. It has been physically exhausting but spiritually rewarding.

The performance of Holy Week liturgically, in the ancient form, brings one face to face with what happened to Jesus and the scriptural predictions fulfilled in him, culminating in the last 3 days, the Supper, the Crucifixion on the Cross and the Mystery of his Resurrection.

There is such pathos on Good Friday when we hear what are commonly called The Reproaches, Christ’s questioning of his people for what they have done to him, despite all he had done for them:

*O my people what have I done to thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee? Testify against me.*

But he endured everything for our sakes and we should rejoice in the Resurrection and sing an Easter Hymn today in our homes.

In order for us to be spiritually nourished at this holy festival, I suggest that today you take a piece of bread and a glass of wine and thank God for it with a prayer and then remember our usual worship together. It will not be the Holy Sacrament but it will be sacramental and will recall the Lord’s Supper.

Alleluia Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Anthony

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