



Daily Reflections

November 23, 2016

Scripture

Revelation 15:1-4

I, John, saw in heaven another sign, great and awe-inspiring:
seven angels with the seven last plagues,
for through them God's fury is accomplished.

Then I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire.

On the sea of glass were standing those
who had won the victory over the beast
and its image and the number that signified its name.

They were holding God's harps,
and they sang the song of Moses, the servant of God,
and the song of the Lamb:

"Great and wonderful are your works,
Lord God almighty.

Just and true are your ways,
O king of the nations.

Who will not fear you, Lord,

or glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All the nations will come
and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Our Scripture Reflection

John's vision in today's text, is that of the incredible victory that has been won by the Blood of the Lamb, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Those who are faithful will share in that victory forever.

Food for your Journey

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 Hades, 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!

—From the Easter Sermon of John Chrysostom, Pastor of Constantinople
(A.D. 400)

Prayer from the Heart

Victorious Lamb of God, Strengthen me so that with Your Grace I may be victorious over the daily struggles with evil in this life. May I be found worthy to enjoy Paradise with You one day. Amen.