

Risen

To be risen  
Was it expected?  
To hear again,  
were to sounds too loud?  
To see again,  
were the sights too bright?  
To breathe again,  
did it take your breath away?  
To have a body that worked again,  
were the scars painful?  
Angels watched over you before  
in the wilderness,  
was this anything like that?

You left the tomb empty;  
What happened to your memory?  
Was it intact?  
What did the days in the grave contain?  
Were you still human?  
What connected you?  
To interact with friends, followers,  
Was their fear palpable?

Were you disoriented in any way  
By any of this that happened to you?

I am not sure of much;  
As I get older,  
I am sure of less and less.  
What I trust now is different,  
Shaded, as it is, in nuance,  
A multitude of colors, and  
Distant laughter.  
I am sure of empty tombs and hope,  
Of life wrestled out of the depths,  
Of death's defeat.  
I am sure of the angel voices  
That joined in Easter songs  
And filled places and communities of worship.

Let's live our questions together, as God would have us.  
Let's let the Holy Spirit into our places of darkness and light.  
Let us continue with the angels to leave the tomb empty!

**Grace University Lutheran Church at 8:30 or 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM – NOTE time return**

**University Lutheran Church of Hope at 8:30 and 10:30 AM**

**Mercy Seat at 5 PM (at ULC Hope)**

**Trinity Lutheran Church (at Augsburg's Chapel) at 8:45 or 11 AM.**

Peace, friends  
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