

EASTER

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What is Easter's True Meaning for Us in 1937?

All pastors conducting services in Torrance were invited by The Herald to write their philosophy of the Easter-tide especially for this newspaper... The symposium of their reflections presents a thoughtful study of the Resurrection of Our Lord and its portent to every living Christian... The Herald is grateful to pastors who contributed to this Easter forum and urges all to attend church Sunday.

REVIEWS THE SCENES By Rev. Frank D. Meehling First Lutheran Church

As we stand before the tomb of Christ on Easter morning, the angel announces, "He is risen; He is here; behold the place where they laid Him. But go your way and tell His disciples."

Therewith we are bidden to investigate. Quickly we review the scenes in the garden, in the judgment hall, on the way to Calvary, the Crucifixion, the hours of darkness, the death, the burial and now the empty tomb. "He lives!"

Here is the meaning, death has been changed to life. "Death is swallowed up in victory." "Because He lives I shall live also." "For if the dead rise not, your faith is vain and ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. In this life only, we have hope. In Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that sleep."

Why remain in the darkness of sin, when the light of the resurrected Christ beckons? Meditate on I Cor. chapter 15.

"CARRY ON!" By George G. Elder First Christian Church

Easter means life—new life. Having slept out His sleep, ever accord; He rises by His own power; and arranging the linen cloths, He walks out on the dewy ground, beneath the starry sky, to turn grief into the greatest joy, and hail the breaking of the brightest morn that ever rose on this gloomy world.

The idea of new life is taught and practiced through the entire realm of nature. Every blade of grass adding to the beauty of nature's green; every field of waving grain inviting the reaper to thrust in his sickle; every flower blooming by the wayside, cheering the sick room, or decorating the new-made grave, is a child of the new life. The beautiful butterfly dipping its pinions in the balmy breezes, reminds the thoughtful observer that it is only the fruits of a new life from the unsightly caterpillar which crawls in the dust.

Tragedy strikes at every community, every home, every individual heart, leaving its tangled ruin. A public school with its mass of mangled life, earthquakes, dust-bowls, airplane crashes, automobile accidents and war with its mighty toll, leave us without any explanation at all, but we carry on just the same realizing that our best knowledge of Christ comes thru our calamities. Can we not find in these things the real meaning of new life? Easter, for 1937, says, "carry on, for calamities are no surprise to God; they do not alter His plans or hinder its accomplishment."

MEASURE OF POWER By Rev. C. Miles Northrup First Baptist Church

After more than 1900 years the Message of the Resurrection of Christ has greater attraction and power than ever before. The Christians' hope is centered in this great doctrine, the keystone of our faith. Multiplied millions in this year 1937 point to the Empty Tomb for their proof of justification and the hope of a life beyond the grave. Christ has robbed death of its sting and the grave of its victory. Resurrection is timely because sin and death are the same; and the death of Christ alone can take away the guilt and penalty of sin.

The power that it took to raise Christ from the dead is the measure of power promised to us today to live the new resurrection life.

CHURCH TO DEDICATE NEW BULLETIN BOARD

Sunday evening at the First Christian church a new bulletin board will be dedicated under flood-lights. This all-metal board, standing over seven feet high, is valued at \$140. The red neon cross assembly is most attractive and can be seen several blocks away. The service will be open to the public.

» Easter Services «

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Manuel avenue and El Prado, B. C. Brewster, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Easter morning worship, 11 o'clock. Splendid musical offerings by the choir, dedication of the new Methodist hymnals, baptismal service and sermon, "The Burning Heart, An Easter Experience."

Evening services as follows: Intermediate League, 6:30 in Kopp chapel. Senior Epworth League, 6:30 in League room. Evening worship, 7:30, musical program and sermon, "Auditing Life's Values."

CENTRAL EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Arlington and Marcelina avenues, Rev. E. W. Matz, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock; topic, "The Power of His Resurrection." Special easter music by the choir.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m.; topic, "The Appearance of Jesus After the Resurrection." Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Class in leadership training, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Engracia at Arlington avenues, George Elder, pastor. Church school at 9:30 a. m. Easter worship service and Resurrection Day sermon by the pastor at 10:30. Easter music by the choir and Holy Communion.

Evening service 7 o'clock. The Easter play, "World-Wandering Feet" by Eleanor B. Stock—adult cast. Dedication of new neon bulletin board.

Young People's Christian Endeavor meetings. This week, each evening at the Evangelical church, preaching mission conducted by the local pastors. Wednesday evening, next week, regular prayer service led by the pastor. Choir rehearsal Wednesday at 8:15 p. m. This day, next week, monthly all-day meeting of Council and Missionary Societies at the church.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Cota and Manuel avenues, Rev. Fr. Thomas F. Kennedy, pastor. Holy Thursday rites are continuing today with adoration of the Cross and the Holy Hour at 7:30 o'clock tonight.

Good Friday services are: Mass of the Presanctified, 8 a. m.; Veneration of the Cross all day; Stations of the Cross at 2:45 and 7:30 p. m., followed by a sermon on the Passion. Holy Saturday services: Paschal blessings, 7 a. m.; Holy Mass, 8 a. m.; confessions from 10 to 11 a. m., for children, and from 3 to 5:30 and 7 to 9:30 p. m.

Easter Sunday services begin with a Low Mass and general Communion at 7:30 a. m., followed by High Mass at 9:30 with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

UNION SERVICES HERE

A union Communion service will be held tonight at Central Evangelical church at 7:30 o'clock, according to Rev. E. W. Matz. This church will also be the scene of a union Good Friday service tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCHES

"Reality" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon on Sunday in all branches of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. The Golden Text is from the Psalms: "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations."

Among the Scriptural selections in the Lesson-Sermon are the verses from Romans: "And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him."

A passage from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, states: "The physical healing of Christian Science results now, as in Jesus' time, from the operation of divine Principle, before which sin and disease lose their reality in human consciousness and disappear as naturally and as necessarily as darkness gives place to light and sin to reformation."

GRACE TABERNACLE

Located at 1324 El Prado, Rev. H. W. Ezell, pastor. Easter Sunday will mark the completion of the "Come to Sunday School" campaign. Tonight (Thursday) the Junior Church presents "The Old Rugged Cross Changed to Gold," an attractive Easter pageant.

Easter services will be conducted Sunday at 9:30 and 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. An expository Bible study is held by the pastor each Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Frank D. Meehling, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30. Morning worship at 10:45—Holy Communion and sermon, "The Resurrected Christ Goes Before You."

Evening worship at 7:30. Easter service by the Sunday school. The Ladies' Missionary Society will meet Thursday, April 1, at 2 p. m.

The Luther League will hold its monthly meeting Friday evening, April 2, at 7:30.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Carson and Martina streets, Rev. C. Miles Northrup, pastor. The morning Easter service at 10:50 o'clock will be one of gladness and joyous worship. The pastor will preach on "The Empty Tomb" and the choir will give its special Easter music.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Young People's groups at 6:30 p. m., and evening service at 7:30 with the sermon, "The Angels at the Tomb" and special music.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1639 West Carson street, Rev. W. H. Copeland, pastor. All are welcome to Easter services Sunday at 9:45 and 11 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. there will be evening meetings Sunday and Thursday.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

1224 El Prado. "Riches" study—7:45 every Wednesday evening. "Watch Tower" study—7:30 every Sunday evening.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

A Bible class for the men of the community by the men of the community. Sessions held each Sunday morning at 9:15 o'clock at the First Christian church. Harry F. Dierker, president, and Rev. G. G. Elder, teacher. All men are welcome.

FOUR SQUARE CHURCH

Services now conducted at the American Legion Hall. There will be a special guest speaker with his family of musicians Sunday evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, TORRANCE

Former Dominguez Bldg., 1204 El Prado. Sunday services, 11 a. m. Sunday school classes, 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening meetings are held at 8 o'clock. Reading room, 1204 El Prado.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

The newly enlarged choir at St. Andrew's Episcopal church has arranged a program of special Easter music for this Sunday's services. The traditional "Christ Our Passover" by Schilling, "Introit" and an Easter anthem are included in the choir's selections. Holy communion will be celebrated Easter morning.

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A striking new note in hosiery is the series of "burnt" colors, especially of the coppery hues, launched by hosiery manufacturers for wear with spring suits. They are especially good looking with black or navy suits or other dark costumes.

MESSAGE RINGS TRUE By Rev. Fr. Thomas F. Kennedy Catholic Church of the Nativity

If ever a cause in the world seemed lost, it was Good Friday night, when the Redeemer was nailed in the rock with hideous wounds in His hands and feet and side—and yet, within three days, the stone which the builders rejected was made the cornerstone of the Temple of God.

Many minds regard our modern world as hopeless. The future never seemed so completely unpredictable. There are wars and rumors of wars. Economics in a tangled mess. Communism is robbing men of their souls and false education is stealing away their faith. But the world may rise from despair and hopelessness as it rose before. It will not rise to peace and happiness thru economic and political remedies alone. It will rise only thru a spiritual regeneration in the hearts and souls of men. "The Resurrection of our Lord" was not the resurrection of an old life, it was the beginning of a new life.

What is true of a despairing world, is true of the individual souls in it. This earth of ours is filled with men who have lost their way; with hearts that have pursued a thousand fancies, only to be utterly disillusioned; with souls whose sins have been psychoanalyzed, and whose hearts have never forgiven once; with bodies that have been embittered by pain and never sweetened by the vision of the Cross.

But to all these souls the Easter message rings out as it has for 2,000 years. The same today as on the first Easter morn—the Resurrection of the Dead, the Finding of the Lost, the Triumph of the Defeated.

MUST BE HOLY By Rev. W. H. Copeland Assembly of God

A great many problems have risen round the stories of Christ's Resurrection. While He lived—a life that no other man ever lived, yet His life means nothing to us. Without His death and Resurrection we gain but little. He lives in us because we have His life. The Text says "they have taken away my Lord." Some have lost Him thru ease; others thru luxury and soft indulgence; others thru the rush of life and the hurry of business. They have lost that sweet communion.

Dear soul, you wait upon Him. He will renew your strength. We want His life not ours. He has taken our place on the Cross that we may take His place in Glory. He is our life and when He comes we shall see Him. But if we don't have His spirit we are none of His. Without Him all was lost. We must be holy to have part in the first Resurrection.

He redeemed our souls at His death and He will redeem our bodies when He comes. So let us pray that we may be ready when He comes.

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TWO-FOLD MISSION By Jehovah's Witnesses

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The Jews for centuries had been carrying out in a typical way this great event in slaying the Paschal Lamb. Jesus came as the "Lamb of God" and fulfilled the type. Just before He fulfilled the type He instituted something new for His followers—the Memorial Supper. They have shown by so doing their acceptance of the "Bread from Heaven" and their willingness to share in the sacrificial death of Christ.

The modern way of having fashion parades, Easter eggs, bunny rabbits, etc., is something that has been added by the "traditions" of men and are indulged in by those who to a large extent have lost sight of the true meaning of Easter.

IF... IF... IF... By Rev. Benj. J. Darnell St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The message of Easter for this year of 1937 is one of hope and immortality. The Resurrection of Christ gave us proof of immortality, yet it would hardly seem necessary that one should rise from the dead to convince us that the grave is not the end.

To every created thing God has given a tongue that proclaims a resurrection. If our Heavenly Father begins to touch with divine power the cold and pulseless heart, of the buried man and to make it burst forth from its prison wall, will He leave neglected in the earth the soul of man made in the image of His Creator? If He stoops to give to the rose bush, whose withered blossoms float upon the autumn breeze, the sweet assurance of another springtime, will He refuse the words of hope to the sons of men, when the frosts of winter come? If all seed life is reproduced from year to year in countless resurrections, will the spirit of man suffer annihilation when it has paid a brief visit like a royal guest to this tenement of clay? No; I shall not doubt that my soul will be clothed with a new body suited to its new existence when this earthly frame has crumbled into dust.

Christ stands on this side of an empty tomb and says: "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

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FREEDOM AND VICTORY By Rev. B. C. Brewster First Methodist Church

So the first great meaning of Easter Day is that someone mankind can trust has triumphed over his greatest enemy—the fear of death. When the fear of death is gone a very significant impediment to future progress in all departments of life is gone. This dread of the unknown grips all ages. A small girl listening the other night to "Death Takes a Holiday" turned to her mother exclaiming, "Daddy, wouldn't it be great if death would take a holiday forever?" And that is just what Jesus accomplished in our behalf. The Apostle Paul made his discovery when in exultation he uttered these triumphant words: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Jesus did that for Paul and for us, and that is the first great meaning of Easter Day.

The other great meaning of Easter Day is this: Jesus triumphed over wrong and injustice. When He stood before Pilate, composed, quietly saying: "You cannot take my life. I lay it down and take it up again," he was making a proud forecast of the supremacy of love over wrong. In this day, so self-centered, so dedicated to the philosophy of acquisition and dissipation, Easter comes with history's most perfect example of complete victory. To those willing to do as Jesus did comes this sweet-consciousness

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