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Easter Sunday To Be Observed In All Churches

Cantatas, Pageants, Easter Messages Will Feature Programs in Local Houses of Worship.

Tomorrow is Easter Sunday, and attractive programs in observance of the day will be given in all of the churches of the city. Easter music and pageants, messages commemorating Christ's resurrection, programs by the children of the various Sunday schools, baptismal services, the receiving of new members and Easter morning sunrise services all will feature the day.

The celebration of Easter day will begin at 5:30 o'clock in the morning with sunrise services and will close with evening services in the various churches, which in many cases will include a cantata, a pageant, or other special Easter music.

First Presbyterian Church
Interesting programs are scheduled for Easter Sunday at the First Presbyterian church, of which the Rev. J. George Walf is pastor. At 7:30 o'clock the Christian Endeavorers will meet in the recreational room of the church for their annual Easter breakfast. At 9:45 o'clock the Bible school will meet. There will be an Easter song program during this hour and the Easter story will be told by Mrs. Turner Oliver, assistant superintendent of the school.

The 11 o'clock hour will offer a service with features which will go to make an hour of Easter cheer and inspiration, the pastor announces.

The new members received will be announced by the pastor. The sermon topic will be "The Blossoming Cross," the text of which will be "If He had been the gardener." Mrs. Harley Richardson will play an organ prelude "The Day of Resurrection" by Stutz, which is based on an old Easter hymn. This number will clearly illustrate the message Easter morning thought. An offertory Mrs. Richardson will play "Echoes of Spring" by Friml. The choir will sing "Yes, the Redeemer Rose" by Orlando A. Mansfield, and "Victory" by Harry Howe Shelly.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the vested choir with Miss Edris Maguire at the organ console will render a combination of music and song. "The Hissen King" a cantata which ranks as a classic, giving an insight into the life of the victorious Christ. This choir is under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson and is commanding attention among music lovers.

The cantata begins with "This is the Day the Lord Hath Made" and the climax is in the chorus "Unto Him Who Loved Us." This cantata was selected by Mrs. A. L. Richardson, the director of the choir after careful consideration of the many cantatas submitted. The words are by Rhodes, the music by Schaecker and arrangement by Ryder. Those who will take solo parts in the presentation are Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp Jr., Mrs. S. B. Morgan, Miss Genevieve Hanna, Mrs. Floyd S. Sherwood and Mrs. George Richardson. Miss Maguire will be the organ accompanist throughout.

The prelude "Resurrection Morn" by Johnson, will open the service and will be followed by the ceremonial scripture reading, a hymn and prayer, after which the cantata will begin. The choir will sing three numbers as an opening, "This is the Day which the Lord Hath Made," "As It Began to Dawn" and "With Loving Hearts and Laden Hands."

There will be a recitative number "But When They Came Unto the Sepulchre," a soprano solo "He Whom Ye Seek Is Not Here" and "The Lord Is Risen" by the choir. This will be followed by "Then Went They Out Quickly and Fled," a choral recitative, and number by the choir "Weeping for Him." A soprano solo "They Have Taken Away My Lord" will follow, then a choral number "And When She Had Thus Said." The second soprano and alto will sing "Woman Why Weepst Thou," which will be followed by a soprano solo "Sir, If Thou Hast Born Him Hence," and another choral number "O Grace, Where Is Thy Victory?"

While the offering is being taken Miss Maguire will play as an offertory "Ave Marie" by F. Schubert, arranged by Gordon B. Nevin. The finale of the cantata will be a soprano solo "And Hath Made Us Kings and Priests" by Mrs. George Richardson, after which "Unto Him Who Loved Us" an alto solo will close the cantata. The recessional, benediction and postlude

A THOUGHT OF THE LILY, AND OTHER FLOWERS



Not only the lily is the Easter flower. All the blossoms which grow from earth are really Easter flowers, typifying the rebirth of life abundant. This basket of tulips, lilyacanth, daffodil and roses tells the old, old Easter message, as well as the candleabra of lilies at the church altar.

will close the service. The personnel of the choir which will take part in the cantata follows: First soprano, Mrs. Lay Fuller; Mrs. Floyd Sherwood; Mrs. George Richardson; Miss Daisy Robbs; Miss Genevieve Hanna; Miss Ruth Durland; Miss Lenore Ely; Mrs. Avis Gabler; Mrs. Rosemary Neal; Mrs. L. J. Lindsay; Mrs. S. B. Morgan; Miss Isabelle Miller; second soprano, Mrs. Evelyn Hearshaw; Miss Verity; Miss Ruth Gehel; Miss Gwendolyn Buchanan; Miss Grace Gehel; Miss Helen Baker; Miss Catherine Humphreys; and Mrs. Eva Pearl McCal; alto, Mrs. W. H. Bohnenkamp Jr.; Mrs. Oscar Poarch; Mrs. Walter Nowland; Miss Corinne Baker; Miss Doris Cade; Miss Miriam Haman; Miss Mildred Bradshaw; Mrs. Andrew Lovey Jr.; and Mrs. G. R. Claycomb.

English Lutheran Church
The Easter message will be brought in song and sermon at the English Lutheran church Sunday. In the morning at 11 o'clock the pastor, the Rev. Leif H. Awees, will give a sermon on "The Power of the Resurrection." The Sunday school present its daily Lenten offering for church extension during the church hour and there will be holy communion. Two special anthems will be presented by the choir, "He Is Risen" and "Unbar Ye Golden Gates."

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock the Lutheran choral society will present a cantata "Joyous Bells of Easter," assisted by Richard Dykhuis and Ray Williams. The cantata, composed by Carrie B. Adams, consists of the following numbers: "Now Is Christ Risen from the Dead—Choir." "Unto the Woods My Master Went"—Baritone solo, Ray Williams.

"O Jesus Crucified for Man"—Duet, Richard Dykhuis and Miss Anna Lottes.

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"—Quartet, Miss Lina Lottes, Mrs. Jess Tower, Fred Mathes Jr., Ray Williams.

"The Master Shepherds"—Soprano solo and chorus, Miss Lina Lottes and choir.

"A Song of the Bells"—Chorus, "Ring Happy Bells"—Women's chorus.

"Ye Victor Bells of Easter Day"—Soprano solo, Miss Anna Lottes.

"Alleluia, He Is Risen"—Contralto solo and chorus, Mrs. H. R. Ostland and choir.

"Christ the Lord Is Risen To-day"—Men's chorus.

"The Song of Triumph"—Double chorus, Miss Lina Lottes, Fred Mathes Jr.

"Jesus Reigns"—Final chorus, choir.

The cantata is under the direction of the Rev. Leif H. Awees, pastor of the church, and Miss Emma Wurl is the piano accompanist. Those taking part are: Sopranos, Miss Lina Lottes and Miss Anna Lottes; alto, Mrs. H. R. Ostland; Mrs. J. G. Stitzinger and Mrs. Jess Tower; tenors, Richard Dykhuis, Fred Mathew Jr., and Walter Pohnmann; bass, Ray Williams and the Rev. L. H. Awees.

Episcopal Church
Holy baptism was conducted this afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Peter's Episcopal church. The Easter Sunday services will begin at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow morning with Holy Eucharist, which will be repeated again at 8 o'clock. The church school will meet at the regular time, 9:45 o'clock and the presentation of Lenten boxes will be a feature at this hour.

Holy Eucharist will be repeated at 10 o'clock and at 11 o'clock there will be choral celebration of the Holy Communion. During the 11 o'clock hour, the Rev. Oliver Riley will give an address on "The Risen Christ" and there will be special Easter music. The choir will sing the anthem "As It Began to Dawn" by Miriam, with Mr. and Mrs. George S. Birnie singing the solo parts. A trio, consisting of Mrs. H. N. Ashby, Mrs. G. S. Birnie and Mrs. Leo F. Miller, will sing "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" by Parks and the choir will sing another anthem "Golden Harps Are Sounding" by Miller, with Mrs. Ashby and Mrs. Miller singing the solo parts.

In the evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be a choral evening. The Easter music will be repeated, and Miss Trillian Ashby will sing a solo "Suffer Little Children" by Jewitt. The Rev. Oliver Riley will give an address on "The Living Christ."

First M. E. Church
The church school of the First Methodist Episcopal church will begin at the regular time, 9:45 o'clock, at which time there will be appropriate Easter day exercises by the children of the school. The morning worship will begin at 11 o'clock with "Organ Voluntary" and a special number by the choir, entitled "Great This Day of Gladness." There will also be baptism

of children and adults and the reception of new members during the morning hour of worship. The theme on which the Rev. H. W. Parker, pastor, will speak will be "Our Lord's Golden Silence."

The Junior and senior groups will meet at 6:30 o'clock in the evening at the church and at 7:30 o'clock in the evening the choir will sing "Easter Praise."

The program will open with the hymn "All Hail the Power" followed by the anthem "The Resurrection and the Life" by Ira Bishop Wilson, offering the resurrection story. The choir will also sing "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" by Ira Bishop Wilson. Miss Mima Cooper will sing a solo "The Dawning" by A. W. Petrie, and the choir will sing "The Redemption" by Gounod.

Central Christian Church
The members of the Christian Endeavor societies of the Central Christian church will have a brief prayer service and breakfast at the church Sunday morning following the sunrise services. The Bible school will meet at 9:45 o'clock and the attendance aim is 250. Those desiring to attend the Bible school who do not have a way to get to the church are asked to call the pastor and a car will be sent after them. There will be a short playlet at the close of the Sunday school followed by a decision service for Christ.

There will be a special Easter service at 11 o'clock when the women's sextet will sing "Down in the Lilled Garden" and the choir will render an anthem entitled "Easter Dawn." The subject of the Rev. R. L. Putnam's sermon will be "The Empty Tomb."

The Junior, Intermediate, senior and young people's Christian Endeavor societies will meet at 6:30 o'clock at the church.

At 7:30 o'clock in the evening there will be a special Easter program in the form of a pageant, "The Christian's Cross," an original pageant prepared by Mrs. Putnam.

First Baptist Church
The Sunday school of the First Baptist church will present a special Easter program entitled "The Morning Light" Sunday morning beginning at 10:45 o'clock.

The program will open with a professional hymn, and prayer. Janetta Shanks will give a recitation "An Easter Flower Gift," which will be followed by the scripture lesson and a song by the

Treats For The Child's Easter Easily Prepared

Eggs May Be Decorated in Fanciful Designs—Trick of Writing on Eggs Is Simple.

By NEA Service
When the Easter bunny comes this year perhaps he'll delight the children with something quite new in Easter styles, particularly if he has "mother" co-operating with him in the kitchen.

Weeks before Easter every egg that is used for cooking is carefully cracked and an opening made at the small end. The contents are then shaken out through the hole and the egg shell carefully rinsed and dried. These shells can be used for many purposes, such as containers for candy, or Easter gifts or quaintly styled "Easter eggs."

An "eggs-tremely" clever idea for eggs prepared for the annual egg hunt is to write the children's names on the eggs. Even tiny persons unable to read experience quite a thrill to find their very own egg expressly prepared for them by the Easter bunny.

Egg Names
The trick of writing on eggs is simple. First choose white eggs, and hardboiled them as usual. Then dye them in the ordinary commercial dyes, using light colors. And now comes the trick. Write the name on the egg with a stub pen dipped in melted wax or paraffine, when the wax hardens, dip egg into a dark colored dye which has been cooled. A hot dye would melt the wax. The name finally appears in the color the egg was first dipped in, while the egg itself is the color of the last dye.

The baskets provided for the small searchers in which to carry their eggs should be reasonably strong. It's a tragedy to have the handle pull out of one's basket, turning the precious "Easter eggs" into ill-fated "Humpty-Dumplings."

When eggs are hidden through the rooms of the house, paper nests are effective and not untidy.

Candy in Eggs
One of the most fascinating fashions in Easter eggs is that of filling an empty egg shell with tiny candy eggs or jelly beans. The shell is carefully dipped into dye, taking care that no dye gets inside the shell. After thorough drying, they are filled with the candy. The inclosed end is covered with gray paper of a contrasting color, pasted firmly over the hole to keep the candies in. The ends of the paper are fringed.

An Easter Dessert
A most attractive Easter dessert is made by filling the empty egg shells with different colored gelatines. Liquid gelatine, colored and flavored as you please, is poured through the opening in the small end of the shell. A small funnel made of stiff paper is an aid in pouring the gelatine into the shell. Let the gelatine stand at least eight hours to become firm and very cold.

When ready to serve, dip each egg into hot water. This melts the gelatine on the shell. Then quickly shell in many places and remove. Pile the eggs on a chilled serving dish and serve with whipped cream. Variegated "eggs" can be made by using two or three different flavors and colors of gelatine in one shell. If you fill an egg shell with water, pour it out and carefully measure, so you will have a definite idea of how much gelatine to prepare for the number of eggs you want to fill.

Ministers Will Meet On Monday

The La Grande Ministerial association will meet Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the First Methodist Episcopal church. This will be the regular meeting of the ministerial association, and all members are urged to be in attendance. The Rev. H. W. Parker, president of the association, will preside.

Children of the primary department, "The World Children for Jesus." The children of the junior department will give an exercise, and the entire school will sing the hymn "Grown Him With Many Crowns." Miss Mildred Fox will tell the story "The Coming of the King" and the choir will sing "Pillars of the Night." The Junior World Wide Guild will present an exercise "The Living Jesus" and a

Northwest Nazarene college chorus of 48 voices will broadcast.

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SEEING THROUGH TO EASTER

Editor's Note—Each year The Observer publishes an Easter message the Saturday before Easter Sunday and this year the following article is presented, penned by Bishop Remington, of the Episcopal church.

By the Rt. Rev. W. P. Remington, D. D., (Bishop of Eastern Oregon)

An artist friend one time drew a picture for me which he held represented his experience of life. It was of a monk kneeling before a crucifix holding in his hand a lighted taper. As the smoke ascended from the candle it formed a question mark which encircled the arms of the Cross and left a period to be put in at the feet of the Crucified One. It is true that Jesus has been the central figure upon whom the eyes of all the world have been fastened ever since He stretched out His loving arms upon that Cross. It is true that all of us must look to Him today for the solution of our everlasting questions. However, my friend was wrong in believing that the answer could be given from the cross; it can only be found in the mystery of the empty tomb of Easter morning and the words of the angels, "He is not here, He is risen, as He said." If the hope of humanity, the Light of the World, the one true, pure, spotless and loving life was crushed and put out on Calvary's Hill, life and love have been defeated and the world of men has no assurance either of moral and spiritual victory now, or of a continued triumph or even existence hereafter. The smoke of our little lighted tapers will forever encircle the Cross and end us with a period at the foot of the Crucified, unless we can find some way of seeing through the Calvary of Jesus to the glad assurance of the Easter dawn, and winning a victory over our lesser Calvaries, by our unconquerable faith in immortality. Jesus endured the cross and despised the shame for the joy that was set before Him. He had that joy in Himself but He had it, because He of all men was able to see through to the ultimate purposes of life, to the Reality which lay beyond the mists and uncertainties of earthly existence.

The men and women of the twentieth century live in daily contact with what the people of the nineteenth century would have called impossible miracles. If Benjamin Franklin could have projected in his imagination the marvels of the electric age and had dared to prophesy what was to happen, his contemporaries would have called him a dreamer, a vain blabber of impossible things. But suppose he had been able to see through the lightning in the clouds to the day when that same force was harnessed, and a child, by pressing a button, could turn night into day and send a voice across the continent, would he not have been in closer touch with truth and reality than those who scoffed at him. Every victory which modern science has won over the forces of the physical universe has come because some discoverer or inventor was able to see through what had formerly appeared to be truth and discover what really was the essence of things. Little by little God has been putting into our hands the keys to unlock the secrets of nature and the mysteries of the universe. As those doors have been flung wide, humanity has been released from its fears and superstitions. We are coming out of darkness into light, out of ignorance into the path of true knowledge. The men of this end have been understanding, some one has been able to show us how we could see through.

We realize the truth of all these things as they hold in our physical world, but how slow we are to apply the same method and learn the same lesson in the moral and spiritual field. That is the reason why many of us never get beyond the question of Calvary to the dawn of Easter, why we never can see the meaning of pain or suffering, or trials and disappointments, of sin or of death; we just cannot see far enough. Easter is the key to all understanding. It is the dawn of comprehension, the light which drives away all fears and false ideas or conceptions of life. It ushers us into a country of new delights, radiance streams from the empty tomb. All nature empties its fragrance and beauty into our laps, friendships and love glow anew, death and sin have lost their sting and the grave has been robbed of its victory. There is no other key to human existence, to the abundant life here and to immortality beyond this earth. When Jesus looked down from His Cross on Good Friday and surveyed the evil and sin which was marring Him to the cross, His Word was "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." He had compassion on the ignorance of men; if they only had known what He knew, if they could have seen through sin and death to eternal goodness and life, He only had the key to death and He had to pass through that door in order to fling wide the portals of eternity and let in the light of understanding and comprehension.

Easter was the Reality, of which Calvary was but the shadow of man's ignorance.

Our day and generation has unlocked many doors through the keys which have come into our hands, but we have been surprisingly slow in applying our new found methods to the laws of the spiritual. This is partly because the emphasis of our age has been upon material development. Some of us believe that the twentieth century will witness almost as great advance in the understanding of spiritual law and life. There will be the same process, experimentation, verification and the sharing of facts. This is the method of science, and it can and should be applied to religion fearlessly. Of course, you must begin with the acknowledgment that there is a moral and spiritual world, just as you begin in physical science with the hypothesis of a material world. This is the crisis of modern life. Thousands, my millions of us, live so constantly in the flesh that the moral and spiritual has a hard time breaking through.

One must be born again in order to enter into that kingdom, and sin and selfishness stand guard over the door which leads to eternal life. Sin makes us ignorant. But Jesus died to take away sin and He had an infinite compassion for our ignorance.

I wish I might write a message which would go through all Eastern Oregon and reach the hearts of my people who are yearning for a clearer understanding of the meaning of Easter. In the midst of such loneliness, many trials, a great deal of indifference and complacency, we are all yearning for Reality. Remember Jesus has put the key into our hand, ignorant and foolish as we are, we can take it and achieve a joy and peace we have never known before.

"Turn your face upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the thoughts of earth will grow strangely dim
All lost in His glory and grace"

WINNOWINGS

Walter Bond will preach Sunday at Lower Cove. There will be a picnic dinner and those attending are asked to bring a basket lunch. The dinner will be followed by services in the afternoon. A large crowd is expected to attend.

Evangelistic services are being held every night, except Monday night, at the Lighthouse Gospel Mission.

There will be prayer meeting and Bible study at the Methodist Episcopal church, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Northwest Nazarene college chorus of 48 voices will broadcast.

Annual Sunrise Services To Be Held Tomorrow

People of La Grande Will Gather at Gangloff Park at 5:30 O'clock to Worship.

In accordance with the annual custom Easter sunrise services will be held in La Grande tomorrow morning at 5:30 o'clock and many La Grande people will arise before that time and will gather at Gangloff park for the early morning worship in celebration of Easter Sunday.

Sirens will be sounded this year as in the past years, but everyone is urged to get up a time and to attend the sunrise services. If the weather is stormy the services will be held in the First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. R. L. Putnam will be the speaker and will give a short talk. The scripture will be read by Donald Poarch and W. W. Nushbaum will lead representations from different church choirs of the city will lead those present in singing appropriate hymns.

The sunrise service is sponsored by the La Grande Ministerial association, and congregations of all churches join in this early morning hour worship.

Good Friday Services
Yesterday union services which have been held every night during holy week closed with three-hour good Friday services at St. Peter's Episcopal church. Through this service "The Divine Agony of Our Blessed Lord" was depicted and addresses on the "Seven Last Words from the Cross" were given by seven ministers.

Those taking part were: the Rev. L. H. Awees, of the English Lutheran church; the Rev. J. A. Hall, of the Methodist Episcopal church; the Rev. H. I. Hansen, of the Island City Community church; the Rev. H. W. Parker, of the First Methodist Episcopal church; the Rev. J. G. Walf, of the First Presbyterian church; the Rev. Oliver Riley, of St. Peter's Episcopal church; and R. C. Ayers, lay reader of the Episcopal church.

More than 150 persons attended the three-hour services, which started at 12 o'clock and continued until 3. Each address was followed by a hymn of prayers in which all those present joined. Mrs. H. N. Ashby was at the organ console. Music between the addresses made it possible for people to go and come as they saw fit.

L. D. S. Church Shows Big Gain In Membership

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, April 7. (AP)—Remarkable progress of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) in membership, domestic and foreign missionary work and in the good will of the people of other denominations, was reported by President Herbert J. Grant, addressing the opening of the 98th annual conference before an audience of 7,000 who came here from all parts of the country and from foreign lands. President Grant paid elegant tribute to Joseph Smith, prophet and founder of the church.

Membership in the past year had increased 26,000 bringing the total membership to a half million, total expenditures for the year were \$3,948,916, activities as follows:

Building and improvements \$2,416,999; church schools \$185,100; construction and maintenance of temples \$231,100; missions \$767,100; charity \$196,100.

observed Thursday evening, beginning with supper at 6:30 o'clock.

Presentation copies of Easter Liturgy will be distributed at the morning service at St. Peter's Episcopal church Sunday.

Last Sunday 15 were confirmed into full membership in the Episcopal church by Bishop W. P. Remington.

The First Methodist Episcopal church is featuring an annual roll call for Easter evening at 6:30 o'clock. The slogan for this meeting is "Every Member Present." Supper will be served and there will be a program of music. Reports will be heard at this time.

