

Come to Church Easter

'Hope' Sermon Topic At Congregational

Two similar Easter services will be held at the Congregational church at 9 and 11 a.m. Sermon topics at both services by the Rev. Thomas McCamant will be "Hope," the concluding sermon in the current series on "The Commands of God." Anthems will be sung by both the adult and junior choirs. An Easter egg hunt for the Sunday school children will be held at 10 a.m. on the grounds of the church. A "Great Decisions" discussion group will meet at the Sunday school at 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Youth Service Part Of Easter Emphasis

A special youth service is planned Saturday evening in connection with special "Easter Emphasis Week" of the First Baptist Church in Medford. Dr. Vernon Grounds, guest minister, will present another message in the general theme, "In the Shadow of the Cross." The title of his sermon directed to young people will be, "The Challenge of the Cross." Music for the Saturday service at 7:30 p.m. will be directed by youth of the church.

Grounds, who is president of the Denver Theological Seminary in Denver, Colo., will continue the services through Easter Sunday. Friday night he will speak on, "The Dynamic of the Cross," on Sunday, "The Gifts of the Risen Christ," and on Sunday evening on "The Empty Tomb" — Faith's Firm Foundation.

Cantata, Pageant Set For Apostolic Church

"From Darkness to Light", an Easter cantata, will be featured at the Apostolic Faith church at 11 a.m. Sunday.

Good Friday services will be held at 8 p.m. tonight. A pageant, "The Empty Tomb", will be given at the church at 3 p.m. Sunday, under the direction of Mrs. Coy Bailey. Music for the services will be provided by the Apostolic Faith church orchestra and chorus.

Easter Play Scheduled

Young people of the Church of the Brethren will present an Easter Play, "The Chancel Lily," directed by Mrs. Floyd Evernden, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

The play is a one hour program and contains a tableau in ten scenes beginning with the Nativity and closing with the Angels and the women at the tomb. Music will be provided by the adult choir, and reading by Kenneth Braezeale.

Youth Meet for Sunrise Services

Easter Sunrise services for youth of all denominations will be held at 5:53 a.m. Sunday, on Huener's Butte, east of Phoenix.

A trumpet fanfare will open the services followed by a call to worship by Mike Stearns and congregational singing.

Scripture, John 20:1-18, will be read by Jim James. Bruce West will lead the group in prayer. The Presbyterian Junior high choir will sing a special number.

Lowell Shearin will speak on the significance of Palm Sunday. Bill Conner on Maundy Thursday, Stanly Culy on Good Friday, and Roger Gallucci will speak on the significance of Easter Sunday. Mike Stearns will give the benediction. Song leader will be Katherine Gott. The public is invited.

Young People Present 'Victorious Christ'

Young people of the Medford Pilgrims Holiness church will present an Easter cantata, "The Victorious Christ", April 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The cantata, by Haldor Lilienas and Lora Linn, tells the Easter story. The public is invited.



Lift your hearts, refresh your spirit with the eternal glory of Easter... and as you join with family and friends for special service this Sunday, rejoice anew in the Easter promise of life everlasting. Be sure to attend the Church of YOUR faith during this joyous season... experience in your heart the miracle of Easter. Medford and Rogue River Valley churches have stirring sermons and finest inspirational music to give you new strength, faith, hope and courage!

Today Is Day of Mourning Throughout Catholic World

Vatican City — (U.P.) — Catholics throughout the world today mourned Christ's crucifixion and death in the church's most solemn rituals.

Thousands entering Rome's 447 churches for Good Friday services found altars bare and statues shrouded. Purple drapes covered sacred images and crucifixes. Ceremonial bells were silent.

All Catholics could receive Holy Communion under new Holy Week regulations. Formerly only priests and those in danger of death could receive the sacrament. Morning services consisted of psalms and lamentations telling of the world's darkness when Christ died. Masses were to be held in the evening following the three hours agony service which tells of Christ's crucifixion and death on the Cross.

Day of Penitence

It was the most solemn day of penitence in the church liturgy marked by fasting and abstinence. Those between the ages of 21 and 59 were permitted one full meal during the day. No meat may be taken at any meal. Only the ill, the aged and expectant mothers were dispensed from the fast.

This is the day on which all fires were put out during the Middle Ages, plunging cities into darkness until midnight on holy Saturday, when fires were rekindled from the large blessed candles in the churches, with the flame passing from hand to hand and house to house.

It is the day on which Seventh century Spaniards shut all churches and held no services.

Under the new rules for the Holy Week issued by Pope Pius XII, only the Matin of Tenebrae was being held in Catholic churches this morning.

The "Tenebrae," Latin for darkness, formerly held in the afternoons, is a rite of mourning, symbolizing the darkness that shrouded the world when Christ died. It includes the singing of the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

Services At Cross For Church of the Pines

Special Easter sunrise services will be held at 6:30 a.m. at the white cross behind the Church of Pines, two miles south of Gold Hill on the old Pacific highway. Breakfast will be served following the services.

Sunday school will be held at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 o'clock. Members will go on a picnic following the service. The public is invited. Those planning to go out the picnic should bring a basket lunch.

Major Holy Week Changes Started at Sacred Heart

The first major changes, since 1620, in the observance of Holy Week in the Roman Catholic church, were inaugurated on Palm Sunday, according to the Very Reverend Nicholas Deis, pastor of Sacred Heart parish of Medford.

In commenting on the changes, Father Deis noted that the goal is that the faithful may take part in the most sacred week of the year "more easily, more devoutly and more fruitfully."

The change in the Palm Sunday observance placed emphasis on active participation by the congregation in the blessing of the palms. The change makes it a public testimony of love and gratitude to Christ and a pledge of homage and loyalty centered on His regal entry into Jerusalem on the first day of the week in which He died.

Other changes were made for the observance of Holy Thursday rites. Mass at Sacred Heart was offered only at 5 p.m. in memory of the Last Supper, with a Holy Hour from 8 until 9 p.m. Services in the evening, more closely parallel the events as they occurred during Christ's last days, and the Holy Hour recalling to mind the Lord's words to the Apostles, "can you not watch and pray with me for an hour?"

An all night vigil was kept Holy Thursday night with parishioners asked to place their names on the schedule in the vestibule of the church to note which hours of the night they can attend.

Father Deis explained that certain observances of Good Friday will remain and that services include one at 12 noon and again at 2:30 p.m. The reading of the passion of Our Lord according to St. John, public prayers, the unveiling of the crosses and communion, previously unavailable on Good Friday, will

begin at 3 p.m.

Public participation in Holy Saturday service will be heightened, Father Deis stated, with services moved from morning to evening. The Vigil of Easter services will begin at 11 a.m. with the blessing of new fire and the Paschal candles as symbols of the "Light of Christ" shining over the world.

Midnight Mass

For the first time, Easter midnight mass will be offered at Sacred Heart church Saturday with other services to be held at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday.

Easter mass at the reopened St. Joseph's church in Jacksonville will be held at 10 a.m., and in the Prospect Community hall at 4:30 p.m.

Easter services in Shady Cove will be held at 10 a.m. in the Shady Cove school.

Sunrise Communion Set at CP Church

Easter Sunrise Communion service will be held at 6 a.m. at the Community Bible church in Central Point.

The service will include testimonials, prayer and meditation followed by a serving of the Lord's supper. A second communion service will be held in Fellowship hall for those unable to attend the sunrise service.

An Easter sermon, "Resurrection Realities," will be given by the pastor, Rev. Paul O. Kroon, at the morning worship service.

An Easter choir cantata, "Christ Victorious," will be presented at the church Sunday at 7:45 p.m.

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Beginning with Sunday School at 9:45 at which time the children have a program for you, followed by Morning Worship at 11:00. At 12:00 Easter egg hunt. There will be prizes for those finding the most eggs and the gold and silver eggs. Easter Sunday evening at 7:45 we'll be showing the film "I BEHOLD HIS GLORY."

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The importance of Easter lies in the fact that Christ rose triumphantly from the tomb. By accepting Christ we, too, have victory over death.

"... I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25.

Messages You Can't Afford to Miss!

- The Dynamic of the Cross—Friday, 7:30 P.M.
- The Challenge of the Cross—Saturday, 7:30 P.M.
- The Gifts of the Risen Christ—Sunday, 11:00 A.M.
- The Empty Tomb—Faith's Firm Foundation—Sunday, 7:30 P.M.

Special Speaker—Dr. Vernon Grounds
President of Denver Seminary

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