

Easter Means New Clothes, Eggs; Can Also Mean New Life and Joy

Editor's note: This is the third of four articles by leading Protestant and Catholic theologians on the meaning of Easter for modern man. The author is America's best known woman theologian, a member of the faculty of the Methodist Pacific Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif., who is currently on leave teaching at the International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan.

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Tokyo — (U.P.) — What does Easter mean to you? New clothes, Easter eggs, bunnies, spring flowers? These are part of our traditions, and there is no need to abandon them. But much deeper than these lies a great fact. Easter can mean new life and joy and peace, triumph over pain and even over death. Easter always follows Good Friday. But let us not forget

that the first Good Friday, when Jesus hung with thieves on Calvary and was crucified for sins he did not commit, did not seem very good! His closest followers, with the exception of John the beloved disciple, were conspicuous by their absence as far as we can learn from the record. His mother Mary and some of the women were there weeping, as well they might at an event so terrible and so undeserved. Most of the disciples, apparently afraid of being implicated, disappeared, while Judas who had betrayed him was so horrified at what he had done that he went out and hanged himself. The whole situation was very dark indeed.

Hope Reborn
Then came Easter morning! Mary Magdalene, whose life had

been made over by his love even for a sinner and his faith in what she could become, was early at the tomb to pay him a last tribute of devotion. And there He spoke to her, as He had spoken before in words of assurance that made life different. One of the pictures I treasure most is a photograph of Gutzon Borglum's rock hewn "Mary Magdalene." The light of glad expectancy and renewed hope in her eyes as she turns from the empty tomb to confront the living Christ. In one word, "rabboni!" are compressed her gratitude, her enduring devotion, her joy. For her, triumph was shining through grief and hope had again been born in her.

Easter Repeats Itself
Now the great thing about Easter is that it did not happen just once, long ago and far away. Of course, it did happen once, the climax of the supreme event of all history, which is God's revelation of himself in the life and death of his son Jesus Christ.

Yet because it happened once, it keeps on happening in the lives of persons just like ourselves. Because Jesus Christ is not simply a memory, or a person to read about in the history of Palestine, but a living presence, our lives can have the same hope and joy that came to Mary Magdalene.

The last words of the gospel according to St. Matthew are those in which Jesus says, "Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." Had not the resurrection occurred, this promise could not be ours. But it is ours.

Presence of Christ
Have we sin, either a gnawing consciousness of guilt or a dull indifference to what is right? Jesus Christ is with us to forgive the penitent and give us new life.

Have we pain, physical or mental, for ourselves or for those we love? Christ's living presence will see us through.

Do we face death, soon or in the dim and unknown future? Indeed, we all must, but it need have no terrors, for He has risen and has promised eternal life.

Does the world look dark? No darkness can blot out the light that shines from Him. The story of His coming opens with the shining of a star; it ends with the assurance of His presence with us forever.

"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

So this is the message of Easter, not the interesting but inconsequential things we often associate with it, but life, life abundant, life eternal. This is God's gift. His love could offer us, the greatest gift ever given to the world.

Annual Sunrise Service Scheduled Sunday

The annual sunrise service of the Sams Valley Community church will be held at 5:30 a.m. Sunday near the O. W. Robertson place on Day lane in Sams Valley.

Gilbert Mack will be speaker at the service, church officials announced.

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FIRST OF THE MONTH
Central Falls, R. I. — (U.P.) — Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Patenaude's children have these birthdays: Jan. 1, 1954—daughter; Feb. 1, 1956—son; March 1, 1957—daughter.

PROSPECT Navy Man Home From Guam

GENEIL SPRUILL

Prospect — Kenneth Struck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Struck, who has served with the U.S. Navy the past four years, returned home from Guam on Friday.

The Calorie Counters plan on having their regular meetings this summer. Their next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. George Governor on April 25. Everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Colley have announced the engagement of their daughter Sue, to Durwin Bean, son of Mrs. Marion Bean. No date has been set for the wedding.

The WCTU met on Tuesday, April 19, at the home of Hope Hedgepeth where they worked on a quilt for missionaries. A pot luck dinner was served at noon. The ladies will meet again on Tuesday to finish the quilt.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert White have returned to their home after spending several days at Chico, Calif., where they visited at the home of his mother. They then spent some time at Grants Pass at the home of his brother.

Miss Bonny Gay Holmes who is employed as bookkeeper for the Red Blanket Lumber co. at Eagle Point, entered the Sacred Heart hospital Thursday for minor surgery.

Steve Garrett celebrated his 13th birthday on Friday by having a party for his friends.

Mrs. Fred Middlebush of Medford, and Mrs. Richard Tubman of Grants Pass visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown on Wednesday. They were also guests at the Home Extension meeting held at the McKillop home on Wednesday, April 10.

The Lloyd Moore family drove to Lakeview last weekend.

Lay Members Will Take Part in Service Today

Four lay members of the Congregational church will participate in the holy Thursday service at 8 p.m. today.

Mrs. F. C. Ayres, George G. Moore, Duane Richardson, and Miss Nancy Miller will read from the scripture from Luke. A women's trio will sing "There Is a Green Hill," and the Rev. Thomas McCamant will preside at the service and the serving of communion.

DOG BLAMED
Fitchburg, Mass. — (U.P.) — After investigating a report that a burglar had ransacked the home of Edgar St. Armand, police decided that the house had been turned upside down not by an intruder but by the family dog.

SOC Faculty Member Returns From Meetings

Ashland — Miss Seraphine J. Scanlon, Southern Oregon college, director of dining services, has returned to her college duties after attending the Northwest Restaurant exposition in Seattle, April 9-11, and the Oregon Dietetic association meeting in Corvallis April 12.

Both conferences featured lectures, exhibits, and the reading of papers relative to the most recent research in foods, equipment, and nutrition.

Pageant Scheduled at Central Point Tonight

"The Dawning," a pageant of the resurrection produced by the Cave Junction Community church will be held at the Central Point Community Bible church at 7:30 p.m. today.

The pageant was given at the Provolt Grange hall last Sunday when some 400 persons attended.

CANCELLED BY FIRE
East Haven, Conn. — (U.P.) — Firemen arrived early for a testimonial dinner for one of their officials, but the affair had to be postponed. The restaurant where it was to have been held was destroyed by fire a few hours before.



Christians Observe Easter Throughout World This Week

By UNITED PRESS

Christians throughout the world celebrate Easter this week in church and in a variety of traditional ceremonies in homes and outdoors.

But in Jerusalem, where, by Christian teaching, Christ was crucified, buried and rose again from the dead 1,957 years ago, the tensions among Jews and Arabs have cast a shadow over the Christian pilgrimages of Holy Week.

The number of Easter visitors is the smallest in a long time. Only about 1,500 persons have come from overseas, compared to about 15,000 last year. But the familiar ceremonies will be observed.

Processions to Carry Crosses
This afternoon a procession makes its way to the room in which Jesus is said to have served the last supper to his disciples. Good Friday thousands will carry crosses in procession down Via Dolorosa, the route Jesus carried his cross to Golgotha.

On Sunday, sunrise services will be held in both the new and old cities of Jerusalem, with a united service taking place in the Garden of the Tomb outside the walls of the old city in Jordan.

The Jerusalem newspaper El Jihad reported Wednesday that Jordan has barred the French and Dutch consular corps from crossing into Jordan to take part in the ceremony.

A United Nations spokesman in Cairo said 100 U.N. soldiers would be flown from their posts in Egypt to spend Easter in Jerusalem.

In Rome, capital of the world's 430 million Roman Catholics, thousands of tourists and pilgrims jammed all available hotel space. Pope Pius, who granted an audience to 30,000 pilgrims Wednesday, planned to spend Maundy Thursday in prayer and meditation.

In London, Queen Elizabeth followed ancient tradition today in distributing tokens "Maundy money" to the aged poor of her kingdom. But she broke a 300-year-old custom by taking the ceremony out of London, to St. Albans Abbey.

Processions were being staged throughout Spain today. The marching crowds chanted prayers and carried religious statues. The whole nation will go into mourning from midday until Sunday.

Jet Plane Makes 'Hole in the Sky'
Knoxville, Tenn. — (U.P.) — et aircraft made a "hole in the sky" here, a federal weather expert says.

The explanation of a publicized cloud formation seen here Feb. 22 was offered by Howard T. Orville, chairman of the U.S. Weather Advisory Committee on weather controls in Washington.

The phenomenon consisted of a big perfect circle of blue sky in a blanket of fluffy white clouds. The effect was visible to the naked eye and showed clearly on photographic plates.

Pictures were widely published and inquiries have poured in from across the nation, Orville said.

Orville said ice crystals from jet vapor trails "dropped" through a lower cloud layer leaving the dark blue hole.

Mother, Children Stabbed Before Blast
Binghamton, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Autopsies showed today that a mother and her two children had been stabbed before a mysterious "upstairs" explosion reduced their two-story frame home to rubble and critically injured the father.

The father, Woodrow Matthews, 42, who suffered severe burns in the early-morning blast Wednesday, also had stab wounds which police said may have been self-inflicted.

District Attorney Louis M. Greenblatt expressed the belief that the explosion was set off intentionally, but he deferred questioning of Matthews because of the seriousness of his condition.

The dead were identified as Matthews' wife, Ella, 40; their son, Carl, 10, and their daughter, Alma, 14.

"It's all very puzzling," said Coroner Vincent Maddi.

Activities Planned For CJ Observances
Cave Junction — Planning sessions for two Illinois Valley events were held recently when committees of local organizations discussed the July 4 celebration and the annual Labor Day Jubilee.

The three veterans' groups in the valley are in charge of Independence Day activities, which will include an open air dance at the Veterans of Foreign Wars grounds near Cave Junction, booths and concessions, a parade and a carnival. Under consideration is a queen contest, with a "Spirit of Liberty" and her court to be chosen by popular vote.

Six organizations were represented at the Jubilee planning session at the Legion hall. Chairman Don Adams asked the committee to formulate plans for presentation at the next meeting April 24.

STARTING EARLY
Lee, Mass. — (U.P.) — A well-filled hope chest, given as a door prize at a card party in St. Mary's parish hall, was won by two-year-old Steven Consolati.

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