

Joyous Easter Services Are Held in Many Los Angeles Churches; Music Impressive

TELL HOLY TALE OF RESURRECTION

MANY PREACHERS PORTRAY GLORY OF EASTER

BEAUTIFUL FLORAL DECORATIONS BEAUTIFY SERVICES

Bishop Conaty Preaches to Large Congregation at St. Vibiana's Cathedral at Impressive Evening Services

The story of the empty tomb, the resurrection of the crucified Christ and the triumph over death that has come down through the centuries from the land that is now called "holiness" have been the theme of the most interesting and inspiring of the twentieth century world were sung and resung in churches large and small yesterday in observance of the Easter festival.

In churches large and small, from the magnificent cathedral to the lowly mission, the glad news of the resurrection of the Risen Saviour was the dominant tone of the day that marked the beginning of the new year.

To this triumphant note—the triumph that has made Christianity a possibility—was added the beautiful floral display of a California Easter, although the weather was the most dreary that Los Angeles has perhaps ever witnessed on an Easter day.

Early in the morning it became evident that the inclemency of the weather would prevent the large congregations that usually attend the Easter services. Although it rained in torrents at the hour of the morning services, nearly every church had a much larger congregation than was expected under the circumstances, and the downtown churches were comfortably filled with interested congregations.

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Easter Lilies

BY PAUL GYLLSTROM

Lilies, Easter Lilies—
God of wondrous love.
Lilies, Easter Lilies—
Blessings from above.

Penitent, meek and troubled, they gathered in spirit bruised, Still echoed tumult and terror and spell of power missed. At echoed they sat, the Chosen, in gloom and doubt of mind, And thought of the day out Calvary way, and the goal of a mob grown blind.

Lilies, Easter Lilies—
Pure as a worthy hope.
Lilies, Easter Lilies—
God of infinite scope.

They thought of him that silver had paid the fatal kiss, And Simon, Peter Simon, felt subtle mockeries. The Rock, thus swayed, repenting, in anguish bowed his head. He knew all the woes which the lonely heart knows that longs for the strength that has fled.

Lilies, Easter Lilies—
So simple, sweet, so white.
Lilies, Easter Lilies—
God of merciful might.

Joyful the message of Mary Magdalene who had seen The Son of Man arisen, the Lord in his hallowed sheen. As he spoke to her of the Father to whom he would soon ascend, And she told of the morn and the sepulchral torn, and of angels' tidings to men.

Lilies, Easter Lilies—
Lift with joy thy head.
Lilies, Easter Lilies—
He is risen; He is not dead.

Thus spoke the Christ to Thomas: "No longer faithless be, My scars span of breast and hand—'thou knowest it is me." Then the doubter, averted to meekness before the Holy One, With lowered eyes felt new faith rise. 'T WAS THE CREED OF AGES BEGUN.

Lilies, Easter Lilies—
With the breezes gently nod.
Lilies, Easter Lilies—
"My Master and my God."

Forth they went with the message and spread it to all the world, To the lowly in mildness voiced it; in the teeth of storms it was hurled; Of God, His mercy and sternness, alike to favored and dross, And down through the years, bathed in blood and in tears, comes the banner that glows with the Cross.

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PRISONERS MOVED BY EASTER MUSIC

W. C. T. U. WORKERS CONDUCT SERVICES AT JAIL

Youth, Arrested for Stealing Hen, Breaks Down When He Hears Hymn His Mother Used to Sing

A slender, fair-haired boy, 18 years old, serving thirty days in the County jail for the theft of a chicken that had strayed his way, shoulder to shoulder with men bearing criminal records, broke down and cried for his mother yesterday in the dark recesses of his cell during the Easter services of the W. C. T. U. workers. The climax in his emotion came when they sang a church hymn he had heard his mother sing at home. "It made me feel kind a funny," he told a kind-hearted woman who had passed her handkerchief through the bars for him to wipe the tears away. "It made me feel kind a funny," he told a kind-hearted woman who had passed her handkerchief through the bars for him to wipe the tears away. "It made me feel kind a funny," he told a kind-hearted woman who had passed her handkerchief through the bars for him to wipe the tears away.

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Dr. Charles Edward Locke, the pastor, preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation notwithstanding the heavy rain at that hour. He spoke on "The Theme of Easter Morn." with the text, "Go tell my brethren," Matt. 28:10. Dr. Locke said in part: "With joyful hearts we hail the Easter morning, the gladdest and most significant anniversary in the church calendar.

"On the first Easter morning when the faithful women came sadly to the sepulcher they found the stone rolled away from the door and an angel sitting upon it. As the women were retreating in fright the angel said, 'Fear not, for I know ye seek Jesus which was crucified. He is not here; he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where he lay. And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead.' As the women hurried breathlessly away Jesus met them and said, 'All hail!' They held him by the feet and worshipped him. Jesus reassuringly said to them, 'Be not afraid; go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee and there shall they see me.' "As we come this morning to the open sepulcher and the risen Christ the words again fall from the Master's lips and we also are commissioned, 'Go tell my brethren.' "Jesus Christ explained to his disciples the divine purpose of his resurrection in the words, 'It behooved Jesus Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that he should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem; and ye are witnesses of these things.' This, our day of triumph and rejoicing, is also our day of repentance and confession and of remission of sins. The glow of the Easter morning will drive all shadows of sin out of our lives if we will humbly confess our sins and accept the risen Lord as our pardon and salvation.

"Go tell my brethren." The brotherhood of man is directly the fruit of the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus won his brotherhood to the race by suffering for his fellows. Self-denial and sympathy and sacrifice are the ties which bind men to each other. Humanity's wounds and hurts and heartaches must be healed. Treat their loathsome hurts and heal mine own. We are redeemed for service and refined and made divinely by service to our fellows."

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MASTER'S MESSAGE TO MAN, SERMON THEME

DR. LOCKE PREACHES AT FIRST METHODIST

"Go Tell My Brethren," Is Text of Discourse Delivered in Elaborately Decorated Church Auditorium

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CHURCH BORN AT THE EMPTY TOMB

RESURRECTION THEME OF DR. BROUGHER'S SERMON

BEAUTIFUL EASTER SERVICES AT TEMPLE AUDITORIUM

Twenty Candidates Are Baptized by Immersion—Cantata Is Sung by the Choir in the Evening

The Temple auditorium was radiant in floral splendor yesterday in celebration of the Easter day. Both the great auditorium and Berean hall had been elaborately decorated, Easter lilies and calla lilies being used in the elaborate decorative scheme.

In the main auditorium the decorations were confined to the platform, which was banked with potted palms and lilies. Dr. Brougher presented a scene of fairlike beauty. The stage was arranged with a woodland scene, with a tall white cross at the rear, around which were gathered worshipping choir in white surplices. In front of the altar railing were banked potted Easter lilies, white carnations and asparagus plumosus. These potted plants were also arranged very effectively in the orchestra, while a calla lily cross three feet high was arranged in front of the lectern.

Twenty candidates were baptized by immersion at the morning service and each was presented with a cluster of white carnations on leaving the baptismal font. Dr. Brougher preached an eloquent Easter sermon on "The Monuments of the Resurrection." He said in part: "The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central fact of our religion. There is no other reason for the change from the seventh day to the first. The apostles were Jews, trained to observe the sabbath on a weekly basis. With the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first day of the week they began to observe that day as the Lord's day. Every time they met it was upon the first day of the week, and they called it the Lord's day. 'Christ is risen' is still the custom among the Russian people on Easter morning. They had gathered his side; they had buried and despondent; and there had been no church if faith and hope had not been revived by the resurrection. Thus the church of Christ was founded on a empty grave, and it will stand until the end over an empty grave.

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SPIRIT OF EASTER LIVES, SAYS BLIGHT

RESURRECTION FOUNDED ON HISTORICAL FACTS

Leader of Los Angeles Fellowship Declares Living Presence Is Heart of Season's Message

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"No student of history, be he never so skeptical, can deny the presence of an inspiring, vivifying, purifying, uplifting force in the affairs of men known as the Christ. It were easier to deny the law of gravitation or the existence of electricity. It is the moral dynamism of the body is unimportant compared with this fact.

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