

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

OPENING SONG

At the Lamb's High Feast #168

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CLOSING SONG

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Saint Dennis
10:30 AM Saint Charles Borromeo
12:00 AM Our Lady of Loretto
4:00 PM Saint Francis Xavier

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

6:00 PM Saint Dennis

FRIDAY

6:00 PM Our Lady of Loretto

CONFESSIONS

Before mass and on request.

PARISH HALL

TUESDAYS

6:00 PM Sewing Group
Meeting Room in Small Hall

WEDNESDAYS

6:45 PM St. Dennis Cash Bingo
Main Hall

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD


Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Je-

sus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.



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Family Connection

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are

among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that he is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

VATICAN FORMALLY REJECTS "DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY" AFTER INDIGENOUS CALLS

The Vatican on Thursday responded to Indigenous demands and formally repudiated the "Doctrine of Discovery," the theories backed by 15th-century "papal bulls" that legitimized the colonial-era seizure of Native lands and form the basis of some property laws today.

PARISH HALL OR GYM USAGE

As we approach the graduation season later this spring, there's often a high demand for the use of our facilities. We are prioritizing requests from our parishioners over non-members. As a parish member, If you anticipate the need to reserve one of our locations for your family's event, please let us know as soon as possible or at least two weeks prior to the event.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

As we revel in the joy of the renewed life of Easter and the gifts of our risen Lord, we invite all married couples renew their relationship by attending the gift of a Marriage Encounter Experience. Renewal in its basic form is focusing on who we are as individuals, and exploring a form of communication that speaks to who we

are at our very core, our feelings. It is a new language for some, a mere tune-up for others and a renewal for all who engage the process. Upcoming Weekend dates are Elk Mountain Historic Hotel April 21-23, Malta, MT June 9-11 and The Ranch at Ucross, Nov 3-5. Apply today by calling 307-215-9444 or visit the website: wwme.org

CLOSING SONG

Larry Plain Bull, 1979

Crow Indian melody
by Larry Plain Bull, 1979



HE - HE-LE Ak baa ba-sséesh koók. HE - HE-LE
He is the Alpha.



Ak baa háa - keesh koók. HE - HE-LE
He is the Omega.



Hear Larry PB 1986



Ak bi -lé dúu -ppée -le - hcheesh koók HE - HE -LE.
He is the one who parted the waters.



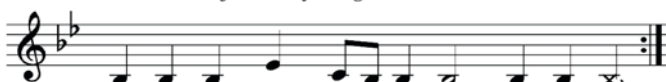
Ak-baa - tat - dí - ash koók. HE - HE-LE
He is God.



Ko kuss chi - wa - káa - lah. WE - HE-LE
Worship him.



Baa "A- hoooh." haa - lah. WE - HE -LE
Thank him for everything.



Ii baa "A-hoooh." haa - lah WE - HE-LE.
Thank him for everything.