

## After Easter

THE STORY: Three women in Belfast dream of escaping the political peril that marks their lives, but cannot because of the family loyalties instilled in them and their complicated relationships with men. Frieda is a would-be singer whose pro-IRA fat How do we live as "resurrection people?" How do we take those stories into our hearts and lives, living as though we believe resurrection to be a reality? Frank Brookhart takes stories of the resurrection and illuminates a way for Christians and seekers to explore life in the new creation. Tying the Gospel narrative to our lives as followers of Jesus, he proposes a means for transforming people and churches through living into the resurrection with the Risen Lord.

At Eastertime, the most important holiday in the Christian world, religious processions in many Latin American countries pass over ornate street "carpets" fashioned from colored sawdust, flowers and fruit. Children in Finland and Sweden dress as "Easter witches." In the Caribbean, those who swim on Good Friday risk bad luck. In the Philippines, some penitents volunteer to be crucified. In some European countries, Easter Monday is the day for dousing women with water. With 240 entries, this book explores these and scores of other unusual and sometimes bizarre international Holy Week customs, both sacred and secular, from pilgrimages to Jerusalem to classic seasonal films and television specials.

This volume contains Saint Bernard's sermons for the liturgical seasons of Lent and Easter. Included are sermons for the Purification, Septuagesima, the feast of Saint Benedict, and the feast of the Annunciation, all of which are interpreted by Bernard in light of the paschal mystery. In the sermons for Lent, especially, one gets to know amore hesitant and searching Bernard than appears in his other liturgical sermons. This volume is the third of a projected five volumes of Bernard's liturgical sermons.

This highly readable exploration of the church's liturgy from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost clearly shows why Easter is not only the climax of the Christian year but also the center of the church's worship and doctrine. The authors examine the common liturgical traditions shared by both Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

Sharing the Easter Faith with Children is theologically sound, biblically focused, educationally on target, and developmentally appropriate. Carolyn Brown writes clearly and helpfully, with conviction and passion for what to share and how to share one's faith with children. It should be required reading for every parent, educator, and pastor who wants to communicate and celebrate the Easter faith with children. Brown packs a lot of practical suggestions, insights, and activities into this very readable resource. I am confident children will mature in their understanding and affirmation of the Easter faith when they have been nurtured in families and congregations that take seriously what Brown offers. --Donald Griggs, author of Teaching Today's Teachers to Teach It is easy to share the Christmas story and faith with children. The story is beautiful and lends itself well to pageants and other celebratory events for children. It is not so easy to share the Easter story and faith with children because the message and images are complex. Many parents have trouble articulating what Easter means to them personally much less answering their children's questions. In many congregations children are featured in palm parades on Palm Sunday, but they are not specifically planned for at other Holy Week services. When schools schedule an Easter break, many families go away and thus unintentionally bypass the whole Easter message for years. This book explores what the Easter message can mean to children as they grow up. The author helps congregations and families share the Easter message with their children and include the children meaningfully in

Lent, Holy Week and Easter observances. Included are materials for children from birth (in the church nursery) to age 12, and reproducible pages to create a booklet for parents. The first section of the book describes the particular parts of the Easter faith that are important to children at different ages and comments on the biblical Easter texts from a child's point of view. The second part of the book works through the Lenten season, describing ways congregations can include children and providing program and worship plans, including: Lenten disciplines for children and their families Ash Wednesday Celebrating Palm Sunday or looking ahead on Passion Sunday Maundy Thursday: Recalling the Last Supper Keeping Good Friday The church-sponsored Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday Morning Another part of the book offers help to leaders who want to share the content with teachers, parents, or committees. Also included is a comprehensive list of related resources. This carefully researched and well-grounded, practical resource from a highly regarded Christian educator will strengthen your educational ministry with children and support parents as they shape the faith of their children.

After Easter provides a brief case for the historical reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and describes the impact of His rising from the dead. Each chapter ends with a few simple thought-provoking questions for individual reflection or small group discussion. The full Gospel of John is also included, making this the perfect leave-behind tool for personal evangelism. After Easter, everything changed.

In this volume of The New Church's Teaching Series, Stephen Holmgren introduces us to the world of Anglican ethics and moral theology. He focuses on questions all people of faith must ask: How will I keep my baptismal promises? How am I meant to live "after Easter?" In developing a distinctively Anglican approach to ethics, with its emphasis on holiness, sanctification, and the need for spiritual disciplines, Holmgren identifies clear axioms for Anglican moral theology and the ethos required for moral decision-making on the part of individuals and church bodies. He explains why ethical reflection is not the same as church governance, and why the institution cannot "make" its moral theology. Holmgren also discusses the role of conscience and reason, the work of moral discernment, the difference between moral knowledge and saving knowledge, the meaning of natural law, and the high value Anglicans place on consensus. The final chapter provides a methodology for building a moral case in Christian ethics, specifically on Christian involvement with war and violence. As with each book in The New Church's Teaching Series, recommended resources for further reading and questions for discussion are included.

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During this deeply spiritual time of the year, author and cook Karen Jean Matsko Hood brings her readers a unique cookbook full of inspiration in these tasty and filling recipes. This cookbook is written with the novice cook in mind and will be enjoyed by the accomplished cook as well. It is satisfying to the soul to include all members of the family in helping to prepare for this yearly feast time. Hood's recipes are wholesome and will please the whole family as well as company for this special time of the year. These recipes contain ingredients that are easily found at your local market year round. Preaching after Easter examines the festal history and homiletics of Mid-Pentecost, Ascension, and Pentecost in the late-antique Mediterranean world. Methodologically rigorous studies of important sermons and preachers are complemented by attention to Jewish-Christian dialogue, art-historical reception, and contemporary liturgical theology. O'Neal tells the fascinating history and traditions of Lent, then takes families on a day-by-day journey through the season with crafts, activities and worship ideas. Includes ideas for the Easter season and Pentecost, in addition to a colorful, punch-out Easter ornament to remind the family of the holiday's deepest, richest meaning throughout the season.

The time of mystagogy is that period between Easter and Pentecost when new converts to the Christian church deepen their experience of scripture and sacrament. Even for those who are not new converts, this can be a time of growing closer to God and the church. The paschal mystery was experienced in ritual and liturgy at Easter. Now it takes root in the hearts of believers. Life after Easter was designed to help Christians reflect, day by day, on what the Easter-event and its aftermath mean for them. The fifty reflections, based on the readings in the lectionary, help to relate scripture to everyday experience. Places in the Bible are juxtaposed with towns and neighborhoods where people live today. But the same joy, doubt, excitement and sense of mission experienced by the disciples after Easter still exists for believers now. New Christians, those who have just returned to the practice of their faith and believers who simply want to reconfirm their life in the Spirit will welcome Life after Easter.

After Easter—Step into Scripture Bible Study, captures the thrill of spending time with the risen Savior and tackling the enormous job of evangelizing the world! This interactive study lets you insert yourself into pages of your Bible. You become one of the apostles, taking part in the action. Scripture is the script! Like an epic movie, scenes are vividly presented and historical background introduced. You step into those scenes. How will you feel as events unfold? For instance: Just when you think the risen Christ is gone, he comes back, again and again! Jesus teaches you for forty days until one afternoon he ascends into heaven! Now the religious rulers target you and your friends as they once did Christ. But exciting moments are still ahead of you: Pentecost! Flames, wind, and pilgrims hearing God being praised in their own language! People being healed in Jesus's name. An angel opening the door in your dark cell, leading you to freedom. Peter, bolder than ever confronting opposition and winning hearts for Christ. Samaritans, turning from a sorcerer and his magic to faith in Jesus and his miracles! After Easter, is a Bible Study that marks powerful beginnings for the new church, for the world and for you. Enjoy this study as you step into Biblical history and then step back to today with a new sense of purpose. Because, after all, the acts of

Christ are not finished!

Die Studie arbeitet die wichtigsten aktuellen Fragen zur frühen Geschichte von Pesach- und Osterfest auf und wirft neues Licht auf die Entwicklung dieser Feste. So zeigt der Autor, dass Exodus 12 einen ätiologischen Hintergrund des Pilgerfestes zur Zeit des Zweiten Tempels gibt. Anhand relevanter Texte (Pesach-Haggada, das „Gedicht der vier Nächte“ aus der palästinischen Targum-Tradition, Ostervigil) weist die Studie nach, dass das christliche Osterfest als Reaktion auf das jüdische Pesach im 2. Jahrhundert n.Chr. entstanden ist und die Entwicklung des Oster-Sonntags diesem Brauch folgt.

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