

Easter Services

Sacred season points to universal truths Caroline Oakes: Mind and Spirit

It is a sacred time of year, whatever your spiritual tradition.

For Jews, it is Passover, the commemoration of their flight and deliverance from Egypt after four centuries of slavery. For Christians it is Holy Week, moving toward the darkness of crucifixion, to the promise of life overcoming death.

Many Muslims have just celebrated 13 days of Nowruz, the beginning of the New Year. We have all just experienced the Spring Equinox, the earthly shift from the darkness of winter toward more light in our days.

Wherever we are, we are experiencing light and new life.

In the words of author and pastor David Anderson, "The world is rigged for life, and every little dying gives rise to a spurt of new life." He believes this is "the bigger truth of Easter."

It is the bigger truth of each of the holy traditions of this time – Easter, and also Passover, Nowruz, and the Spring Equinox.

That the world is "rigged for life" reminds me of Carl Jung's observations that the inherent nature of human beings is an inner "push toward wholeness." We are unconsciously driven toward healing, wholeness, new life. Everything is.

I remember when I suddenly understood this idea in a very literal sense. In retrospect, it was an unlikely time and place for an epiphany.

My daughter had fallen off a swing and had hurt her arm badly, so we headed to the hospital. We were waiting for the doctor to come into the examining room, and I was looking at a poster with a diagram of how a broken bone heals.

I was riveted to the drawing, awed at how the body can essentially "re-weave" both sides of the broken bone together so that it can once again be whole.

It suddenly occurred to me that, with everything from broken bones to broken relationships, there is, indeed, this constant, inner "push" toward healing in all things.

The trick, of course, is to get out of the way, trust that the world is "rigged for life," surrender to this

truth, even in a small way.

Then, just as the world moves from darkness into light in this sacred season of the year, so too, we

can live through the "little deaths" of our lives and know the promise and power of a new and resurrected life in every day.

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Good Friday March 29 at 7pm Service of Shadows

Christ's sacrifice remembered in scripture, music and diminishing light

Easter Worship Services Sunday, March 31 at 9am and 10:30am

Jesus is Alive! Celebrate His Resurrection! Childcare available – programs for all ages offered during both services



First Baptist Church of Doylestown
311 West State Street, Doylestown, PA
Located across the street from CB West High School
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 28 • 7:30 pm

Tenebrae Worship with Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY

March 29 • 2 pm

Joint Service at
Lahaska United Methodist Church,
Rev. Faith Williams
of Carversville Church preaching

EASTER SERVICE OF THE RESURRECTION

March 31 • 10 am

Children's Easter Egg Hunt following service

Carversville Christian Church, UCC

"A Church Family, A Family Church"
3736 Aquetong Road, Carversville, PA 18913
215-297-5166 • Rev. Faith A Williams, Pastor

*Join us
this Easter Season*



Holy Thursday, March 28

7:30 pm - Dramatization of the Last Supper with Holy Communion

Good Friday, March 29

7:30 pm - Tenebrae Service

Easter Day, March 31

7:00 am - Service in the Youth Center
8:15, 11:00 am - Traditional Services
9:30 am - Contemporary Service
Nursery care at 9:30 and 11:00 services



DOYLESTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Come for Easter...

and come as you are!

There's room enough around
our table for you!

**"No matter who you are,
no matter how you vote,
no matter who you love,
no matter what you've done or left undone,
no matter what."**

**Holy Thursday 7pm
Good Friday Noon and 6:30pm
Holy Saturday 7pm
Easter 8:15 and 10:15am with Egg Hunt**

**St. Philip's Episcopal Church
10 Chapel Rd. New Hope PA 18938
www.stphillipsnewhope.org 215-862-5782**



CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

1 Riverstone Circle, New Hope, PA 18938
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28, 2013

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer in Chapel
7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Visits to the Repository in Chapel until 11:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 2013

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer in Chapel
Visits to the Repository in Chapel until 7:30 PM
3:00 PM - Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30, 2013

9:00 AM - Morning Prayer in Chapel
7:30 PM - Celebration of the Easter Vigil
Blessing of the New Fire, Baptismal Water
Reception of New Members into the Church

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31, 2013

Masses are at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!



SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

84 E. Oakland Ave, Doylestown
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The Very Reverend Christine E. Mottl, Rector
www.stpaulsdoylestown.org

Thursday, March 28 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service
Good Friday, March 29

9:00 am Good Friday Liturgy
7:30 pm Choral Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday/ Easter Eve, March 30

7:30 pm The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:00 am - Festal Easter Eucharist
9:00 am - Family Easter Eucharist
10:30 am - Choral Easter Eucharist



The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of your hearts and minds!

St Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Easter Sunrise Service --- 6:30 am

Breakfast --- 8:00 am

Easter Festive Service --- 10:00 am