

# JOYOUS EASTER TO CLOSE SOLEMN LENTEN OBSERVANCE

## All Churches Schedule Celebrations of Festival; Good Friday Rites Large

### Record Crowds Attend Church and Theater Services.

"He is risen . . . He is not here." This is to be Indianapolis' theme tomorrow as thousands join in the universal memorial to the resurrected Christ.

Special musical programs, prayers, masses and messages by the clergy are to feature the Easter celebration in churches, marking the close of the 40-day solemn observance of Lent.

Opening with sunrise meetings in all parts of the City, the celebration is to continue through the day. An early feature is to be the 15th annual Easter Service on Monon Park Circle, featuring the Ogden Junior Chorale. More than 800 children and 200 adults representing several church and musical groups, massed choirs and soloists, are to participate.

### Increased Interest Shown

Record crowds attended Good Friday services yesterday in several churches and two downtown theaters, marking Christ's three hours on the cross.

All during the Lenten period, an increased interest was reported in the special week-day services. Seminars, conference and prayer and study groups also have been features of the pre-Easter period.

Sunday school classes have set special Easter attendance goals for tomorrow and many new members are to be admitted into various churches. Celebration of Holy Communion, baptism, floral decoration of altars and personal pastoral calls are other traditional Easter ceremonies to be observed.

### Music to Be Varied

Pageants and religious dramas have prominent places in many church programs tomorrow. Augmented choirs and instrumental ensembles are to participate in the musical programs.

Music embracing the works of the ancient church composers, as well as modern writers, will be heard. Catholic churches are to present masses by Palestrina, Lotti and their contemporaries; Lutheran and other Protestant churches will sing chorales and cantatas by Bach, Widor, Stainer and Dudley Buck.

Despite a weather forecast of fair and possibly colder record crowds are expected at all churches.

## Chopin Life To Be Read

### Pianist to Illustrate Biography.

A musical biography, featuring the music of Chopin, is to be given at All Souls Unitarian Church, Alabama and 15th Sts., at 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Miss Kathryn Turney Gerten is to be in charge. Mrs. Dorothy Merrill Ritter is to play Chopin's selections on the piano. Mrs. Charlotte Lieber is chairman of the committee and Gage is in charge of tickets.

Proceeds are to be used for the organ fund. Reservations should be made by calling the church.

### Bakers Conduct Church Revival

The Rev. H. W. Baker and his wife, Marion, evangelists, are conducting revival services at the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Services begin nightly at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Mr. Baker is to speak at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow morning on "Our Risen Lord," and is to preach again at 7:30 p.m. A sunrise prayer meeting at 6 a.m. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Young People's service at 6:30 p.m. also are on tomorrow's program.

### William H. Remy To Talk on Christ

William H. Remy, teacher of the Marlin Felts Class of Tabernacle Baptist Church, is to discuss "The Resurrection of Christ" tomorrow morning.

Music for the service, starting at 9:15, is to be furnished by Al Smith, Mary Catherine Stair, Mrs. Russell V. Barton, Paul Matthews and Mr. Remy. William D. Evans, president, is to preside. Bethany Class members are to be guests.

### Class Will Mark Decision Sunday

Carl Coombs will address the Fishers of Men Bible Class of the Fountain Square Christian Church at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at Decision Sunday services.

Frederick Waldecker is to lead the class Choral Club and quartet in special Easter music. Three hundred men will join the Easter parade of the class, with Hyatt G. Johnson acting as grand marshal.

### UNITY CENTER SERVICE FIXED

Easter services will be conducted tomorrow at the Unity Truth Center.

The Rev. Muriel C. Powell, pastor, will speak on "The Resurrected Body." Mrs. Maggie G. Maxwell and Mary Traub Busch will have charge of the music.

### COLLEGE LEADER TO SPEAK IN OHIO

Dr. William Gear Spencer, Franklin College president, is to deliver the sermon at the Easter services in the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, O.

Dr. Spencer is to stop in Cleveland on his return from an Eastern business trip.

### GIRLS TO SING ON RADIO

The Ariannas girls singing group under direction of Edith Jane Fish of the Burroughs School of Music will broadcast over WFBM at 3:45 p.m. April 3.

### Way of Cross Re-enacted By Multitude in Obelisk Square.

#### By LEO DAUGHERTY

Christ's sorrowful journey to Calvary's hill was re-enacted here yesterday as a multitude raised its hearts in prayer in the Good Friday commemoration of His crucifixion.

This spectacle of consuming faith was witnessed in Obelisk Square of the World War Memorial.

A throng united in humility and faith joined in making the Way of the Cross—one of Christianity's oldest.

A few centuries ago a public ceremony depicting the Passion of Christ such as Indianapolis witnessed for the first time was a customary outdoor manifestation.

#### Priest Reads Ritual

Large processions of the faithful visited shrines where Christ's Passion was pictured or portrayed in sculpture.

As time passed on, these shrines were converted into chapels, then into churches, and the stations finally were pictorial as they are to day in the interior walls of churches.

A priestly priesthood, Rev. Fr. James W. Morris, stood on a pulpit which the grandeur of the World War Memorial supplied.

#### Station 1

"Station 1," he said, "Jesus is condemned to death."

He prayed. The multitude repeated his words. Then the lifting voices of 4,000 parochial school children were heard in the dolorous notes of the 13th century hymn, "Stabat Mater."

#### Altar Boy Leads

William McCaslin, an altar boy who has seen the elevation of the Host at Mass, led the procession to the next station, "Jesus Carries His Cross," and the throng followed in his footsteps to meditate on Calvary's tragedy.

A hush deepened over the throng as it passed on to the third station, "Jesus Falls under the Weight of His Cross."

And knees were bent finally in sorrowful adoration as the pilgrim way reached the climactic station, "Jesus Dies on the Cross."

#### Trumpets Sounded.

Trumpeters from Cathedral High School pierced the stillness of a traditionally dark Good Friday afternoon.

The Rev. Fr. Francis J. Early raised his anointed hands to draw from the throats of children—white and Negro—a symphony that seemed to swell like the throb of a mighty organ.

It's haunting echo, mayhap, was carried away in many contrite hearts.

## 'His Cross' To Be Given

### Emerson Avenue Church To Present Play.

A one-act play, "Hiss Cross," will be presented at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Emerson Avenue Baptist Church. The play was written by Ralph Claggett and the scene is a carpenter shop in Jerusalem in the days of the Crucifixion.

Mrs. Fred C. Lemley will be guest violinist. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Fred Crostree, choir director and pianist of the church. Mrs. H. G. Rowe is directing the play.

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### Aged to Receive Easter Service

The First Congregational Church is to have charge of Easter service at the Indianapolis Home for Aged Women at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow, in accordance with a custom of many years. The Rev. Ellis W. Hay, pastor, is to preach and the High School Club will sing.

### EVOLUTION FOE TO SPEAK ON GOD

An Easter pageant is to be presented by the Beech Grove Baptist Sunday School, under direction of Albert Works, superintendent, at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

The pastor, the Rev. Verdi Allen, is to speak on "God So Loved," at the morning worship and on "The Resurrection," at the evening service, to be followed by baptism.

### TOPICS NAMED BY REVIVAL SPEAKER

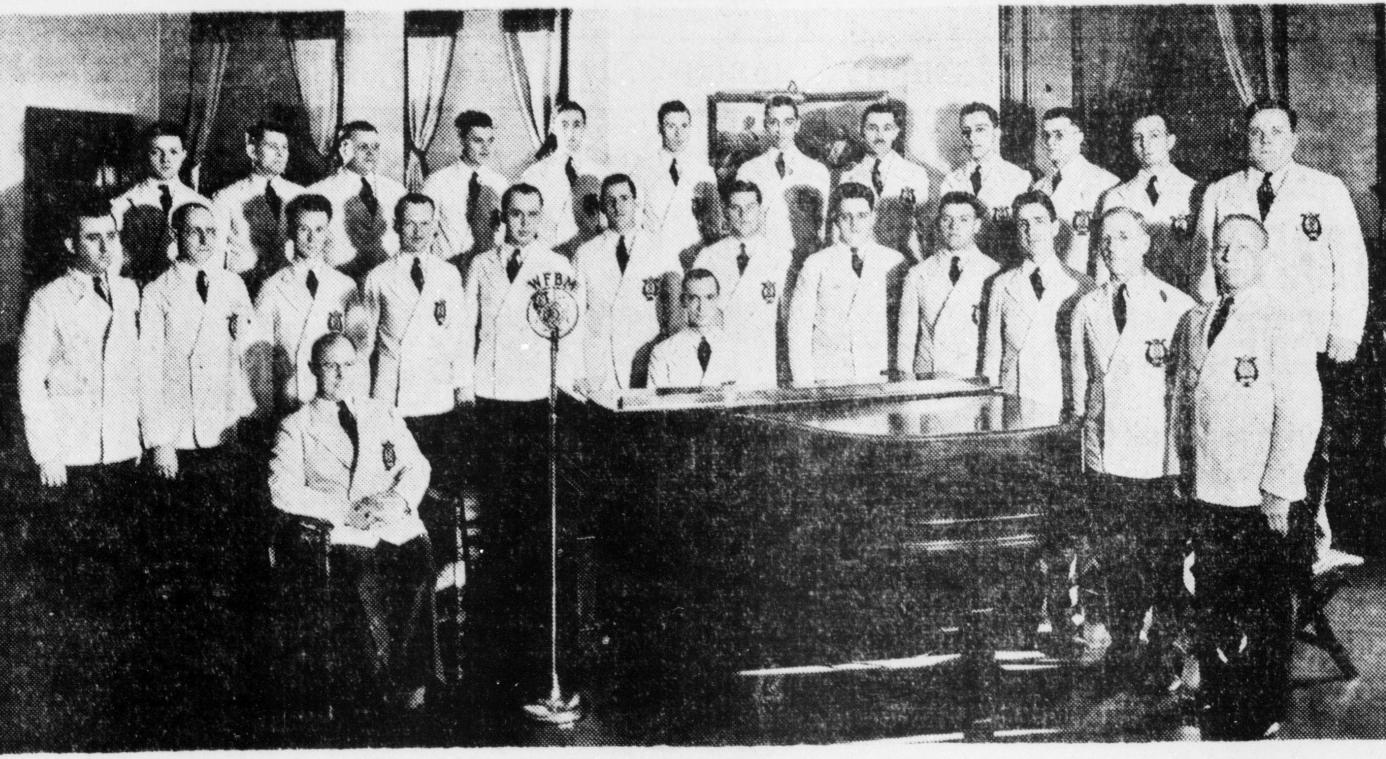
The Rev. O. C. Brown, who is conducting revival services at the Indianapolis Bible Institute, 19th and Indiana Sts., will speak at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow on "The City of Desire."

At the evening service he will speak on "Death of Life." Charles W. Daugherty will lead the music.

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## GLEE CLUB TO TAKE PART IN EASTER PAGEANT



Back Row (left to right)—Wayne Christy, Charles S. Smith, Clarence Hamilton, Stanley Dunn, John Stofer, Lester Hart, Robert Cook, Louis Lambert, Armond Priest, Donald McCammon, Cappy Poiter, William Herbert.

Front Row—Arthur Alcorn, Newton Werner, Urey Blackwood, Myron Kincaid, Harold Taylor, Daniel Stivers, Duane Shute, Gordon Sowle, Elviss Christy, Elmer Wilson, John Hockenbrough, Burris Adams.

Seated—Frederic A. Barker, director; Wallace Sims, pianist.

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Mrs. Carmen Sweeney is to be soloist. The string quartet, composed of Harold Kottlowski, Richard Orton, Robert Marschke and Carl Dawson also will be heard.

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