

## Soft Light

Night's dark soul awakens. Chirps of life tug at its ear. Just the smallest candlefull of light peeks through its shadows. Dawn tiptoes in.

It is the balance-point of all time.

Easter.

Friday tempted us to guilt—about his wounds, thinking that our sins caused them. About his arms, still marked with shrill hurts. And maybe that is why he can hold us, enfold us so well. Maybe the wounds know somehow the shape of our small selves.

Mothering Christ.

The cantor at Easter Vigil sings these words:

O certe necessarium Adae peccatum

quod Christi morte deletum est!

O felix culpa,

quae talem ac tantum meruit habere Redemptorem!

Oh truly necessary sin of Adam,  
blotted out by the death of Christ!

O blessed fault, which has merited such a Redeemer,  
so great a Redeemer.

Isn't the cantor singing in praise of the sin of Adam and Eve? Even if Christ's death has taken their sin away, could it be a "necessary" fault? Is it right to rejoice about sin being necessary? Original sin does not really seem like a good or blessed event. Nor does our selfish penchant for misdeed.

Yet without such a sin, would such a Savior have had reason to come? Now Christ's wounded arms can sweep us up, comfort and absolve and hold us. We are blessed beyond words.

Sins always carry, in their revolt, the pledge of forgiveness. Night always carries in its midst the promise of light.

O vere beata nox,

in qua terrenis caelestia,

humanis divina iunguntur!

O truly blessed night,

in whom earth is wedded to heaven,  
and humans to God!

Several rows of the people might have their candles lit. Over there, a lot more.

Soon half the church could awaken to the gentle light. And, quickly, the rest.

Morning has eased their faces into daylight, into the soft, humble glow.

Jesus became the night. Jesus is the light.

We can see him for who he has been all along. The Christ of God. The essence of love. The modest flame who softly lights the world.

John Foley, SJ

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

### April 4, 2021

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#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation & Sacrament of the Sick**

You may call the office to schedule an appointment for confession. If there is no answer please leave your name and phone number and Father Jim will return your call. Please do not schedule an appointment if you are sick, please wait until you are well to protect yourself and the priest. Priest and penitent will be required to wear a mask and maintain a safe six foot distance during confession.

The Sacrament of the sick is available for those who are in need, terminal and to those who have an upcoming surgery. Please call the office if you or a loved one is in need of this sacrament.

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Come in seeking; come in wondering; come in hurting. Come into this house of companionship and compassion. Come in. You are welcome here. Our faith Family opens its doors to you and in the name of Christ, bids you Welcome!  
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*The purpose of St. Stephen's Indian Mission, the presence of the Roman Catholic Church among the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho, is to grow into a strong community of believers, sharing our lives in the Holy Spirit, forming one welcoming People of God, who are committed to Jesus Christ, His gospel and mission.*

## Readings April 5th through April 11th:

Mon: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15  
 Tue: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18  
 Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35  
 Thur: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48  
 Fri: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14  
 Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21  
 Sun: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

### Parish Collection

Last week's mail in collection \$1255

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Corinthians 9:7*

THANK YOU to all who have continued to make financial contributions to St. Stephens Indian Mission throughout this past year! God Bless!

### Mass Intentions this week

4/3:	Saturday Easter Vigil	+Julian, --Joan, +Jeff Montoya
4/4:	Easter Sunday	Intention of donor
	Easter Sunday	For the people
	Easter Sunday	+Brian Williams
	Easter Sunday	+Evette
4/7:	Wednesday 5pm	+Father Ron Stolcis
4/8:	Thursday 7:15am	+LaDonna Dewey
4/9:	Friday 5pm	+Father John Wysochansky
4/10:	Saturday Blessed Sacrament	+Olga Wyszczanski
4/11:	Sunday	For the people
	Sunday	+Loriel Espinosa

Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool program, is currently registering students for the 2021/2022 academic year in Lander. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program for homeschoolers, meeting one morning a week, that includes chorus, two hours of classroom instruction, hands-on science, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. Please join us at 2pm on Sunday April 11th for an information meeting at the Lasnoski house (545 S. 4th St., Lander), or contact Caitlin Lasnoski (landerwy@catholicsschoolhouse.com).

**Holy Name Catholic School** is seeking a full-time Office Manager. The ideal candidate shall possess strong administrative, managerial and bookkeeping skills.

**Holy Name Catholic Church** is seeking a full-time custodian/maintenance apprentice. Experience in building, construction, HVAC systems and equipment operation is essential. A keen eye for detail and cleanliness is desired.

*Both positions are full-time with benefits, salary is dependent on experience. Please mail a resume and two letters of references to: Business Manager, Holy Name Parish Office at 9 South Connor Street, Sheridan, WY 82801.*

Please pray for the family of the deceased:

+Buddy Oldman

+Rosalie Jacobson

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



# He is Risen...

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**Let us admit that, for all the progress we have made, we are still "illiterate" when it comes to accompanying, caring for and supporting the most frail and vulnerable members of our developed societies.**

— POPE FRANCIS  
Fratelli Tutti, 64

**It is our moral responsibility to accept the COVID-19 vaccine— for the sake of our own health and solidarity with the most vulnerable**



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## Christ is Risen!

## Indeed, He is risen!