



This Lent, Easter ENCORE at a Glance



Date	February 26, 2012	March 4, 2012	March 11, 2012
Liturgical date	Lent 1	Lent 2	Lent 3
Title	Blessed Connections	Living Legacy	Cosmic Law
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Genesis 9:8–17 Psalm 25:1–10 1 Peter 3:18–22 Mark 1:9–15	Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16 Psalm 22:23–31 Romans 4:13–25 Mark 8:31–38 or Mark 9:2–9	Psalm 19 Exodus 20:1–7 1 Corinthians 1:18–25 John 2:13–22
Ages 3–5	learning about God’s promises through art engagement, Noah’s ark story picture, rainbow painting mural, rainbow sun catchers	learning more about God’s promises through star activities: badges, plaques, shakers	celebrating God’s creation through drawing a creation mural, sun streamers, seed pouches
Ages 6–8	learning about God’s promise in the rainbow through art engagements, rainbow mural, rainbow activities	learning about God’s promise through story of Abraham and Sarah, art engagement, acrostic, name activity, star jars	hearing about God’s presence through the psalmist, art engagement, loving ways poster, creation mobile, planting seeds
Ages 9–11	exploring God’s promise of renewal through art engagement, rainbow bracelets, promise mural, rainbow wall of prayers	learning about God’s promise through story of Abraham and Sarah, exploring names, name acrostic, star name reflection	learning about God’s wise ways through exploring a psalm, learning about Rosh Hashanah, service project
Multiage <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	exploring God’s promise of renewal through covenant and rainbows, rainbow bracelets, art mural, growing seeds	learning about God’s promises through art engagement, exploring names, promise acrostic, star jars	exploring relationship with God through learning about Rosh Hashanah, creation mobile, evening prayer, music reflection
Ages 12–14	exploring God’s promises through legends, art engagement, acrostic, prayer flags, mosaic mural, Lenten offering	exploring God’s promises further through name research, learning about other faiths, personal reflection, promise symbol	exploring God’s wise ways through psalm reading, learning about Rosh Hashanah, sentence images, tile images, art engagement
Ages 15–18	exploring God’s promise through learning about covenant, flood legends, art engagement, mosaic mural, service projects	reflecting on God’s presence through meaning of names, interfaith relationships and project, personal reflection, craft symbols	examining God’s law and ways through psalm reading, learning about Torah and Rosh Hashanah, tile images, art engagement
Adult	exploring God’s covenant with creation through flood legends, art engagement, acrostic poetry, service projects	examining God’s presence through covenant, meaning of names, interfaith relationships, art engagement, personal reflection	investigating God’s law and ways through psalm reading, exploring Rosh Hashanah, biblical research, contemporary “ten laws”





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Date	March 18, 2012	March 25, 2012	April 1, 2012
Liturgical date	Lent 4	Lent 5	Palm/Passion Sunday
Title	Rich in Love	Heart Promises	Palm/Passion Sunday
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Numbers 21:4-9 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 <i>or</i> Psalm 119:9-16 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33	<i>Liturgy of the Palms</i> Mark 11:1-11 <i>or</i> John 12:12-16 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 <i>Liturgy of the Passion</i> Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1—15:47 <i>or</i> Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)
Ages 3-5	hearing about God's love through the psalmist's words, heart poster, making a snack to share, making musical instruments	wondering about God's deep love through listening to heartbeats, paper people shapes, heart prints, creating with play dough	exploring the stories of Holy Week through story stations, painting emotions, personal reflection, symbol game, clay symbols
Ages 6-8	discovering more about God's love through music, game, making bookmarks to share, heart shaped crayon rubbings	exploring God's deep love through participatory story, labyrinth meditation, heart bags, heart prints	exploring the stories of Holy Week through story stations, painting emotions, personal reflection, symbol game, clay symbols
Ages 9-11	exploring God's steadfast love through art engagement, flip booklet, creating a thanksgiving window decoration	learning more about God's deep love through art engagement, finger labyrinth meditation, making drums	exploring the stories of Holy Week through story stations, painting emotions, personal reflection, symbol game, clay symbols
Multiage <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	learning about God's steadfast love through music, litany, game, making bookmarks, thanksgiving window decorations	learning more about God's deep love through memory verse, art engagement, labyrinth meditation, action poem, music	exploring the stories of Holy Week through story stations, painting emotions, personal reflection, symbol game, clay symbols
Ages 12-14	exploring God's steadfast love through litany reading, discussion about healing, rock reminder, shaped prayers	investigating God's presence through heart rhythms, art engagement, chant, meditation, heart messages	exploring the stories of Holy Week through story stations, painting emotions, personal reflection, symbol game, clay symbols
Ages 15-18	expanding understanding of God's steadfast love through psalm litany, serpent imagery, rock reminder, personal prayers of thanksgiving	examining God's deep love through discussion of covenant, heart reflection, labyrinth meditation, planting bulbs or seeds	exploring the stories of Holy Week through story stations, painting emotions, personal reflection, symbol game, clay symbols
Adult	exploring God's steadfast love through psalm litany, serpent image, music, personal prayers of thanksgiving	examining God's deep love through discussion of covenant, reflection on relationships, labyrinth meditation	exploring the stories of Holy Week through story stations, painting emotions, personal reflection, symbol game, clay symbols





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Date	April 8, 2012	April 15, 2012	April 22, 2012	April 29, 2012
Liturgical date	Easter Sunday	Easter 2	Easter 3	Easter 4
Title	Easter Sunday	Experience Resurrection	Christ with Us	Total Commitment
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	John 20:1-18 <i>or</i> Mark 16:1-8 Acts 10:34-43 <i>or</i> Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 <i>or</i> Acts 10:34-43	John 20:19-31 Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2	Luke 24:36b-48 Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7	John 10:11-18 Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24
Ages 3-5	celebrating Easter Day through group mural, stone messages, writing poetry, butterfly plant stakes	learning about Jesus' resurrection through action rhyme, collage, making a Thomas puppet, peace message plate	sharing good news messages through art engagement, crayon rubbings, bubble prints, making good news discs	learning about Jesus as a friend through listening game, action poem, sheep-shaped reminders, shepherd pictures
Ages 6-8	celebrating Easter Day through group mural, stone messages, writing poetry, butterfly plant stakes	exploring Jesus' message of peace through song, group mural, peace plates, hanging dove shapes	exploring Jesus' invitation to discipleship through learning about fish symbol, making fish-shaped messages, hangers	learning about Jesus as the good shepherd through follow-the-leader games, sheep-shaped messages, welcoming collage
Ages 9-11	celebrating Easter Day through group mural, stone messages, writing poetry, butterfly plant stakes	exploring faith questions through Thomas' story, question box, puzzle activity, peace postcards	exploring Jesus' resurrection through learning about fish symbol, fish-shaped messages, fish hanger, peace plaque	exploring metaphor of Jesus as good shepherd through learning about sheep and shepherds, poetry, sheep magnets, collage
Multiage <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	celebrating Easter Day through group mural, stone messages, writing poetry, butterfly plant stakes	exploring Jesus' resurrection through learning about Thomas, question box, group mural, hanging dove shapes, peace cards	exploring Jesus' presence and invitation through fish symbol, breath prayer, fish-shaped hanger, bread message, peace plaque	exploring metaphor of Jesus as shepherd through learning about sheep and shepherds, poetry, game, sheep magnets, collage
Ages 12-14	celebrating Easter Day through group mural, stone messages, writing poetry, butterfly plant stakes	examining questions and beliefs through learning about Thomas, question box, making Easter candle, peace postcards	exploring Jesus' resurrection through art engagement, learning about fish symbol, fish hangers, peace plaque, peace poles	learning about self-giving love through image of shepherd, writing poetry, sheep magnet reminders, outreach poster
Ages 15-18	celebrating Easter Day through group mural, stone messages, writing poetry, butterfly plant stakes	exploring questions and belief through art engagement, learning about Thomas, discussion, contemporary poem, peace postcards	reflecting on Christ's presence through discussion about witnessing, peace projects, poetry reflection, peace prayers, peace poles	exploring metaphor of Jesus as shepherd through historical context, contemporary paraphrase, shaped poems, shepherd poster
Adult	celebrating Easter Day through group mural, stone messages, writing poetry, butterfly plant stakes	exploring questions of faith through art engagement, learning about Thomas, discussion of quotations, writing peace postcards	reflecting on Christ's continuing presence through art engagement, contemporary prayer poem, Cinquain poetry, peace prayers	exploring metaphor of Jesus as shepherd through historical context, character study, writing personal psalm, prayer cards





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Date	May 6, 2012	May 13, 2012	May 20, 2012	May 27, 2012
Liturgical date	Easter 5	Easter 6	Easter 7	Pentecost Sunday
Title	Reach Out	The Great Dance	On Your Behalf	Pentecost Sunday
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Acts 8:26–40 Psalm 22:25–31 1 John 4:7–21 John 15:1–8	John 15:9–17 Acts 10:44–48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1–6	Acts 1:15–17, 21–26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9–13 John 17:6–19	Acts 2:1–21 <i>or</i> Ezekiel 37:1–14 Psalm 104:24–34, 35b Romans 8:22–27 John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15
Ages 3–5	learning about sharing and respect through story about Philip, music, chant, good news booklet, scroll, sharing food	exploring God's love through music, friendship activities: necklace, poster, hanger	learning about choices through art engagement, community mural, prayer sticks, floating prayers	celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit through art engagement, music, dance, poetry, writing litany, making streamers
Ages 6–8	learning about sharing the good news through action story, imagination, word puzzle, scroll message, welcome plaque	learning about true friendship through friendship group weaving, prayer pockets, friendship bracelets	learning about making decisions through art engagement, prayer cards for leaders, leadership mural, prayer sticks	celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit through art engagement, music, dance, poetry, writing litany, making streamers
Ages 9–11	learning about respectful welcome through character study, imagined conversations, welcome bookmark, song poster	discovering ways to be Jesus' friends through verse strip engagement, heart baskets, affirmation circle, friendship bracelets	exploring leadership and making choices through discipleship cube game, prayer sticks, thank-you cards for leaders	celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit through art engagement, music, dance, poetry, writing litany, making streamers
Multiage <i>(ages 5-12)</i>	learning about respectful welcome through character study, drama, word puzzle, welcome bookmark, outreach poster	exploring friendship through weaving, heart baskets, affirmation circle, bracelets, prayer pockets, connecting with other churches	exploring leadership through guest speakers, discipleship cube game, prayer sticks, sphere collage, thank-you cards for leaders	celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit through art engagement, music, dance, poetry, writing litany, making streamers
Ages 12–14	exploring respectful witness through learning about Philip and Ethiopian official, discussion, writing letters, cooperative games	exploring friendship through Jesus' invitation, contemporary prayer poem, affirmation circle, poetry, heart baskets	exploring choices and leadership through learning about the twelve disciples, discipleship game, thank you notes	celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit through art engagement, music, dance, poetry, writing litany, making streamers
Ages 15–18	exploring respectful witness through Philip and the Ethiopian official, contemporary story, belief statements, letters to other churches	reflecting on friendship as Body of Christ through discussion, contemporary prayer, images of Jesus, poetry, affirmation circle	exploring leadership and decision-making through research into discipleship, art engagement, discernment discussion, prayer magnets	celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit through art engagement, music, dance, poetry, writing litany, making streamers
Adult	exploring respectful witness through learning about Philip and the Ethiopian official, contemporary story, belief statements	investigating friendship as Body of Christ through biblical context, contemporary prayer, images of Jesus, poetry, community art	exploring leadership and decision-making through biblical research, art engagement, discernment discussion, prayer magnets	celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit through art engagement, music, dance, poetry, writing litany, making streamers

