

# Celebrating Easter

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 5, Session 25**.

Easter is the season in the Church's liturgical year when we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension.

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During the Easter season, we also celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, the day Jesus ascended into Heaven.

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As one family in Jesus, all who have come before us and all who will come after us are saved by his Death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

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God created everyone and everything on earth, and it is our duty to care for it.

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During the Easter Vigil, we hear the story of our Salvation. The Easter Vigil has four parts.

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During the Service of Light, we welcome the light of Christ. Next, we hear God's Word from the beginning of time during the Liturgy of the Word. Then we welcome new members into the Church during the Liturgy of Baptism. Finally we receive the Body and Blood of Christ during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

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White is the liturgical color of the Easter season.

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The word *Pentecost* means "fiftieth" and comes from the Greek language.

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The Church gathers on Holy Saturday evening to celebrate the Easter Vigil.

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The Old Testament readings recall the history of Salvation, the gift of new life in Jesus, beginning with creation.

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