

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

Thank you for joining us today. This is a short note to let you know that we know what you are thinking: It is hot and cramped in this room. We want to acknowledge with you that yes, the front room is full, the kids rooms are full, and it can get warm. We are working on alleviating this right now by building our own building on the land just north of us (we must be out of this one by December 2016).

There is a lot that goes into the process of Element having a permanent home, but we hope that today you are first drawn to Jesus before you are overwhelmed by anything else. If it gets too hot we may hand out popsicles to help you cool off and give you a sugar rush. If you would like a service that has open seats (and is cooler), you are invited to our 8:15am service. Please understand that all of these "challenges" are because of our love for Jesus, people, and growth that has come quickly. These are good things. We hope you will stay as we work to make more room for you to be part of the good thing Jesus is doing here. If you would like more information about our building process or how you can participate you can visit www.elementroots.org.

- The Element Team



TRIDUUM SATURDAY

MY NOTES:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 3rd

7pm & 8:30pm

Due to serious nature, childcare from birth-elementary will be available at 7pm service.

EASTER SERVICES

Saturday, April 4th @ 6pm

(nursery care only)

Sunday, April 5th @ 8:15, 9:30 & 11am
(full childrens programs)

YOUTH: WIDE AWAKE ALL NIGHTER

Thursday, April 8th at 6:30pm

SERVE SANTA MARIA

April 11th.

Need 15 Volunteers to help assemble park benches at Pioneer Park.

Email saunders@ourelement.org to sign up

BAPTISMS

Baptisms: April 19th at 1pm

Signup today if you'd like to get baptized. There will be a short

Informational Meeting TODAY
Following Each Service.

TODAY'S VERSES:

ROMANS 8:18

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7

JOHN 12:13

PSALM 118

GENESIS 3:17

PSALM 22:1

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3

HOSEA 6:1-2

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12

2 TIMOTHY 2:18

ISAIAH 40:31

MATTHEW 12:39-40



TRIDUUM

SATURDAY.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us
- Romans 8:18

Something strange is happening - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear.

He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, he has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, he who is both God and the son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the cross, the weapon that had won him the victory. At the sight of him Adam, the first man he had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: "My Lord be with you all". Christ answered him: "And with your spirit". He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: "Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light".

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants I now by my own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the life of the dead. Rise up, work of my hands, you who were created in my image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.

See on my face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in my image. On my back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of sin that weighs upon your back. See my hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree.

I slept on the cross and a sword pierced my side for you who slept in paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in hell. The sword that pierced me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am life itself am now one with you. I appointed cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared, the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The kingdom of heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

**From Vigils, or, Office of Readings,
Holy Saturday, in Liturgy of the Hours**

What is, or has been, your Saturday?

What situations bring about your biggest questions regarding the goodness of God?

Do you find, on Saturday, that it is easier to get depressed, deny, or wait?

When are you most prone to forget it is a 3-day story?

What is the best way to step into others Saturdays to remind them it is still a 3-day story?