

## THE EASTER PARAMENTS

WHITE is the color of JOY, VICTORY and CELEBRATION! On Easter morning and the Sundays after Easter up until the time of Pentecost, these white paraments will help us rejoice in Jesus' bodily resurrection from the dead. Because He lives, we who live by faith also rejoice that His resurrection is also our resurrection and the gate to everlasting life. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



### The Lectern

The sunrise behind the cross on the lectern parament symbolizes Christ's triumph over the physical agony of the cross with His bodily resurrection. As Malachi 4:2 prophesizes, "The sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings." Jesus is also God's Son who brings the light of God's love to a world in darkness and says, "I am the light of the world." (*John 8:12*)

### The Pulpit

The pulpit parament in white with a gold-colored (kingly) swoosh and the symbol of a crown represents Jesus' triumph over death and the grave. He is Christ the King. His is the name that is above all names. Crown Him with many crowns! From Him flows the River of Everlasting Life. Those who follow the path to eternal salvation as Christians will receive the crown of glory in the life to come (*James 1:12; Revelation 2:10*).



### The Stoles and Altar Paraments

The stole symbol is the cross with four points at each end representing the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and a red dot in the middle representing Jesus' blood shed for our salvation. The rays upward remind us of His Easter Resurrection. This cross reminds us that we too go the way of the cross and follow Jesus until He takes us to Himself in Glory! (*Matthew 16:24*)

On the altar is an image of a butterfly and the words, "HE LIVES." Like a caterpillar that is enclosed in a chrysalis and emerges as a butterfly, Jesus Christ died on the cross, was taken down, wrapped, and buried in a sealed tomb. On the third day He emerged beautifully with His bodily resurrection showing His victory over death and the grave, and now lives forevermore. His resurrection is our resurrection. On the butterfly are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, Alpha and Omega, symbols showing Jesus is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. (*Revelation 22:13*)