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Abstract: This thesis explores celebration of the Easter Vigil as it shapes a theology of creation and asks whether it is liberating, life giving, for women and the earth. The exploration is firmly rooted in the centuries old adage *lex orandi, lex credendi, lex vivendi*. There is a dynamic relationship between praying, believing and living; to worship is to do theology and shape living. The Easter Vigil with its unique elements of Light, Word, Baptism and Eucharist is a privileged place for this exploration and offers breadth to the exploration through its temporal and cosmic dimensions, proclamation of the Word and celebration of initiation. There are two points of departure for this work: liturgical theology and ecofeminism. Aidan Kavanagh's approach to liturgical theology--- in particular his attention to experience, his conviction that the church's prayer founds believing, his identification of two movements of theology (*theologia prima* and *theologia secundo*)---supports this study. (Abstract shortened by UMI.)

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and lies. Easter is the fulfilled prophecy of the messian who would be persecuted, die for our sins, and rise on the third day. (Isaian 53). Remembering the resurrection of Jesus is a way to renew daily hope that we have victory over sin. Early Christians celebrating the Passover worshiped Jesus as the Paschal Lamb and Redeemer. Some of the Gentile Christians began celebrating Easter in the nearest Sunday to the Passover since Jesus actually arose on a Sunday. This especially became the case in the western part of the Roman Empire.