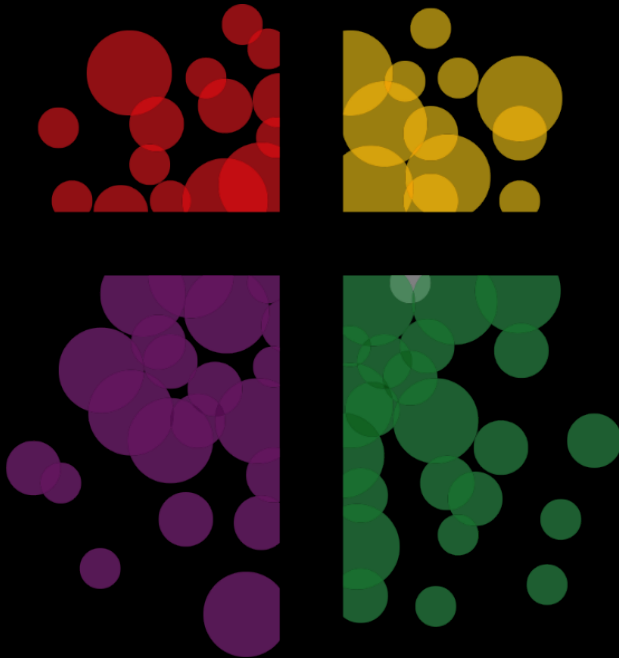


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Over the last 1000 years & more:

- The world dominated by science & rationalism
- Emerging desire for
music + art
emotion + spirit

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“Four” occurs often in nature

- Four seasons
- Four compass points
- Four stages of life
 - *Childhood*
 - *Adolescence*
 - *Adulthood*
 - *Busyness & Babysitting*

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Four occurs in other ways in nature

- Four chords of popular music
- Every great story - four parts
 - *Hearing the summons*
 - *Enduring the obstacles*
 - *Receiving the prize/favour*
 - *Returning to the community*

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Four occurs in the great World Religions

- Jewish Passover has four stages
 - *Being freed from slavery*
 - *Wandering in the wilderness*
 - *Arriving in the promised land*
 - *Creating a fruitful home there*

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Four occurs often in the church

- Four liturgical colours
- Four cardinal virtues
- Four marks of the Church
- Four Marian dogmas
- Four vocations or states of life
- Four transcendentals

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Four occurs often in spirituality

- Four stages of initiation
- Four stages of religious life
- Four loves
- Four temperaments
- Four weeks of the Spiritual Exercises

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Four seasonal clusters

- Seasons of Advent & Christmas
- Season of Growth (Ordinary Time 1)
- Seasons of Lent & Easter
- Season of Growth (Ordinary Time 2)

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Four Gospels

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

The story continues next week...