

# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



**Easter Sunday**

**17 April 2022 - Year C**

**“The teaching of Scripture is that Jesus must rise from the dead.”**

### **Something to Think About**

Jesus is risen! Alleluia! Let us rejoice and be glad.  
What are you feeling glad about in your heart today?

### **The Story**

On Holy Thursday, we remembered the last supper that Jesus celebrated with his friends, telling them to break bread and share the cup in memory of him.

On Good Friday, we remembered the day Jesus died for us to save us from our sins.

Jesus' friends and disciples didn't understand what was happening. They were frightened and sad about what had happened. Jesus' body was laid in a tomb and a large stone was rolled across the entrance.

Today's story begins on Easter Sunday morning when Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb and is very surprised to see that the stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty, and she thinks that someone has taken Jesus' body away. The other disciples are shocked too. They don't yet know that Jesus has risen from the dead. He is alive!

### **The Scriptures**

**A reading from the holy gospel according to John**

**20:1-9**

On Sunday morning while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.

She ran to Simon Peter and to Jesus' favourite disciple and said,

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb! We don't know where they have put him."

Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

They ran side by side, until the other disciple ran faster than Peter and got there first.

He bent over and saw the strips of linen cloth lying inside the tomb, but he did not go in.

When Simon Peter got there, he went into the tomb and saw the strips of cloth.

He also saw the piece of cloth that had been used to cover Jesus' face.

It was rolled up and in a place by itself.

The disciple who got there first then went into the tomb, and when he saw it, he believed.

At that time Peter and the other disciple did not know that the Scriptures said Jesus would rise to life.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### **Video**

Click to watch the video: [God's Story: Easter](#)



## Group Discussion

Jesus died for our sins, but Jesus was stronger than death. He rose again to new life!  
Jesus had told his friends he would rise from the dead... and he DID!  
So, we can trust everything he says. When Jesus says He loves us, we can believe Him.  
When Jesus says our sins are forgiven, we can believe Him.  
What would you like to say to Jesus today as you think about the wonderful story of Easter?

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Gathered as one with all creation, let us pray for the needs of the world:

*Reader 1:* We pray that we will share the joy of Easter with others. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* We pray that all people may believe in God's love and forgiveness. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* We pray for hope and health for people who are sick . Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* We pray that we will remember to talk to Jesus in prayer. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* We pray for mothers and fathers with new babies. Lord hear us.

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



Dear Lord,  
Thank you for the joy of new life  
which we celebrate at Easter.  
Bless us every day with your  
love, joy and peace.  
Amen.

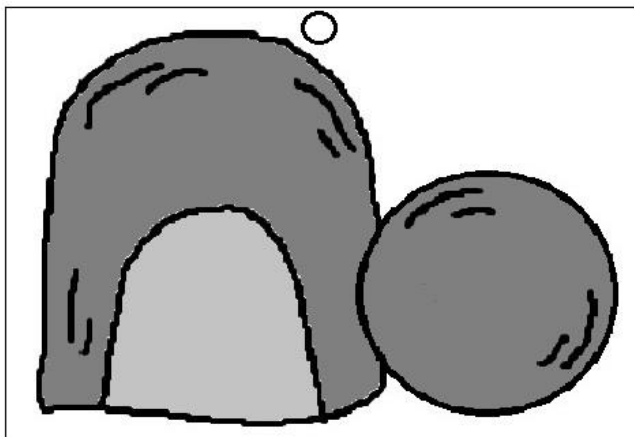
## Group Activity

### Easter Mobile

*You will need: Template photocopied onto construction paper or cardboard, wooden craft sticks, wool, scissors, hole-punch.*

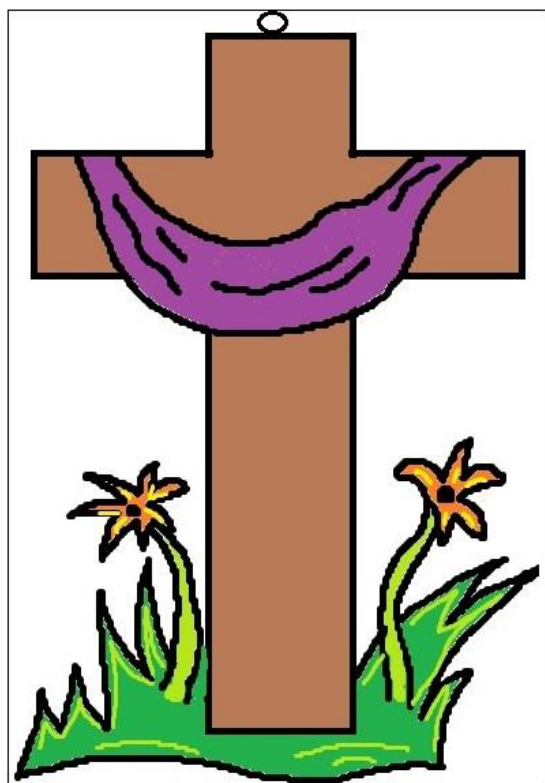
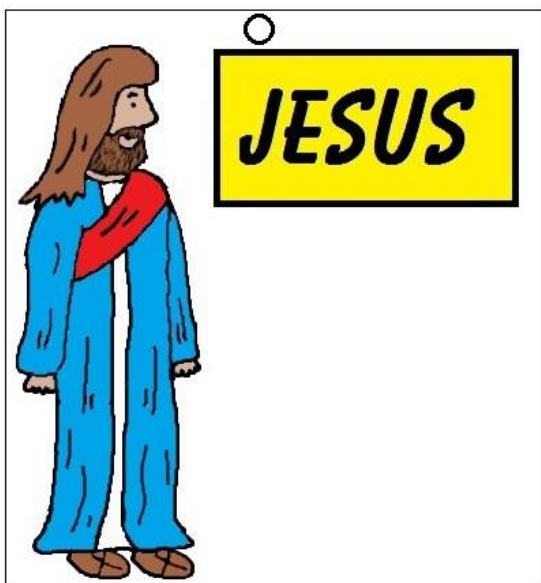
- 1) Cut around the shapes.
- 2) Punch a hole in the top where the circles are.
- 3) Put some wool through the holes.
- 4) Tie the shapes to a wooden craft stick, to make your mobile.
- 5) Hang it somewhere to celebrate that Jesus is risen!





***JESUS DIED  
ON THE CROSS***

***JESUS ROSE ON THE  
THIRD DAY***







# EASTER EGGS ARE A SIGN OF **NEW LIFE**

TAKE SOME HARD-BOILED EGGS

WRITE AN EASTER GREETING OR  
PAINT THEM BRIGHT COLOURS  
FOR MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY

