

A vibrant sunset over a field of yellow flowers. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and illuminating the clouds. The foreground is filled with numerous yellow flowers, likely Black-eyed Susans, in a lush green field. The overall scene is peaceful and celebratory.

Christ Is Risen!

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

10:30 AM

Join us for our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit/>
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Easter Zoom Coffee Hour with Best/Craziest Easter Bonnet Competition.
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Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

This Easter Celebration

This Easter celebration is not like ones we've known.
We pray in isolation, we sing the hymns alone.
We're distant from our neighbors— from worship leaders, too.
No flowers grace the chancel to set a festive mood.

No gathered choirs are singing; no banners lead the way.
O God of love and promise, where's joy this Easter Day?
With sanctuaries empty, may homes become the place
we ponder resurrection and celebrate your grace.

Our joy won't come from worship that's in a crowded room
but from the news of women who saw the empty tomb.
Our joy comes from disciples who ran with haste to see—
who heard that Christ is risen, and then, by grace, believed.

In all the grief and suffering, may we remember well:
Christ suffered crucifixion and faced the powers of hell.
Each Easter bears the promise: Christ rose that glorious day!
Now nothing in creation can keep your love away.

We thank you that on Easter, your church is blessed to be
a scattered, faithful body that's doing ministry.
In homes and in the places of help and healing, too,
we live the Easter message by gladly serving you.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

Holy God, you are the river of life, the everlasting wellspring, the fountain of resurrection, the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. **Amen. Alleluia!**

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the Red Sea, Moses struck water from the rock. John baptized Jesus in the Jordan. **Amen. Alleluia!**

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into us and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. **Amen. Alleluia!**

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. Alleluia!**

HYMN 211 You Have Put on Christ

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, with three measures numbered 1*, 2, and 3. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, which is a variation of the first line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

1* 2 3
You have put on Christ; in him you have been bap - tized.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

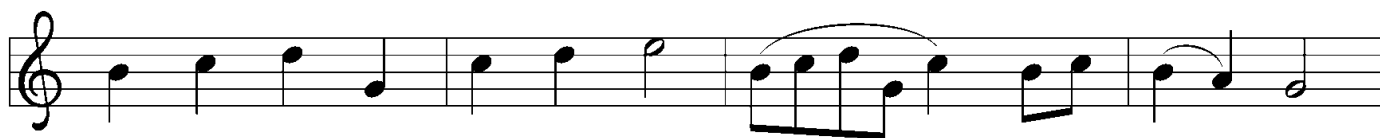
GATHERING HYMN 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

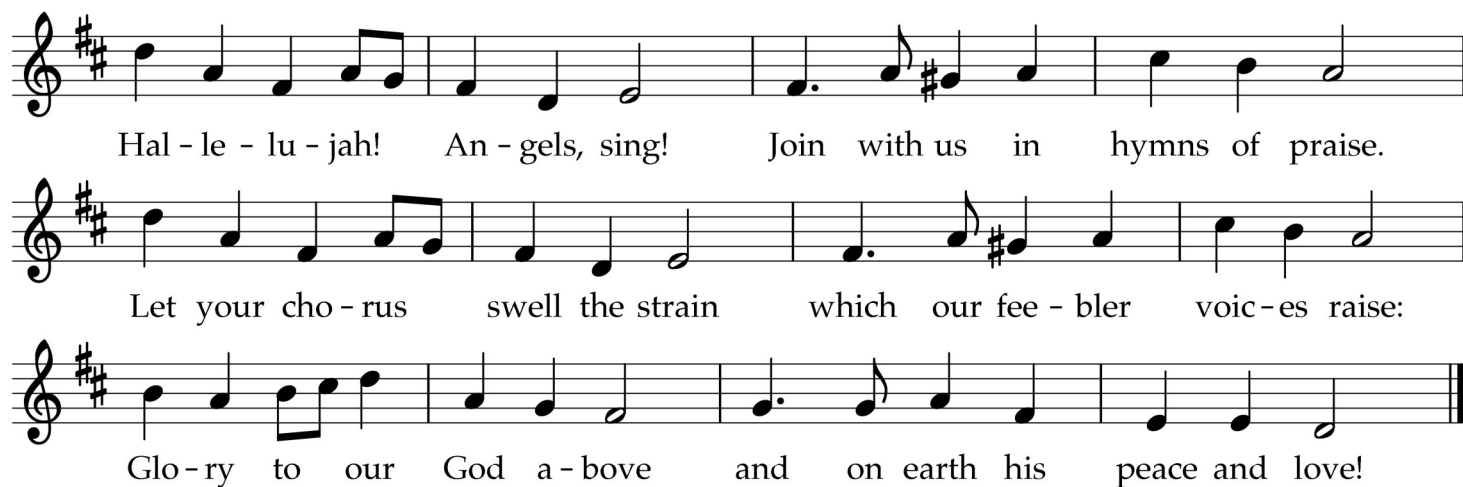
Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 380 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

Verse 5



Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

PSALM 118:1, 14, 17–18, 21–24

Spoken responsively

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

¹⁴**The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.**

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸**The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.**

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²**The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

READING Colossians 3:1–4

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Verse 1

Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

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GOSPEL John 20:1–18

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**



¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came,

following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

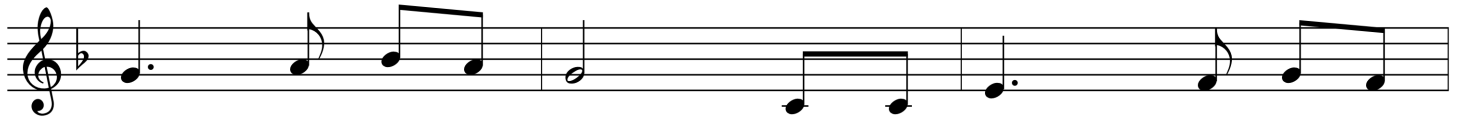
The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

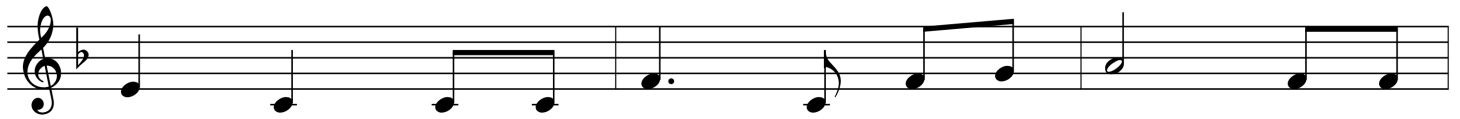
HYMN OF THE DAY In the Bulb There Is a Flower



1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; In the
2. There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, Seek - ing
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; In our



seed, an ap - ple tree; In co - coons, a hid - den
word and mel - o - dy; There's a dawn in ev - 'ry
time, in - fin - i - ty; In our doubt there is be -



prom - ise: But - ter - flies will soon be free! In the
dark - ness, Bring - ing hope to you and me. From the
liev - ing; In our life, e - ter - ni - ty. In our



cold and snow of win - ter There's a spring that waits to be,
past will come the fu - ture; What it holds, a mys - ter - y,
death, a res - ur - rec - tion; At the last, a vic - to - ry,



Un-re-vealed un-til its sea-son, Some-thing God a-lone can see.

Text: Natalie Sleeth, 1930–1992
Tune: PROMISE, 8 7 8 7 D; Natalie Sleeth, 1930–1992
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NICENE CREED

With the whole church, we confess our faith:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Alleluia!
CHRIST,
having
risen from
the dead,
dies now
no more +
death shall
no longer
have
dominion
over him

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray to Jesus Christ, who is present with us now and to eternity.

Jesus, risen and ascended Lord, you alone are the head of the Church.

Unite all Christians in our common calling to proclaim your death and resurrection.

Jesus, author of creation, renew the face of the Earth.

Make us good stewards of the plants, animals, and environment you have placed in our care.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light of your justice and peace to the nations.

Give wisdom to all who govern and grant us peace in our time.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and your Word to sustain all people.

Fed and strengthened by you, move us to come to the help of all in need.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, be with those who walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

Lead us all our days that we may dwell in the Lord's house forever.

Jesus, you break through closed doors and appear to those who believe all is lost.

Meet us in our fear and confusion, and fill us with hope.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow in your way.

Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, firstborn of the dead, we give you thanks for all who have lived and died believing in you.

Raise us with them to eternal life.

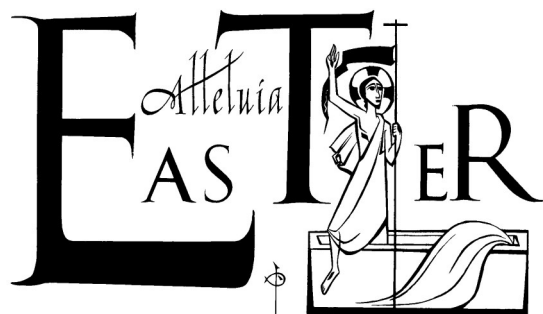
Other intercessions may be offered.

Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

And now let us pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.





PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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OFFERTORY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav' - nly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, Alt.

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623*

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

LITANY OF RESURRECTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Here are words you may trust.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead:

he is our salvation, our eternal glory.

If we die with him, we shall live with him;

if we endure, we shall reign with him.

For he has broken the power of death

and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who has given us new life and hope,

Who has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

God has brought us out of darkness.

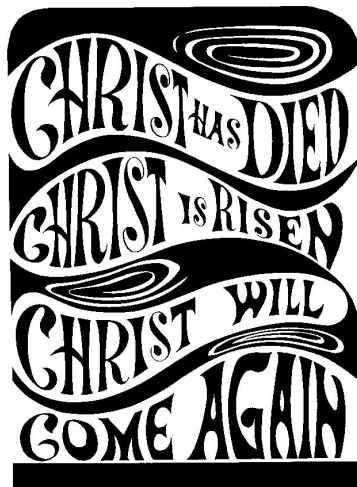
God has made us light to the world.

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BLESSING

May God, who brought forth Jesus from the dead, raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. And may Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN 376 Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Setting of *Christ ist erstanden*

By John A. Behnke (b. 1953)

EASTER ZOOM COFFEE HOUR with Best/Craziest Easter Bonnet Competition.

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PRE-READER

Easter Day

- Today is **Easter Sunday**.
- On Easter we celebrate that **Jesus is risen!**
- The symbol for Easter is a **cross**.
- Jesus died on the cross, but now he is **alive!**

What colors do you see around you in worship today? Use them to color this egg.





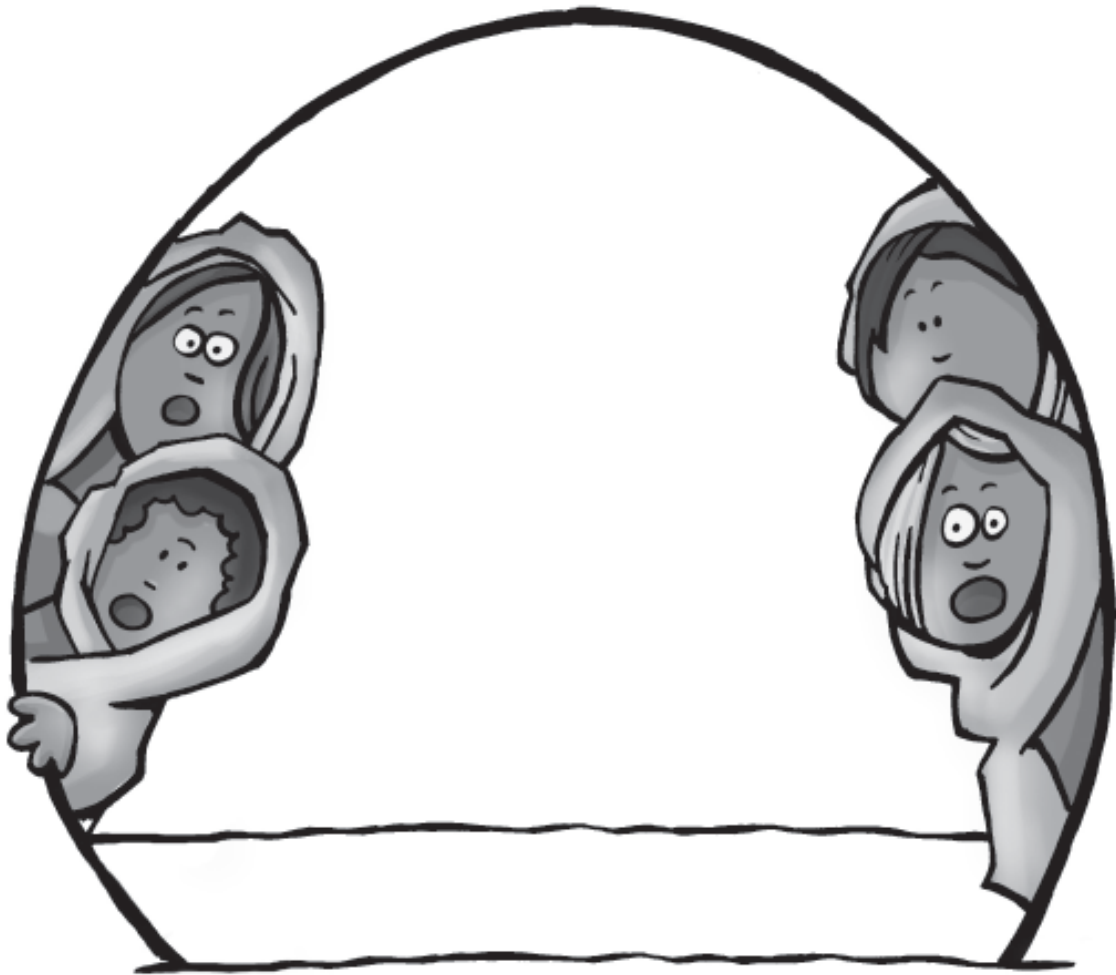
As they came closer, the woman could see that the stone had already been rolled away!



On Easter morning, four women were surprised!
They didn't find Jesus in the tomb because he was alive!



**Draw your own face looking into the tomb.
Do you look surprised? Happy? Excited?**



Sometimes the color gold is used on Easter Sunday.
Gold shows that Easter is the **most important** celebration
for the church.



**Do you see any gold in your worship space
today? Write or draw about the gold things
you see.**





READER

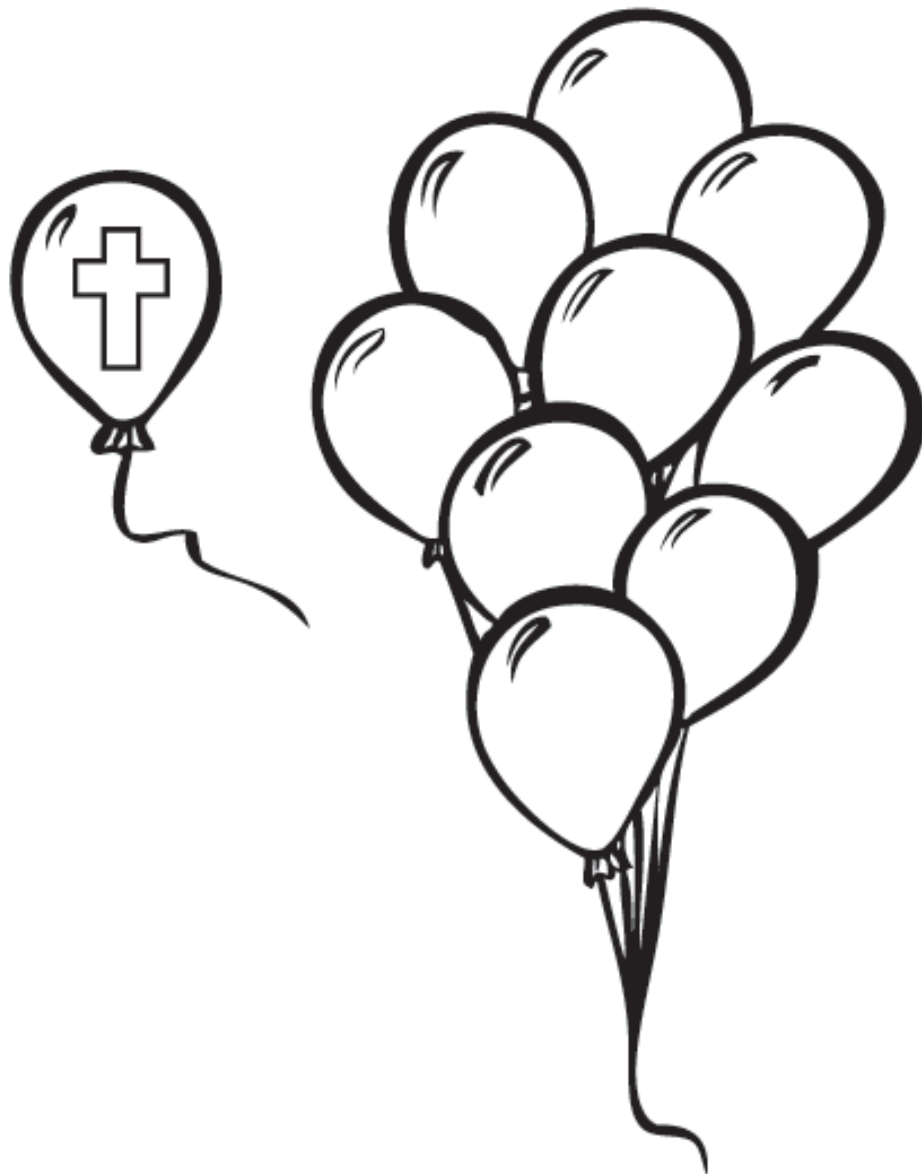
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Easter Celebration!

Today is a celebration! Remember that **Jesus is alive!**

Draw a cross like this one onto each balloon.



Fill in the blanks to complete this week's memory verse.

Memory Verse



The () () () () () said to

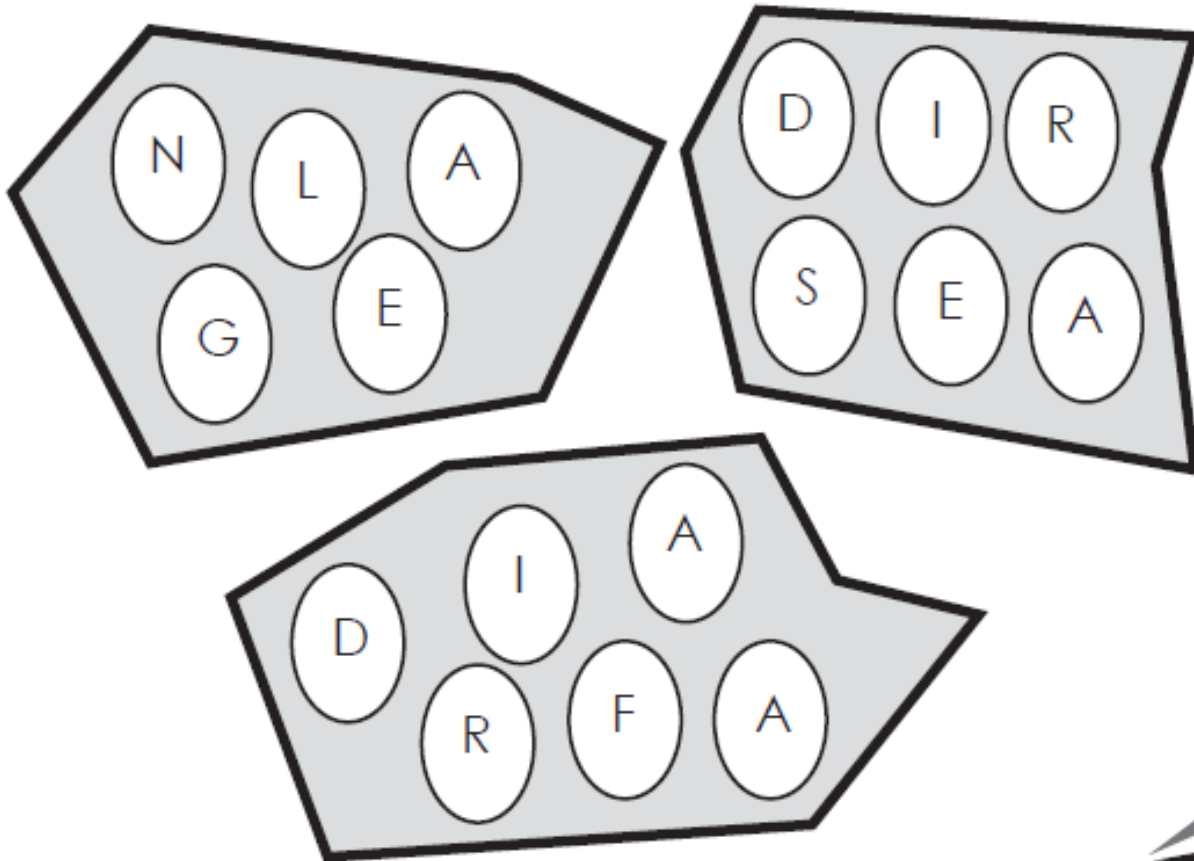
the women: Do not be

() () () () () () ! I know that you are looking for

Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been

() () () () () () as he said. Come, see the place where

he lay. Matthew 28:5-6



Look it Up!

The authorities did not want the truth about Jesus' resurrection to spread. Look up Matthew 28:11-14 to read all about it.

Things Above

Paul wrote a letter to the Colossians. He told them: "Set your minds on things that are above."

Unscramble these words for things that are found in the sky.

Match them with the blanks beneath the correct shape.



RLIPAENA



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IKET

RIDB



LMIPB



Angel Appearance

An angel announced Jesus' resurrection to the four women at the tomb. The Bible says that the angel looked like lightning and that his clothes were white as snow. What do you think the angel looked like? Draw the details here.



Gold Rush

The color **gold** is sometimes used on Easter Sunday. Gold is a royal color. It shows us that Easter is the **most important festival** of the whole church year.

Do you see any gold in your worship space today?

Write or draw about the gold things you see.

