



EASTER SUNDAY  
April 4, 2021 | 10:30 AM



**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.

**April 4, 2021**

**Musicians participating in today's service include** virtual members of the Adult Choir; Lutherringers; St. John's Brass Ensemble; instrumentalists David Neiman, Andrew Larsen, Stephanie Rothman, Courtney Rothman, Craig Clark, Kirsten Meyer, and Nick Meyer; the Moss & New families' young singers; guest cantor Linda Clark; and the Solid Brass Quartet.

**NO Zoom Children's Time TODAY**

**The church office will be closed from April 5–12.**

**Pastor Vacation:** Pastor Scalet will be on vacation **April 5–April 12.** In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church &/or Council President, Andrew Larsen at 908-581-0340.

**Members with Thrivent or Investors Bank accounts can request donations for St. John's:**

There are outreach programs available through Thrivent Financial and Investors Bank that can provide funds to help support our missions at no cost to you. Thrivent Financial is a non-profit organization of Christians that guides its members to be wise with money, live generously and change lives. Investors Bank describes itself as "a community bank that cares" and is committed to improving life in the communities they serve.

**Sunday, April 11:** Our service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter will be provided by the NJ Synod.

**There will be no coffee hour.**

**Active Bystander Training:** Our Synod is offering a free 2-hour online training to learn how to Direct, Distract, Delegate, and Document moments of racial bias and aggression. Sessions are offered: **April 17 and 29.** [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

**Our next Anti-Racism book selection** is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. We hope you'll join us to discuss the book on **Thursday, April 29, at 5:00 PM**, on [Zoom Link HERE](#). For a copy of the book, contact the Church Office or get a copy on your own. Any questions, please reach out to Lois Kopf, Wayne Dietterick, or Katie Mesenbrink.

**Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

**Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM** on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit) or our YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ](http://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ) **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

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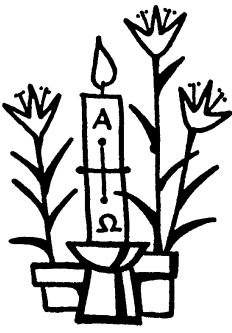
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O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PRELUDE** Setting of *Judas Maccabeus*

By G. F. Handel (1685–1759),

arr. Douglas D. Haislip (b. 20<sup>th</sup> C.)

Setting of *Hymn to Joy*

By Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827),

arr. Douglas D. Haislip

Setting of *Easter Hymn*

By Douglas D. Haislip

Solid Brass Quartet

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Gathering

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

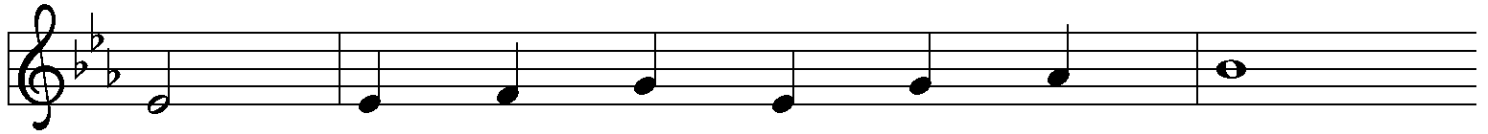
Ever-living God, author of creation, resurrected Lord, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ, renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Verses 1-3



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

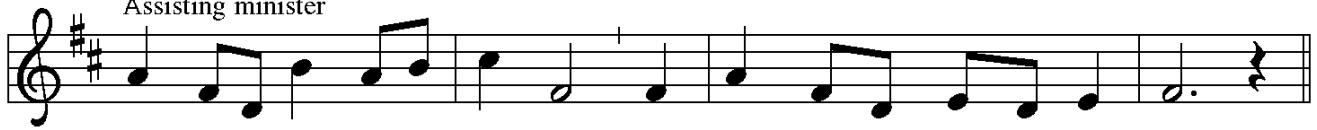
**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

Today Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

# HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## 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.*

**MUSIC** “Every Morning Is Easter Morning

By Richard Avery (1934-2020)  
& Don Marsh (1923–2010)

Moss & New Singers

*Refrain:* Ev’ry morning is Easter morning from now on!  
Ev’ry day’s resurrection day, the past is over and gone!  
Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance! Hello Lord, Hello sun!  
I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun! *Refrain*

Daily news is so bad it seems the Good News seldom gest heard.  
Get it straight from the Easter People! God’s in charge, spread the word! *Refrain*

Yesterday I was bored and lonely; but today look and see!  
I belong to the Easter people! Life’s exciting to me! *Refrain*

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 25:6–9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

**MUSIC** “Ye Sons and Daughters of the King”

By Volckmar Leising (1588-1637),  
arr. Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012), arr. D. Garzinsky (b. 20<sup>th</sup> C.)  
Virtual Brass Ensemble:

Stephanie Rothman, trumpet Kirsten Meyer, French horn Nick Meyer, trombone

**SECOND READING** Acts 10:34–43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ELW 366 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

*Verses 1 & 5*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909  
Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

*Alleluia Alleluia*

## GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

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

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

**MUSIC** Setting of "The Strife Is O'er"

Arr. Kevin McChesney (b. 1963)

Virtual Chime Choir

**SERMON**

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 619 I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

*Verses 1-4, 8*



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2. He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3. He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4. He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to  
8. He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my  
Sav - ior, still the same; what joy this blest as -



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!



## **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.**



## 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.**

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

*We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit [www.stjohnssummit.org](http://www.stjohnssummit.org).*

**OFFERING MUSIC** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” Arr. Kevin J. Hildebrand (b. 1973)

Association of Lutheran Church Musicians

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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

**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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** “*Surrexit Dominus, Vere II*”

By Jacques Berthier (1923–1994),  
Taizé Community

Virtual Choir & Instrumentalists

*Surrexit Dominus vere. Alleluia, alleluia*

Jesus, the Lord is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

*Surrexit Christus hodie. Alleluia, alleluia!*

Jesus, the Christ, is risen today! Alleluia, alleluia!

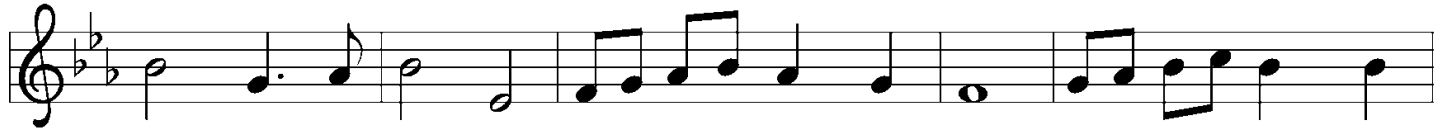
**Sending**

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

**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.**

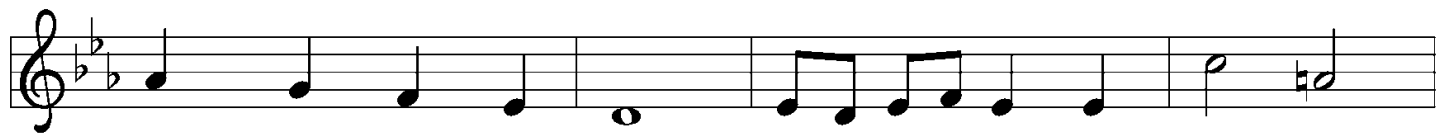
# SENDING HYMN ELW 376 Thine Is the Glory



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 *Lasst uns erfreuen*

By Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

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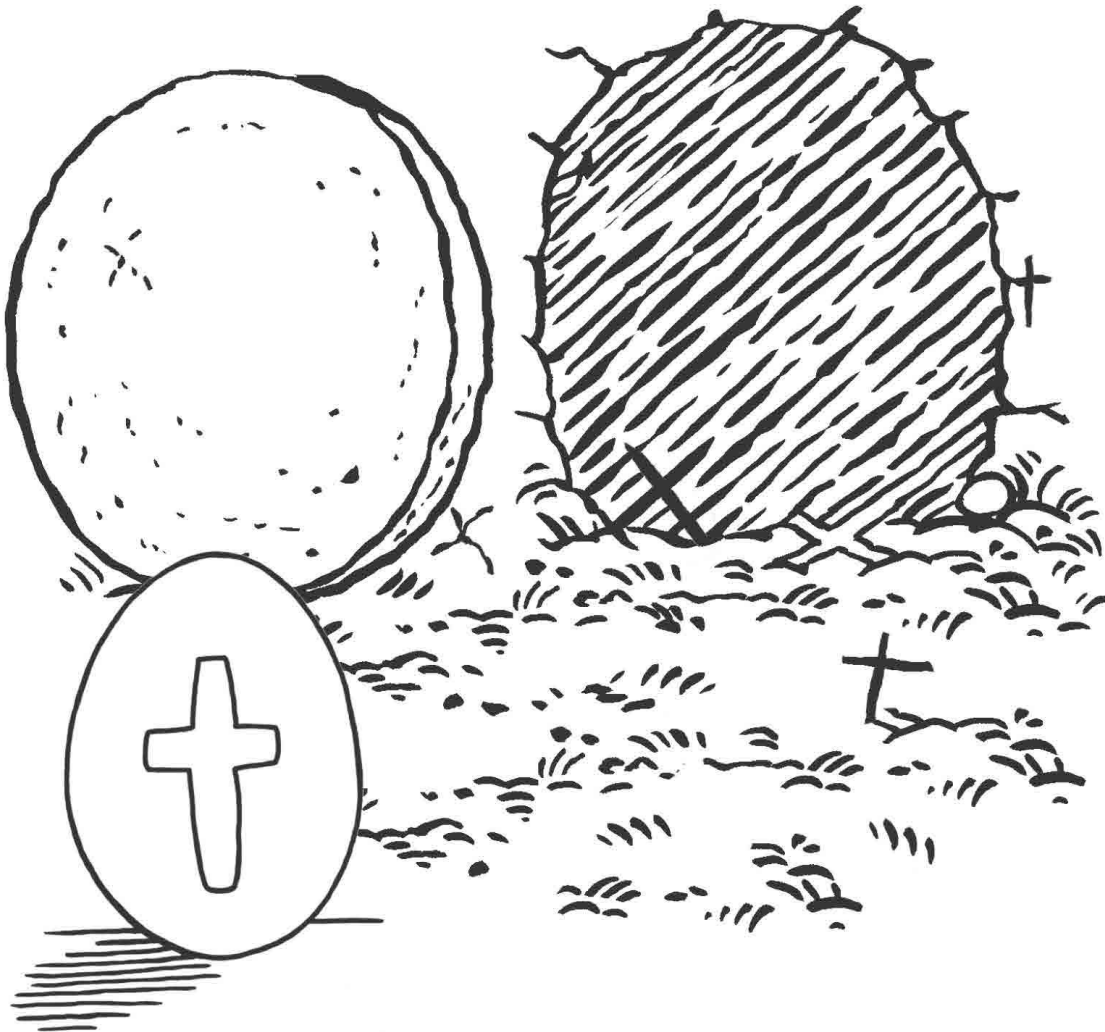
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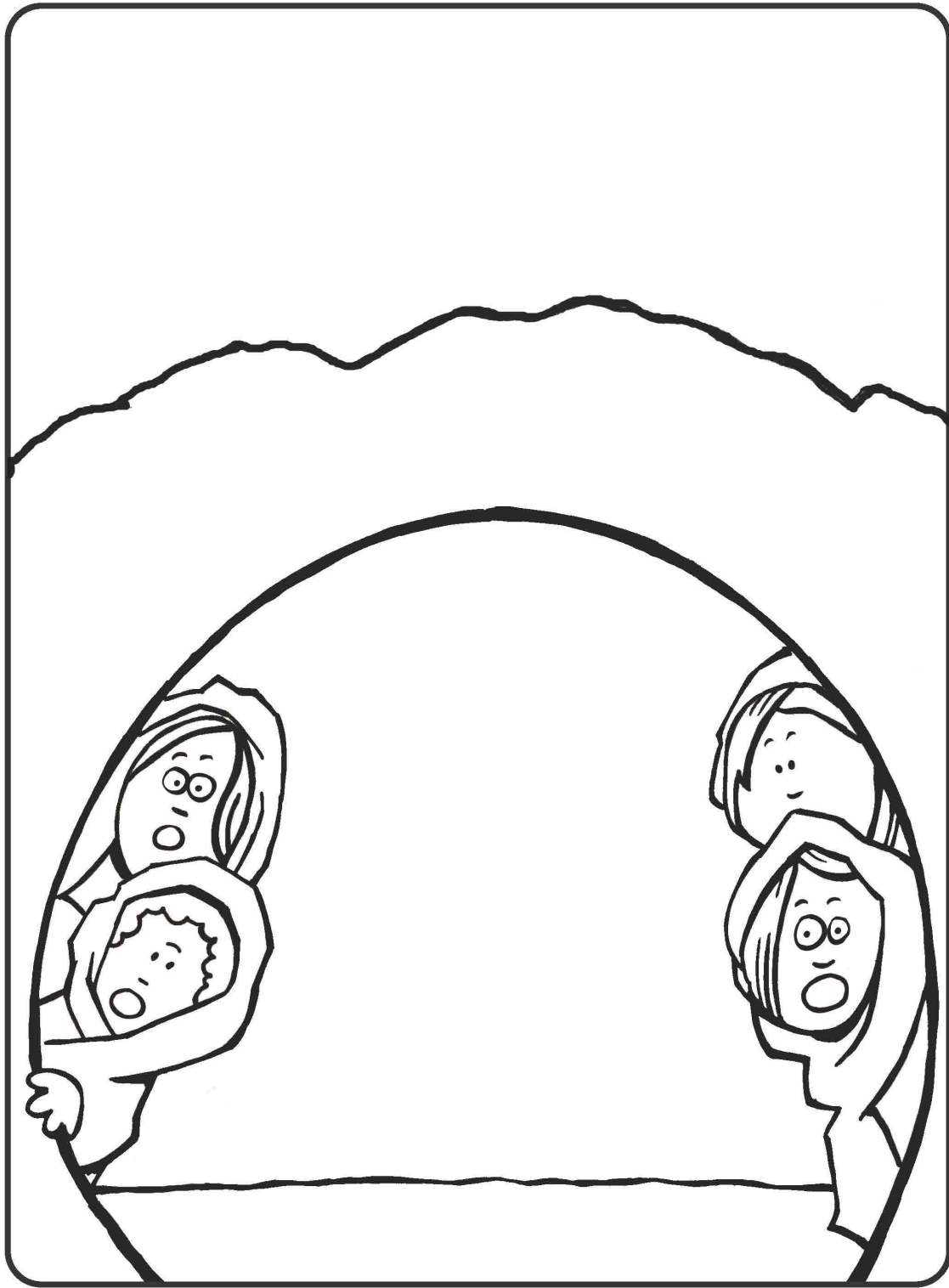
Easter Day

- Today is **Easter Day**.
- 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!**

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Find and circle all the crosses hidden in the image below.



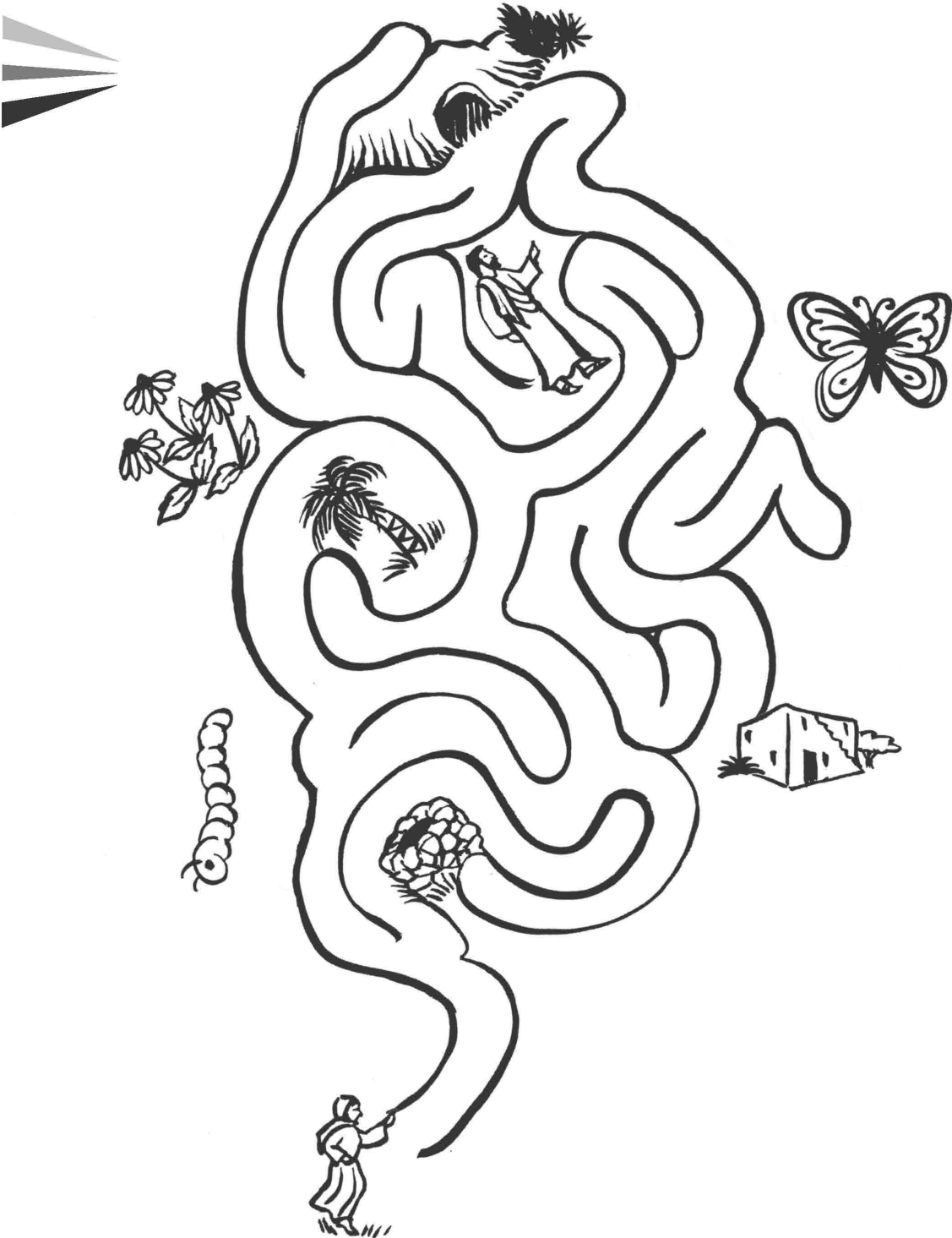


**“Jesus isn’t here,” said the angel. “Jesus is alive!”**



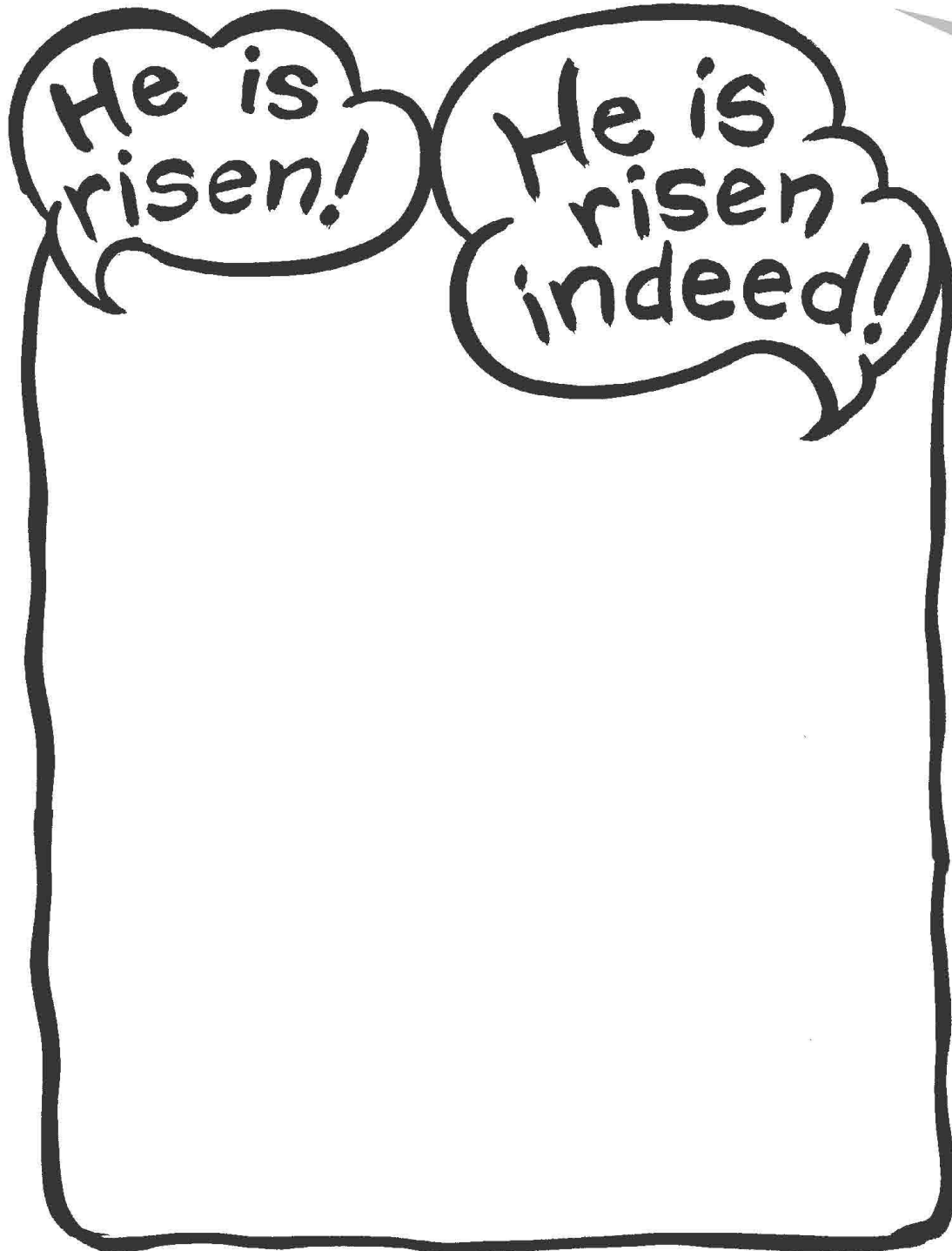
Mary traveled to the tomb. It was empty. Mary was surprised!

**Help Mary find her way to the empty tomb and Jesus.**



How do you share the Easter greeting in worship today?

**Draw yourself sharing the Easter greeting with a family member, friend, or neighbor.**







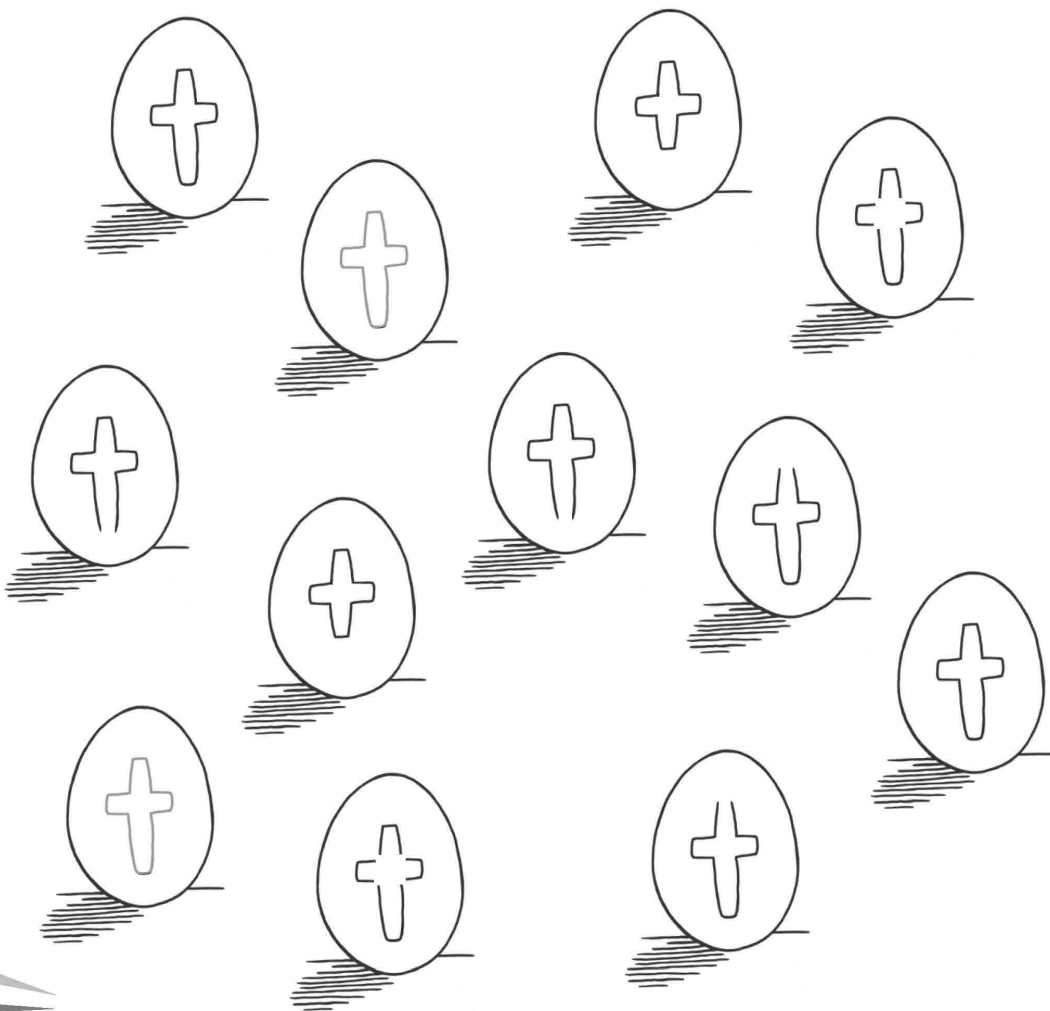
# READER

Easter Day

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## Jesus Has Risen!

One symbol of easter is a cross. Another symbol is an egg. Can you find all the matching pairs of eggs below? There are enough to make a dozen.



Unscramble the letters to read the Easter message.

## Memory Verse



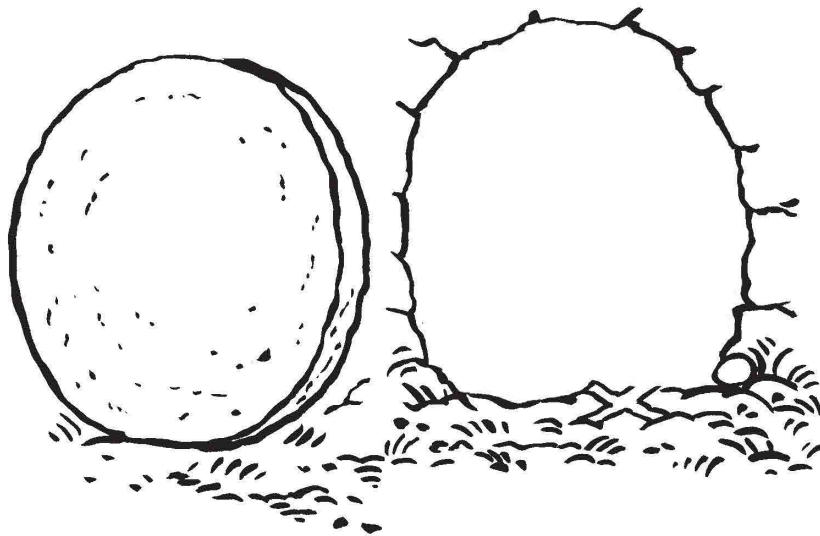
But he said to them, "Do not be **mdraale**; you are **oinlkog** for **ssuje** of Nazareth, who was **icrficued**. **eh** has been **rsaied**; he is not here. **olok**, there is the **apectl** they **dial** him." Mark 16:6

But he said to them, "Do not be \_\_\_\_\_; you are \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ of Nazareth, who was \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ has been \_\_\_\_\_; he is not here. \_\_\_\_\_, there is the \_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_ him." —**Mark 16:6**

## Surprises!

When Mary arrived at the tomb on Sunday morning, she was surprised to see it empty. What surprises have you experienced? What surprises you about God?

Around the tomb, draw a few surprises in your life. Inside the tomb, draw or write what surprises you about God.





## Look It Up!

After Jesus rose from the dead, he visited lots of people. Look at the list of people below. Number the groups in order of Jesus' visit to them. Look up Paul's account of this time in 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 for help.

Jesus appears to each of us when we share the good news!

**500 BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS**

**TWELVE**

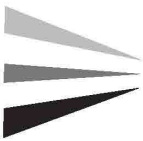
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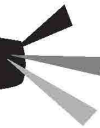
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The Gospel of Mark has two endings. The earliest manuscripts end Mark at 16:8. Some versions continue through 16:20. Check out Mark 16:9-20 to read the longer ending! What do you think of that?

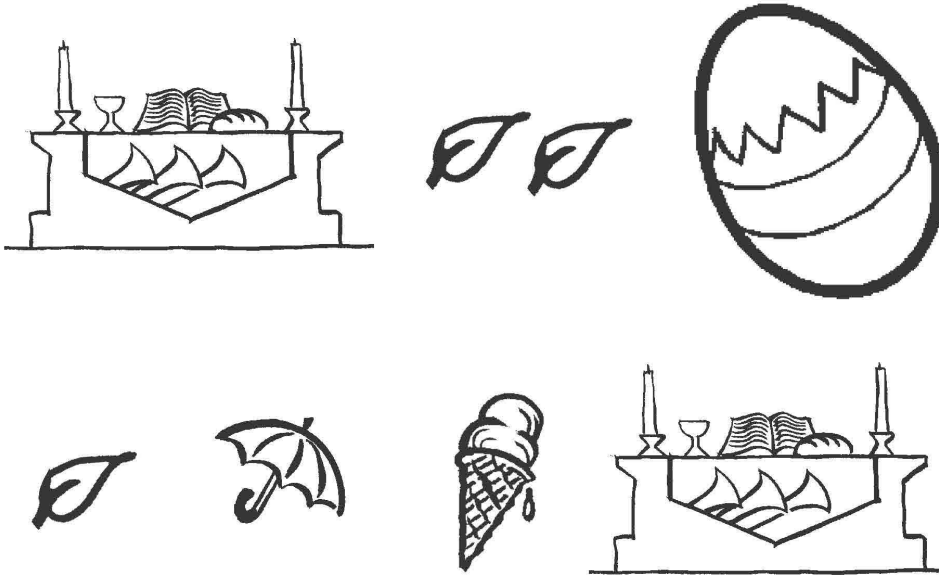
**Did You Know?**



# Jesus Has Risen!

Use the first letter of the name of each picture to spell an Easter word you will hear today. Write the word below.

How many times do you hear this word in worship today? Keep a tally here.



## Color of Hope

White is a color often used during the Easter season. White can mean hope and new life. What is white in your worship space today?

Draw or write below.