

Celebrating Easter

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. The Easter season begins with the Easter Vigil and continues for the next 50 days.



Prayer

Dear Jesus, help me to love and show kindness.

We Celebrate During Easter

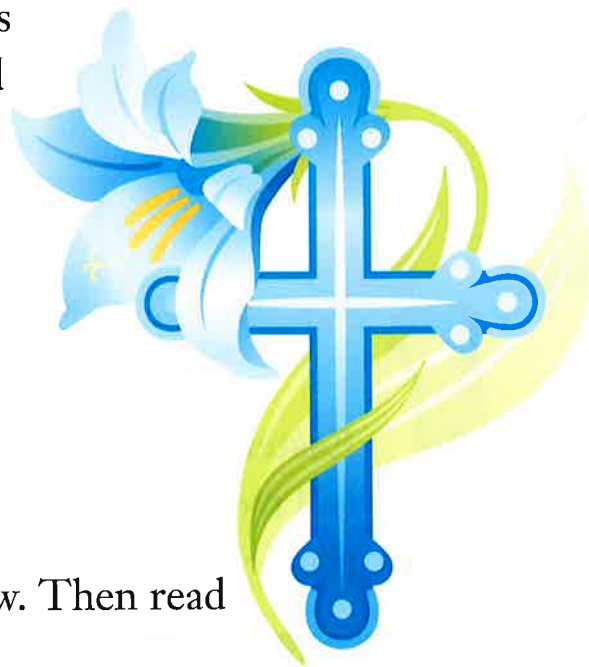
Easter is a time to celebrate how Jesus saves us all. We are glad because God the Father raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Jesus died on the cross for me.

Jesus is with me always.

God's love is so great to send his only Son for me.

Use the key to color the picture below. Then read the hidden word.



1 – blue 2 – green 3 – pink 4 – yellow



Reading God's Word

Jesus came to see his friends. He said, "Peace be with you."

adapted from Luke 24:36

Mass During Easter

When you go to Mass during the Easter season, you will hear people singing and praying “Alleluia!” We are happy because Jesus promised to be with us always.

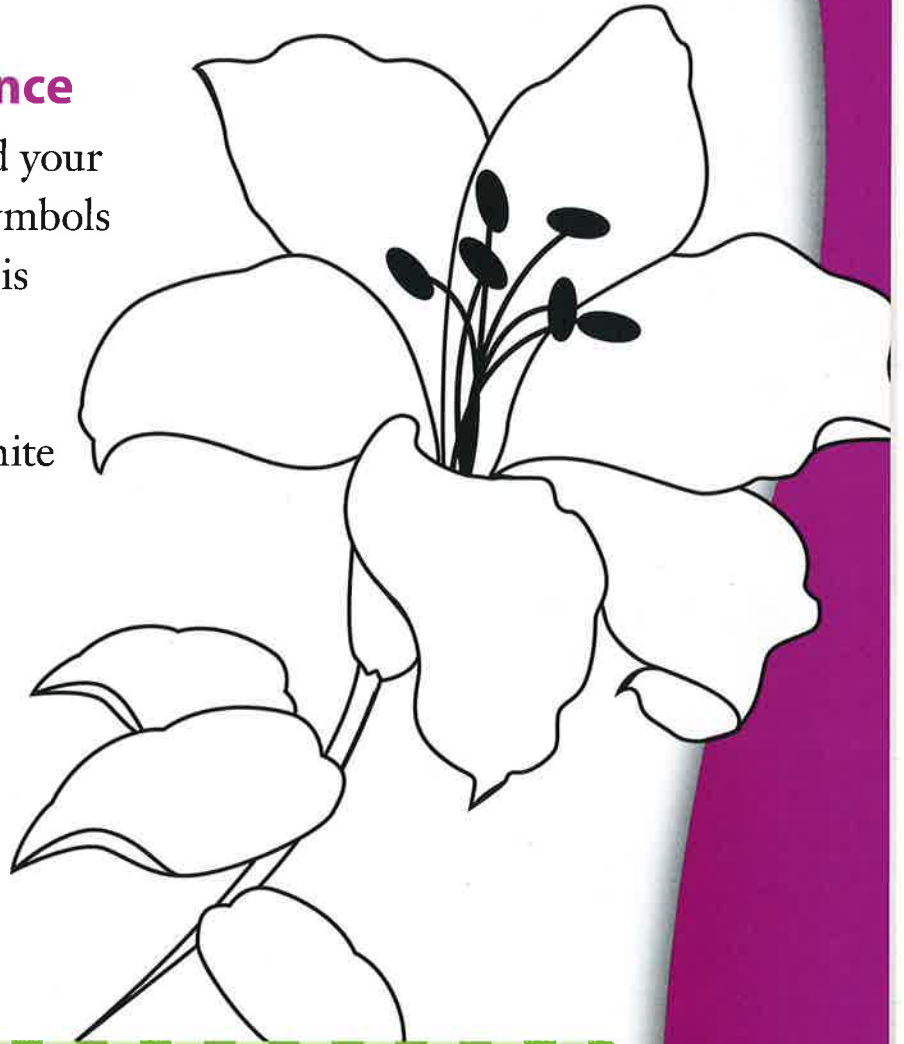


What We Experience

When you look around your church, you may see symbols of Easter. One symbol is the Easter lily. Notice the color of the priest’s vestments. Are they white or gold?

Many churches are decorated with flowers for the Easter season.

Color the lily. Write the name of a person you will pray for this Easter season.



I will pray for _____.



Did You Know?

Every year the White House hosts an Easter egg roll.

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Faith Summary

At Easter, we celebrate God the Father raising Jesus from the dead to save us all from sin and death.

Word I Learned

Easter

Ways of Being Like Jesus

Jesus gave us the gift of himself. *Give of yourself to others. Help out with a baby brother or sister.*



Prayer

Dear Jesus, fill my heart with joy and love.



With My Family

Activity When you go to Mass during the Easter season, look around your church. Find examples of the things described on page 149. Talk about what you see.

Faith on the Go Ask one another: *What is one way you will celebrate Easter?*

Family Prayer Use Easter to invite family members to grow by praying together. Each day ask Jesus, the risen Christ, to help you give of yourself to others.

