

# Ministry @Home



**These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.**

## Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

### Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light  
in the name of the Maker,  
who lit the world  
and gave everything life.

I will light a light  
in the name of the Son,  
who saved the world  
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light  
in the name of the Spirit,  
who is present everywhere in the  
world  
and gives me strength.

**Together:**  
**We will light three lights**  
**for the trinity of love:**  
**God above us,**  
**God beside us,**  
**God beneath us;**  
**The beginning,**  
**The end**  
**and the Everlasting one.**

## Welcome.....

**Say together :** Hallelujah, He is risen.

He is risen indeed, Hallelujah.

**Song:** King of Kings, Hillsong Worship  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7OnfQpZr030>  
**(can be sung, read aloud or listened to)**

### Reflection time:

Say again together the words said throughout the church all over the world

**Hallelujah, He is risen.**

**He is risen indeed, Hallelujah.**

As you gather share amongst yourselves what's your favourite Easter tradition? What makes it the best? Are there any you have enjoyed in the past which have slipped away? (Share within your gathering).

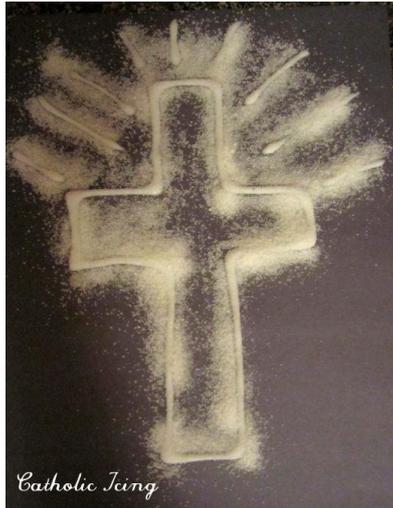
We are gathered to celebrate Easter Sunday, the most wonderful day for Christians throughout the world as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. How would you explain the excitement of Easter to a friend who doesn't know Jesus?

**Bible passage:** John 20 (ask a member to read the passage aloud, possibly from a Child's Bible if appropriate & allow space to reflect).

And/or watch

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xe50\\_LaJg.WE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xe50_LaJg.WE)

## Interactive Learning.....



Draw a cross outline using white glue on paper (looks better on dark colours) and while the glue is wet cover it with salt. Gently tip off the excess. Then colour the salt by gently dabbing dilute water colours over the salt. Food colouring works too.

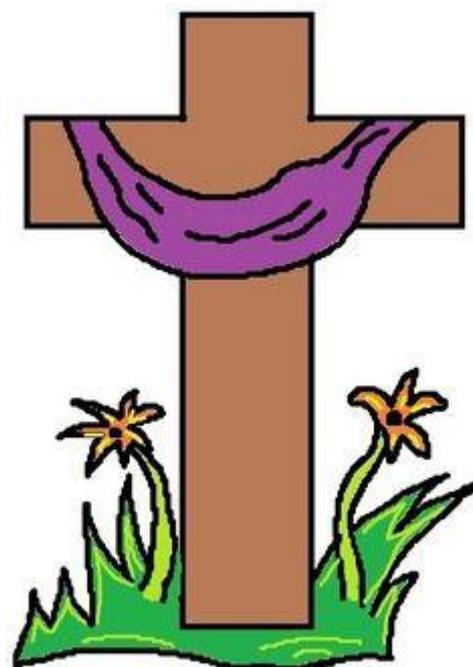
Watch carefully as the colour spreads throughout the salt, transforming it.



### Marys' Easter Day...

Mary was totally heartbroken and scared. Jesus had been her best friend and her teacher. Not only that, he had healed her. After she met Jesus, her life was different – and so much better! But now Jesus had been killed and buried. Not only that it appeared that someone had stolen his body. She was sad and angry and hopeless. She was crying so hard she didn't recognize the angels or even Jesus, at first. Then Jesus called her by name. Everything changed. Jesus was alive, he was still with her (even though she may not touch him), he called her by name. So Mary knew that everything would be OK.

In these times we all feel rather worried and a bit scared – it's all unknown. However, as Mary discovered on the first Easter Jesus IS alive and He is with us. And much like the paint transforms the salt so Jesus can transform us. We still cannot go outside much or see our friends, but Jesus can help us see the colours and good in what we do have and give us hope that a colour filled future will come.



### Whilst creating chat about the following questions & share stories.....

If you had been sat with Mary in that garden how do you think you may have reacted?

Think of ways the colours of Jesus can transform your life? How can you help others see the difference Jesus makes in you?

Find as many links between the Easter story and the other traditions we celebrate, the eggs etc.

## Reflection & Prayer Time.....

**Song:** You Are My King, Philips, Craig and Dean  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_DGJjFxl6E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_DGJjFxl6E)  
**(can be sung, read aloud or listened to)**

As we think of Mary's excitement hearing Jesus say her name, sit and in your head hear Jesus say your name. He speaks to you, what would you like to say to Him? Share your fears with Him and accept His peace. Allow His love to transform you.

Encourage members to pray silently or aloud. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**



## Celebration....

**If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing**

Happy birthday to you  
To Jesus be true  
May God's richest blessings  
Be showered on you.



## Closing.....

### The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all,  
now and evermore. Amen.**

## Closing Responses.....

**Song :** Lord I Lift Your Name On High, God's Kids Worship.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c12Ta6\\_WJrw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c12Ta6_WJrw)

**(can be sung, read aloud or listened to)**

From where we are  
to where you need us.

**Jesus, now lead on!**

From the security of what we know  
to the adventure of what you reveal.

**Jesus, now lead on!**

To make this world  
look more like your kingdom,

**Jesus, now lead on!**

**Ask different members to blow out the**

## Extra Ideas

- Build a  model of part of the story
- Doodle a cross shape & cut it out
- Origami crosses (Demonstrations found on youtube for various ages)
- Have printed Crosses to infill a design
- Play dough crosses
- Printed sheets to write poems/thoughts of Jesus' friends feeling & emotions