

Family Liturgy – Easter Sunday (Year A)

Sunday 12 April 2020

Preparing the prayer space

Place a white or gold cloth on the table or floor (white or gold for Easter).

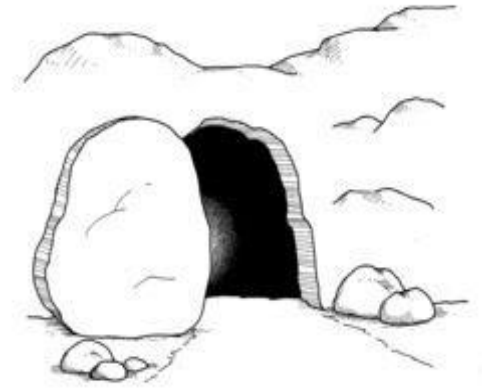
Place a cross, a bible and a candle on it. Some holy water if you have been able to collect it or a bowl with water as a reminder of our baptism. Light the candle or use a battery-operated candle for safety. Add any other symbols relevant to your family.

Prepare materials

You tube as listed on sheet: Gospel stories and song

Suggested activities: your choice or other related activity on sheet

Print out sheet if required



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Gather around the prayer space as a family

Parent/Caregiver: Today we hear the wonder of what God has done for us. We celebrate that Jesus is risen! We join ourselves to Jesus and listen to what he is asking of us today.

Opening prayer: God of the Resurrection, we give you thanks for sending Jesus into the world so we could understand how much you love us. Help us to hear the good news of his Resurrection and receive it with open hearts. Alleluia! Help us now to listen to your Word to us. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel: A reading from the holy gospel according to John (20: 1-9)

All: Glory to you O, Lord

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's 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Gospel text © Lectionary for Masses with Children (1993) Catholic Book Publishing Co. New York)

Prayerfully watch the Gospel story of Jesus' Resurrection.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xe50_LaJgWE The Empty Tomb - John 20 | Easter Sunday for Kids (5.12 mins) Share the Faith

Gospel reflection and time of sharing:

I wonder how Mary Magdalene felt when she saw that the stone had been rolled away

I wonder what the two disciples thought when Mary Magdalene told them that they had taken Jesus from the tomb.

I wonder how the disciples felt as they were running side by side to go to the tomb

I wonder how the disciple who got there first felt when he saw the strips of linen cloth lying inside the tomb

I wonder how I would feel if I saw that Jesus was not in the tomb

I wonder where Jesus was

Parent/Caregiver:

Let us pray quietly and listen to Jesus' message to us.

Let us think of how we can share the good news that Jesus is risen wherever we go.

(pause for a moment)

Let us share with each other, one way in which we can tell others about how important Jesus is for us.

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of **Easter Sunday**, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world

Intercessions: Let us now spend some time in prayer asking God to listen to our needs.

(We respond to the prayers by repeating the words 'Lord, hear our prayer')

1 We pray for our Church: that all may be announcers of the joyful truth of the Resurrection. Lord, hear us.

2 We pray for all people in our parishes who are not able to meet together at this time: that they may draw hope from the mystery of the Resurrection. Lord, here us.

3 We pray for people in our world who are suffering in any way at this time: may the Easter joy bring them comfort and healing. Lord, hear us.

4 We pray for all people who have died recently and especially for people we know and love: that they will be raised to new life with Jesus. Lord, hear us.

Closing prayer: God of the Resurrection, we believe in your love – your love created the world. We believe in your love – your love sent Jesus to live with us on earth. We believe in your love – your love sent the Holy Spirit to breathe life through us. Amen.

Closing song: https://youtu.be/8kT-mmUTVI0?list=TLPQMDEwNDIwMjDaexAapE_O9Q Because He Lives (Amen) with Because He Lives (Lyric Video) | Because He Lives [Simple Kids Easter]

Follow up activity suggestions after the time of prayer has come to a close.

- Write a prayer in your prayer journal (special notebook).
Ask the children to write a prayer thanking God for rising Jesus from the dead, as he promised us.
Add to this prayer journal each day.
- Act out the story of Mary Magdalene
- Go to <https://www.sharefaith.com/blog/2020/03/10-easter-ideas-childrens-ministry-easter-sunday/> for some games & activities ideas and
- https://sundayschoolzone.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Easter_Bible_Activities_For_Kids_83.pdf
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