



Growing
FAITH
at home

12 April 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

Jesus has risen!

Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Imagine that you were one of the women who went to the tomb the first Easter morning. How do you think you would have felt?

2

What does it mean to you that Jesus has risen and is alive?



Devotions



Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 28:1-10	He has risen!
M	1 Corinthians 15:1-8	Witnesses to the risen Christ
T	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Christ has been raised
W	Mark 16:1-8	Women go to the tomb
T	Jeremiah 31:1-6	The Lord will come
F	Acts 10:34-43	We are witnesses
S	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	The Lord is my strength
S	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Jesus we worship you as our risen Lord, help us to listen to you and do what you ask.
Amen.

BLESSING

May the risen Jesus replace your fears with joy, and raise you to new life with him.

Easter

A dramatic contrast occurs on Easter Day where the mood changes to one of festivity. The colour is **WHITE** or **GOLD** for victory, glory and majesty.

Creative Response

It is a custom in many churches to light a new Paschal Candle on Easter Sunday for use throughout the year ahead.

As an Easter week household activity, prepare your own Paschal Candle to use during the next year. Purchase a large white candle. Decide together on Christian symbols to place on the candle (include a cross and the year number in your design). Trace these symbols onto the candle with a felt-tip pen, and then use fabric paints to paint them on.

Light the candle on the dates of church festivals and on your baptism anniversary dates.

mealtime prayer

Risen Lord, we thank you for the meal at this table and the celebration of Easter joy. Amen.

verse for the week

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross. He isn't here! God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would."

MATTHEW 28:5-6

Service



Is there someone in your congregation who doesn't have family nearby? Invite them to lunch and share Easter joy with them.

