






CHILDREN'S BULLETIN
FIRST PARISH
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
APRIL 7TH, 2021
COMMUNION SUNDAY

♥ HAPPY ♥
 ♥ Easter

When you see this symbol	Let's do this together
	= Sing, Sway, Clap Along, Dance or Shake your Egg Shakers to the Music
	= Let's Bow Our heads and Pray Together as a Church Family (Listen to the words <u>OR</u> Read along if you can)
	= Let's Say The Lord's Prayer Together
	= Listen closely to the Children's Message
	During this time, as you listen to the stories from the bible and the sermon, please enjoy the activities found on the last pages of the Children's Bulletin or other coloring activities throughout the bulletin.

OPENING HYMN: #233 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia! Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, glad heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

CALL TO WORSHIP



One: We gather for worship in awe and wonder.

Many: God has answered our prayers with salvation.

One: Let us sing songs of praise, for God is good.

Many: The tomb is empty; death will not be the last word. Jesus Christ is alive and we, too, shall live.

One: Let us open our hearts and minds to the risen Christ.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

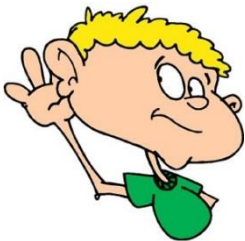
INVOCATION



God of abundant life, we greet the dawning brightness of this special day with hopes renewed. We have known grief and sorrow, loss and tears, fear and failure. Meet us here, living Christ, for we need this time of resurrection. Amen.



SONG OF PRAISE: #236 Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Time Especially for Children

Let's sing "Jesus Loves Me"

Come in close and bring your listening ears

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion is a holy meal, we don't take communion just because we're hungry in the middle of the service. It's a meal for the soul, not the body. As we take communion together, we think about how much Jesus loves us and we know this by the sacrifices he made. We remember how to stay close to God and Jesus by praying everyday.



INVITATION TO THE TABLE:

As we take communion together, everyone, no matter what age, is welcome to receive communion at the Lord's Table ❤️

COMMUNION HYMN: #245 The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ has brought us over the hymns of victory.



Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
The whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.



OUR SACRED STORY: Communion connects us to the disciples at the Last Supper. And it connects us to everyone who, like us, have followed Jesus for hundreds and thousands of years. When we take communion, our connection to, or relationship with Jesus and one another is made stronger.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:



Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us
our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the
Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.



SHARING the MEAL

As we celebrate Communion today, you will first be invited to take the bread and hold it until everyone is served. Once everyone is served the bread we ALL eat the bread at the same time. This act symbolizes that we are ONE BODY and that we are all one in the Spirit of Christ. ***Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."* New Revised Standard Version.**

You will then be invited to take the cup of love which symbolizes the cup of wine that Jesus shared with his friends, saying "This is the cup of love poured out for you." You are invited to prayerfully drink from the cup at your own pace. This demonstrates that we are each individuals in God's Presence - each one doing the best we can to spread God's love.



PEACE HYMN: Let There Be Peace on Earth

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Please extend a hug or a handshake and say "Peace be with you" to others in the room and show a sign of peace to those on ZOOM .)



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US



SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-12 1

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.



EASTER REFLECTION: An Idle Tale

"Morning Has Broken"



Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

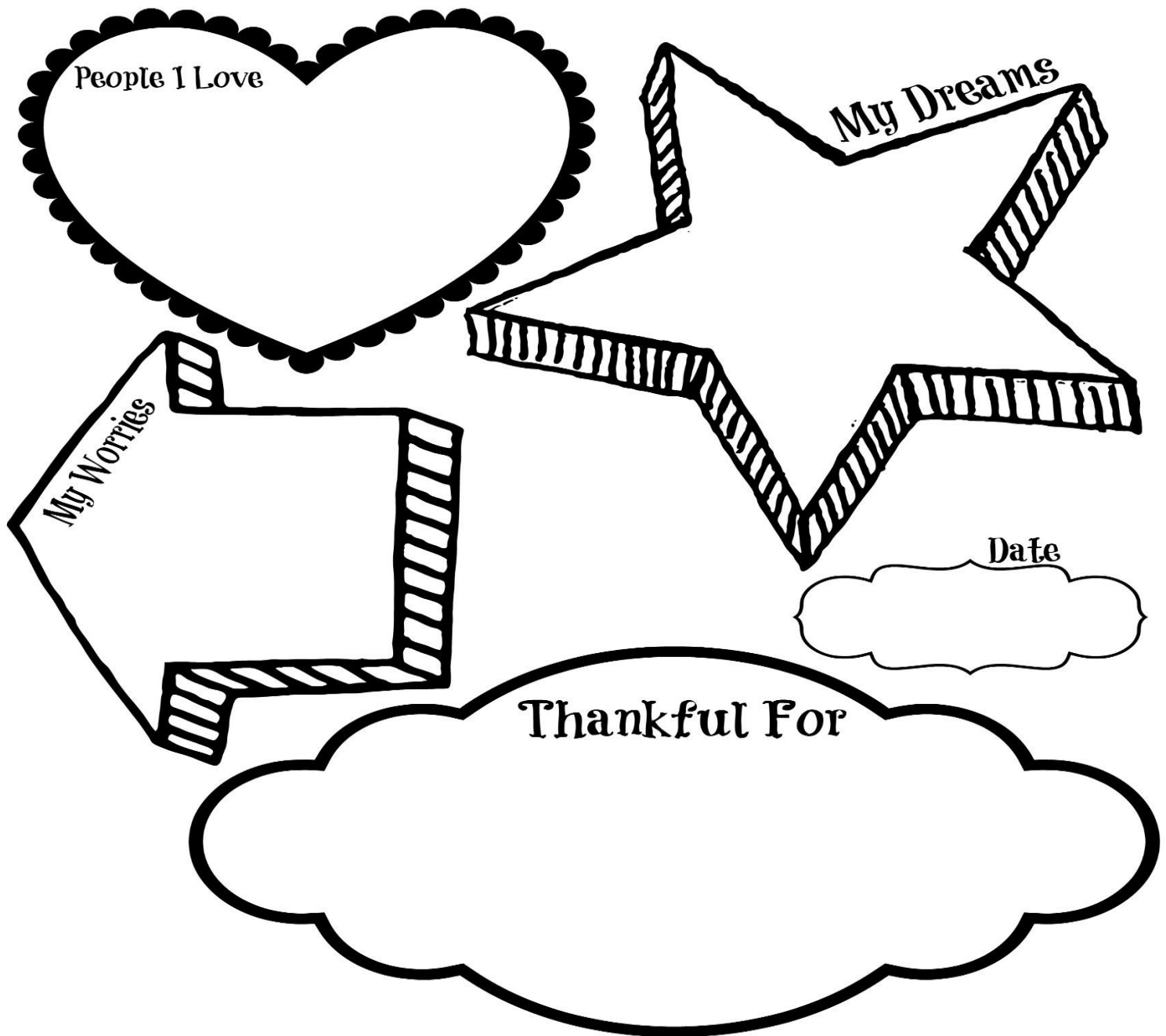
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Invitation to Generosity: Think about how you would like show LOVE to God, others and yourself this week ❤️

Sharing Joys and Concerns: Do you have a Joy or Concern you'd like to share with the congregation? Fill out the box below and let us know....



OFFERTORY MUSIC: God of the Ages trumpet by Ben Allen



DOXOLOGY #780 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Led by lay reader. Join in at home.)



Thank you, God, that we are never lost to You nor to You judge our value – other than seeing us as priceless in Your eyes. Thank You for the privilege of sharing the bounty you have entrusted to us, so that those less fortunate may receive Your blessing by our hands. Amen.



HYMN: #242 The Strife Is O'er

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won;

the song of triumph has begun, Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has dispersed;

Let shouts of holy joy outburst, Alleluia Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

BENEDICTION: The Pastor often will give a benediction at the end of service. This is like a special prayer asking for God's help, guidance and blessing over everyone before the end of service.



POSTLUDE

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Members of the Congregation

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

CHOIR DIRECTOR/ ORGANIST Joan Virga



Happy
Easter

Empty Tomb Easter Craft

- Step 1: Color.
Step 2: Cut out.
Step 3: Glue angel to tomb.
Step 4: Use brad to affix
stone to tomb.



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angel
here

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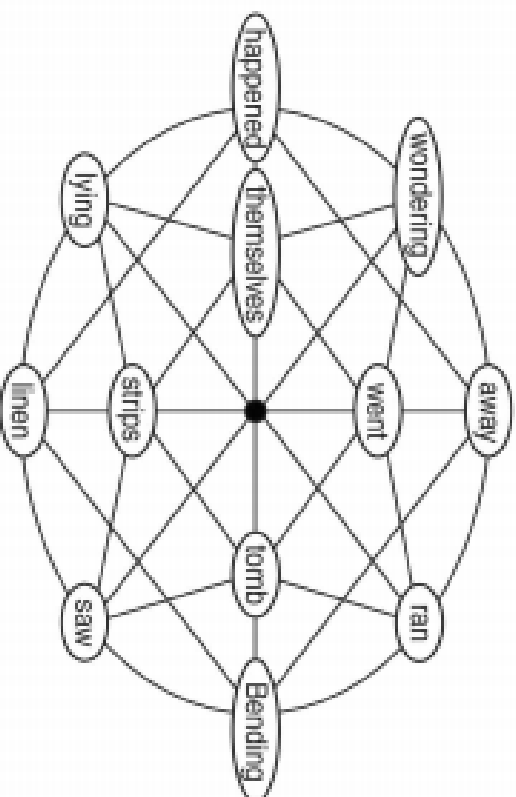
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What did Peter do after hearing what the women saw?

Start at the center of the shape and follow the arrows to fill in the blanks.



Peter, however, got up and _____

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over, he _____ the _____ of _____

_____ by _____

_____ and he _____

to himself what had _____



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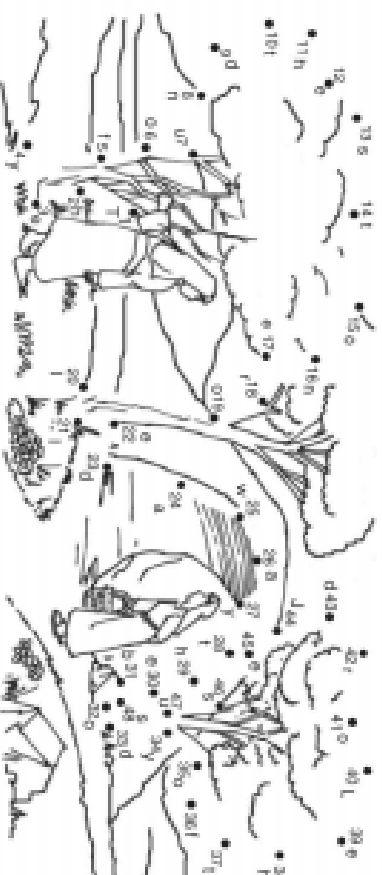
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The Resurrection of Jesus

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took spices and went to the tomb.

What did they find?

Connect the dots and place the letters on the lines below to find what happened.



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13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find

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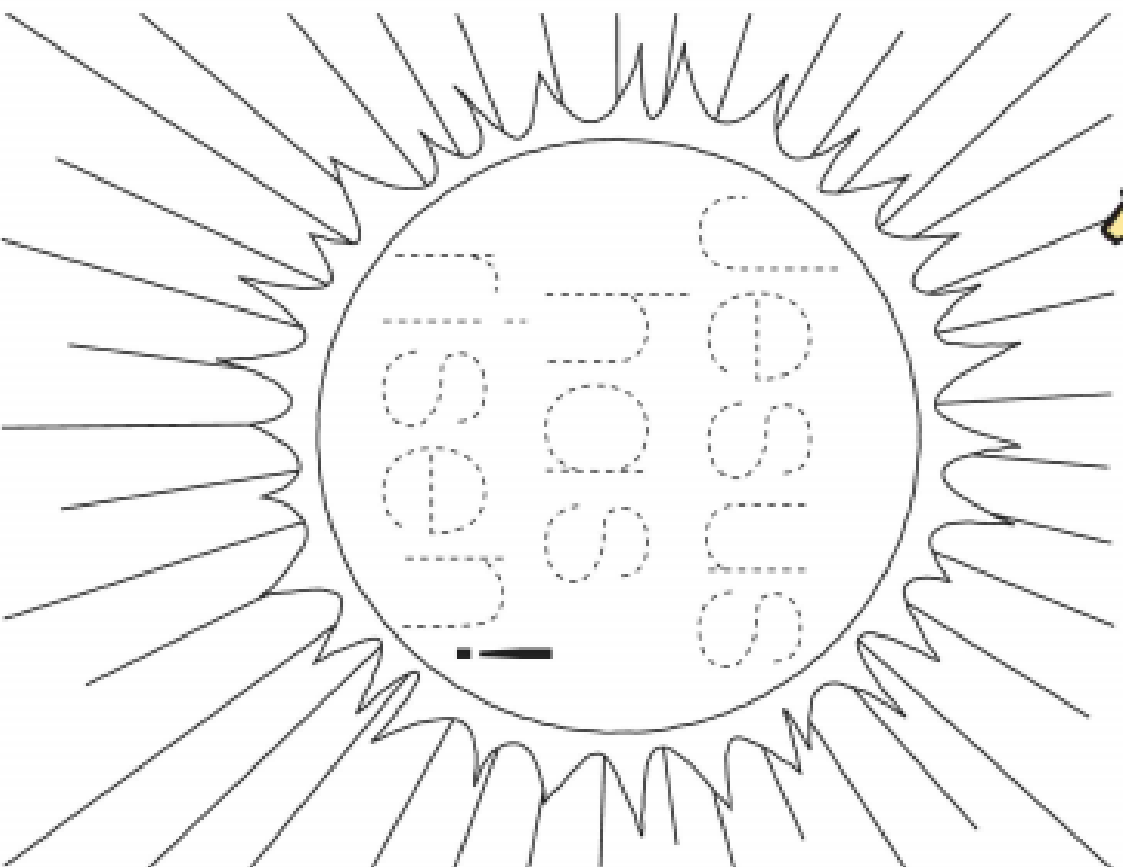
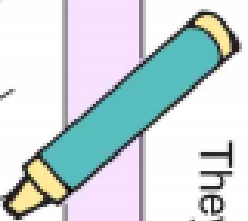
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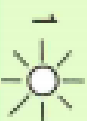
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The Resurrection of Jesus

On the 1st day of the week,
the women went to Jesus' tomb.

Finish the picture below by drawing



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