



Easter Vigil-Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading (abv.)- Genesis 1, 1. 26-31a

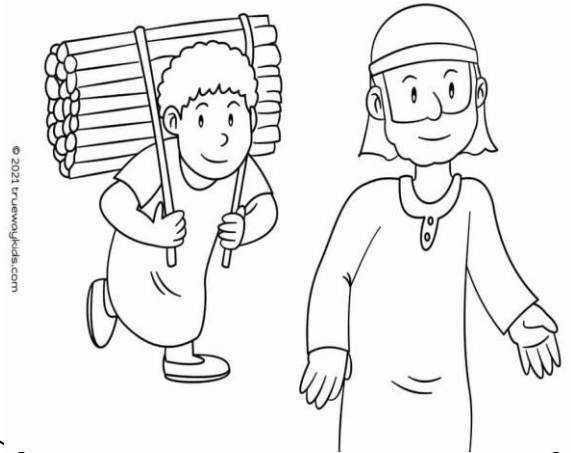
In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the earth. And God said: "Let us make man in our image; to dominate the fish in the sea, and the birds in the sky, to domesticate the animals and all creature that drags over the earth." ...And He blessed them and said: "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it ..." God looked upon all that He had made and saw that it was good.

BE GRATEFUL



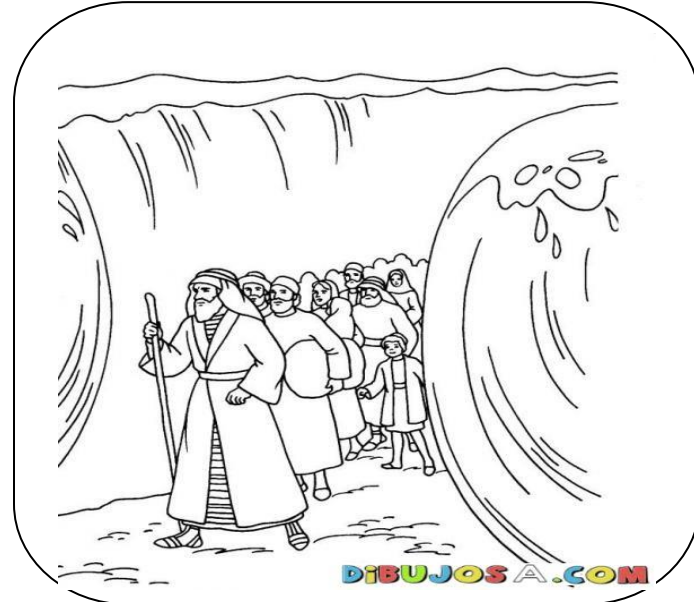
2nd Reading (abv.) - Genesis 22, 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18

During that time, God put Abraham to the test and said: ... "Take your only son, Isaac, whom you love so much; go to the region of Moriah and offer him in sacrifice to me on the mountain I will point out to you". (Abraham obeyed) ... But the angel of the Lord called to him from Heaven saying: ... "Do not raise your hand against the boy, for now I see you fear God, you have not refused me your beloved son". ... "I swear by my own self, ... that because you have not refused me your own son, I will bless you and multiply your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the grains of sand on the seashore. ... Through your descendants all the people of the earth will be blessed because you obeyed my words". **BE OBEDIENT**



3rd Reading - (abv.) Exodus 14, 15-15, 1-In those times, the Lord said to Moses: ... Tell the Israelites to march on. And you, raise your staff, extend your hand over the sea and divide it, so the Israelites may enter the sea and stay dry. I will Harden the hearts of the Egyptians so they will pursue you, and I will cover myself with glory at the expense of the Pharaoh and all his army...they will know that I am the Lord." ... Moses extended his hand over the sea, and the Lord sent a strong East wind throughout the night that dried the sea and divided the waters. The Israelites entered the sea and stayed dry, while the waters formed a wall to the right and to the left of them. All the Egyptian army followed in pursuit into the sea... Then the Lord told Moses: "Extend your hand over the sea, so the waters return and cover the Egyptians..." Not one was saved..., Israel saw the strong arm of the Lord over the Egyptians and the people feared God and believed in the Lord and his servant Moses.

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4th Reading (abv.) Isaiah 54, 5-14 GOD LOVES US

For the mountains may go away and the hills may totter, but my faithful love will never leave you, my covenant of peace will never totter, says Yahweh who takes pity on you.



5th Reading (abv.) Isaiah 55, 1-11 GOD FULFILLS HIS PROMISES

I shall make an everlasting covenant with you in fulfilment of the favors promised to David. Look, I have made him a witness to peoples, a leader and lawgiver to peoples. Look, ... a nation unknown to you will hurry to you for the sake of Yahweh your God, because the Holy One of Israel has glorified you.



6th Reading (abv.) Baruch 3, 9-15. 32-4, 4 OBEY THE LAW

Wisdom is the book of the commands of God, the law of eternal validity; those that keep it will live, those that abandon it will die.



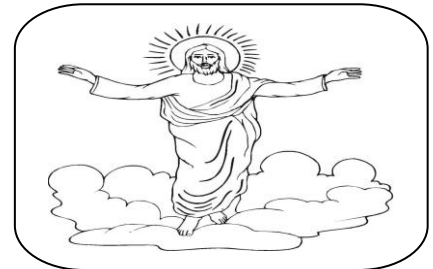
7th Reading (abv.) Ezekiel 36, 16-17a .18-28 WE RECEIVE HIS GRACE

I will give you a new heart and infuse in you a new spirit; I will tear from you your heart of stone and give you a new heart of flesh. I Will infuse in you my spirit and I Will make you live according to my precepts and my commandments. They Will live in the land I gave to their fathers; you will be my people and I will be your God.



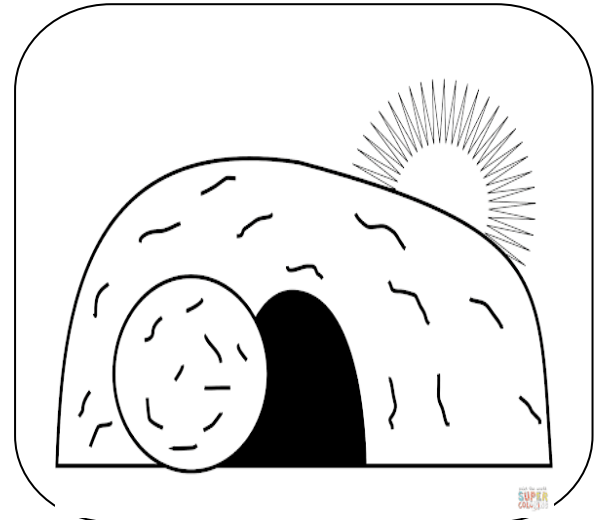
Epistle (abv.) Romans 6, 3-11 HE OPENS THE GATES OF HEAVEN

Therefore, if we have died with Christ, we are sure that we will live with Him; since we know that Christ, once resurrected... will never die. Death no longer has power over Him...and upon resurrecting, He lives for God. The same you, consider yourselves dead to sin and living for God in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Gospel- Mark 16, 1-7 JESUS RESURRECTED

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"



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The Symbols of the Easter Vigil Mass

During Holy Saturday, as did the apostles, we stand watch by the tomb of our Lord. We celebrate the Vigil Mass at nightfall because Jesus resurrected between Saturday night and Sunday morning; and, Jesus, the Light of the World, defeats darkness and enlightens our lives. Easter is the step between death and life.

The Vigil Mass has many symbols that speak of God's love. We invite you to discover them.

4. With the new flame, we light the Paschal Candle (the light of the Risen Christ).



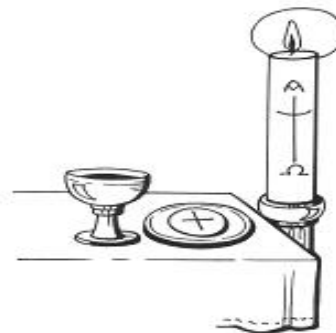
3. The water in the Baptismal font is blessed for the Baptisms, and we renew our Baptismal vows.



2. With the Liturgy of the Word, we remember the promise of salvation fulfilled by the Risen Christ.



1. We partake of the Risen Christ in the Eucharist.





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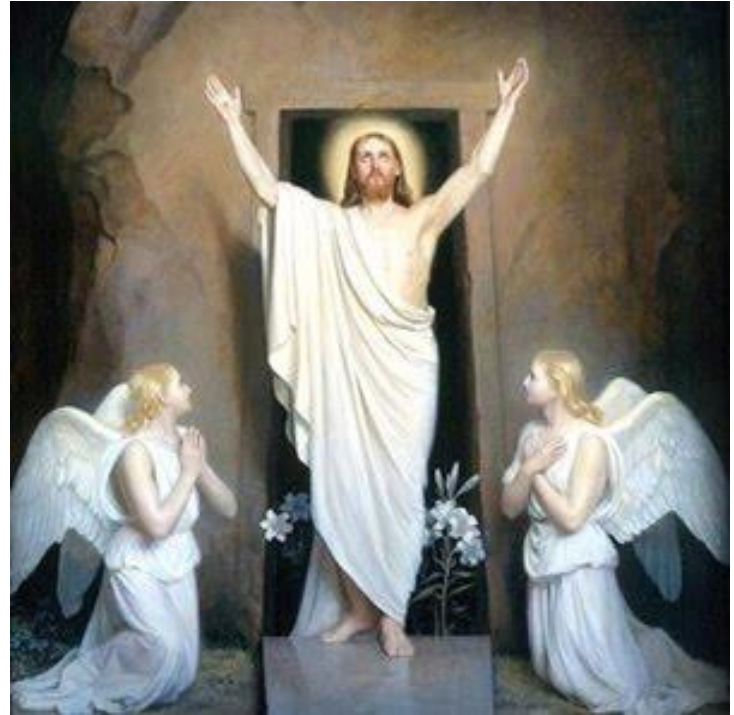
Cycle B – I Sunday of Easter – The Resurrection of Jesus

Acts 10: 34a.37-43; Psalm 117:1-2.16ab-17.22-23; Colossians 3: 1-4; John 20: 1-9

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were running, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and saw the linen cloths, but he did not go in. Behind him came Simon Peter, and he went straight into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there and the cloth which had been around Jesus’ head. It was not lying with the linen cloths but was rolled up by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. (They still did not understand the scripture which said that he must rise from death.)

Reflection

Jesus died and resurrected because, for love of His people, God had promised to save them from death. Who introduced death into the world and why? Adam and Eve disobeyed God eating from the forbidden tree and so had to leave Paradise where they lived eternally with God, resulting in their eventual death. **How did Jesus defeat death and open the gates of Heaven for us?** Jesus willingly obeyed God until death on the cross, thus paying for our sins and opening Heaven for us. **Who first discovered Jesus’ resurrection?** A woman, Mary Magdalene, who they mistreated for being a sinner before her conversion, first receives the news. She was grateful for Jesus’ mercy and loved Him very much. She went to the tomb, despite the danger posed from the persecutors of Jesus’ followers. Jesus came to save sinners like Mary Magdalene. **Are you grateful for what Jesus did for you? How do you show it? Do you seek Jesus every day, even if your friends don’t or they make fun of you?** Share.



Activity

Select an Easter craft from the following pages and complete. Afterwards, narrate the gospel of the Resurrection.

Prayer

Lord, today we celebrate your Resurrection with great joy. May our gatherings always be full of joy because we have faith and hope that, as you have conquered death, we, too, will rise with you. Amen.

Song: Jesus Song, Saddlebag Kids (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/Rn84AYtFUSM>

PPT: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bTeL4LXyQW6ZwCG7alfMjh6lUeHUTnkZ/view?usp=sharing>



The Resurrection of Jesus – Puzzle Craft

Instructions: Print on card stock. Color, cut, and assemble the puzzle.



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Jesus Lives - Craft

Instructions: Cut circles; color, and glue to either side of a paper plate. Cut a piece of streamer to size and glue to the border of the front of the plate. Can do the same to the other side also. Cut strips to the outer edge of the streamer. Punch a hole at the top and hang with a ribbon.



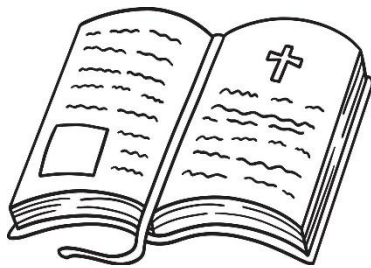
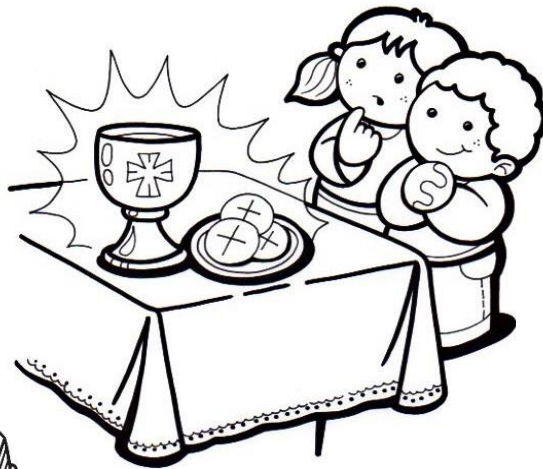
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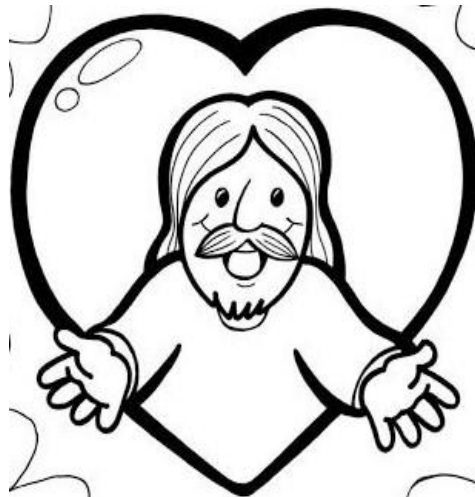
In the Eucharist



In the Bible



In the
Community



In my heart



Jesus Resurrects, project

(orientaltrading.com/freefun)

Need:

Paper plate

Grey paper

Popsicle sticks

Grey paint (may use spray paint)

Printed or drawn Jesus and angel

Instructions

1. Paint the paper plate grey on both sides. Allow to dry.
2. Print or draw, color, and cut Jesus and angel.
3. Cut the paper plate in half and cut a semi-circle on the flat part of one side of the plate. Glue the edges of the plate together to form a cave.
4. Glue Jesus on the inside wall of the cave facing the door and the angel above the door.
5. Make 3 crosses with the popsicle sticks and glue to the top back of the cave.
6. Crumble into a ball the grey paper to cover the door of the cave.

