



VINTAGE ADVENTURE

@ HOME

“I AM THE RESURRECTION
& THE LIFE”

Dear Friends

I wonder if you have a favourite time of year. I can find a reason to enjoy each season, but there is, I think, something very special about spring. It's not even seeing my bulbs pushing their way through the wet soil, or lambs frolicking in the fields – however cute they might be – or even the dawn chorus waking me with increasing frequency. For me it's something to do with the changing light, the longer days, the sun rising higher in the sky, the way the light brightens the day and the dappled light weaves through trees that are still waiting for their summer dress.

We don't hear anything about the light on Easter Day, but we do know that on Good Friday that darkness fell over the land from noon until 3pm, whilst Jesus was dying on a cross (Mark 15:33-34)

“At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?””

What a contrast to the daylight that appears on Easter Sunday as dawn comes and the empty tomb is discovered. Jesus comes as the light for the world, a light that will never be extinguished, a light that shines into the brokenness of the world, demanding justice but bringing mercy.

Easter, a day of light, brings hope for us all, as together across the world, in a multitude of languages we proclaim:

‘Hallelujah! Jesus Christ is risen’

We hope you enjoy all the activities in this Easter edition, but know that across our community, from church, our homes, we will all be raising an Hallelujah!

Happy Easter!

Love from Erica and all the Caraway team

WORSHIP



Opening Scripture

*Jesus said to her, "I am the Resurrection and the life.
The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.
Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

Do you believe this?"

John 11:25 – 26

Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for coming from heaven to earth to show us the way to the Father. We come to your table to celebrate the new life and hope that Easter brings. Oh, how we Praise you Father God for sending your Son Jesus to earth, to live amongst us and then to die on the cross so that we can be saved. How wonderful is your great love. Jesus you are our friend and our brother, yet you are our King. Let us rejoice that we are set free from the burden of sin by the blood of Jesus. Father please be with us all as we come together in thankfulness for your everlasting love. Amen

Words from Scripture

Matthew Chapter 28: Verse 5 - 6

The angel said to the women "Do not be afraid for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.' Now I have told you."

Pause for Reflection

As we remember the loss of our dear loved ones we can be comforted knowing that Jesus has gone ahead of us to prepare a place for them. *John 14 :6*



I remember the feeling of deep loss and emptiness following the death of my younger sister. The scripture reminds us that those who believe can be found alive and living and can be found with Jesus. We can be comforted that we have no need to be afraid of being separated from our loved ones. Let us run with excitement to tell everyone the good news. Jesus is alive!

Words From My Favourite Hymn

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin?
What can make me whole again?

For my pardon this I see
For my Cleansing this my plea

Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow

No other fount I know
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone
Not of good that I have done
This is all my hope and peace
And this is all my righteousness

Now, by this I'll overcome
Now, by this I'll reach my home
Glory, glory this I see
All my praise for this I bring

Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know

Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus
Nothing, nothing, nothing but the blood of Jesus

Robert Lowry (1876)

Thought

Do you feel afraid of losing a loved one or of death yourself? Jesus is waiting for you to ask Him into your life, to be your Saviour and friend. He is waiting to take your burdens from you and give you His peace and the assurance of His unconditional love for you. Are you certain of where you will spend eternity? 'Jesus is calling you'.

Revelations 3:20 Says: *"Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door I will come into him and eat with him and he with me."*





Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him,
In heaven, where life is best,

So we live our lives for Jesus.
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Saviour; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!
By Joanna Fuchs

Closing Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, we want to thank you for Christ's resurrection. We celebrate Him and remember the sacrifice He made for each of us. Because He lives we can always be hopeful even in the midst of our troubles. We put our faith and trust in Him, knowing that He has us safely in His hands. Let us shout with Joy, **'Jesus is Alive!'**
In Jesus name, Amen

"Jesus is Alive!"

Reflection

I don't know about you, but I don't feel like I have 'sprung into life' for quite some time! The pandemic, winter, a bout of poor health, 'life' – the things that happen when we aren't expecting them – have all conspired to leave me feeling sluggish and a bit hopeless.

But wait – despite everything going on within me, around me and in the world, nature is bursting forth into Spring, just as it always does. Just this morning I spotted some beautiful crocuses that weren't there yesterday, which have quite literally burst out of the soil and opened up fully, straining to catch the sun. I am fascinated to discover that as I watch them during the day, their delicate little faces follow the sun around until it is dusk and then almost tuck themselves into bed to rest, in readiness for another glorious day!

Nature is bursting with new life every day. Bulbs and buds are opening up everywhere, birds are more active, there are blessings and the joy of a fresh new start every day, wherever we look.

Thinking about Easter puts me in mind of the humble caterpillar as he



emerges from the dark security of his chrysalis, transformed into a bright and beautiful butterfly. Or perhaps the nymph, biding its time underwater and waiting to emerge as a stunning dragonfly. It was on that first Easter Day following the trauma of the

Passion, that Jesus burst forth from the darkness of the tomb into glorious light.

You may remember the story in the Bible about the raising of Jesus' friend, Lazarus. Lazarus' sisters Mary and Martha were desperate for Jesus to do something. In a powerful declaration, Jesus said to Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me, will never die. Do you believe this?" Martha said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, Who is to come into the world." And Lazarus was indeed raised.

What might this mean for us? Through Jesus' resurrection, we have been offered the gift of eternal life! Jesus has conquered sin and darkness and brought in everlasting light.

As followers of Jesus, we can rejoice in this, because it means that one day, we too will burst into new life. If, like Martha, we believe that Jesus is 'the Christ, the Son of God', we will be transformed from something that is perhaps worn out, tired and jaded, into something perfectly equipped for everything eternity has to offer us! Those dainty and perfect crocuses I spotted pushing their way towards the light this morning are a great metaphor for the transformation awaiting us. May we, like the crocuses, lift our faces to the sun this Easter in thanksgiving and praise, looking forward to bursting into the glorious life that awaits us!





Heaven is for Real

‘Heaven is For Real’ is the title of a book and DVD, which tell the true story of a 4-year-old boy named Colton Burpo, who was undergoing emergency surgery for a burst appendix. His parents, realising their son might not make it, prayed with much anguish whilst he was in the theatre, and he made a miraculous recovery. However, they were totally amazed as over the months that followed, Colton started to tell them about his experience during that time.

The little boy recounted how he left his body during the operation and explained exactly where each of his parents were (in different parts of the hospital - praying). As the months went by Colton shared more snippets of what he had experienced and seen.

Although too young to have read the Bible, Colton described heaven in details totally in line with the Scriptures. He talked about meeting Jesus and sitting on his lap. He described what Jesus was wearing, and that He sat next to His Father. He mentioned just how big God is and how much He loves us and that he had spoken with angels.

One day Colton mentioned to his mother that he has two sisters, although he only had one. He insisted there were two and that one had died in Mummy's tummy. He had no idea that his Mum had suffered a miscarriage many years before he was born and yet the little girl ran up to him in heaven and gave him a hug.

Colton told his parents that in heaven no-one wears glasses and no-one is old. One day Colton said to his Dad that he had seen his Great-Grandpa in heaven, someone he had never met who had died when his Dad was very young. His Dad found a photo of his Grandpa and asked if this was the person, and yet Colton said no. However, when he showed a much younger photo of his Grandpa in his thirties, the little boy immediately recognised him as the person he had met in heaven. Colton's Great-Grandpa knew him too, even though Colton had been born decades after he had died!

Heaven is for Real is written by Colton's Father, Todd Burpo and published by Thomas Nelson. It is so encouraging, comforting and inspiring. It reminds us that eternity awaits us and that we need to be sure of our place in heaven. This is a fascinating book and DVD...but be sure to have a box of tissues handy!

Margaret



Verses from the Bible about Heaven

People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.
Luke 13:39

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do, who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.
Philippians 3:20-21

Jesus said, My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am. John 14: 2-3

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, ... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.
Revelation 21: 1-3

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"
Revelation 21: 4-5

Holy City

I do not think those streets are paved with gold
garish and hard; I see them soft as grass
forever fresh with dew. For I am told
the world, grass too, will be transformed past
imagination. Then we shall walk
naked at heart and pure, washed of shame,
fresh from the hand of God. And He will talk
with us as treasured friends, as once He came
on earth to end the great rebellion. A lover
could go no further, God who shed His blood
to rescue the defiant and recover
those who were lost. He welcomes in a flood
of beggars through His gates. Most gracious Lord
grant us that entrance which we can't afford.

David Corfe 2018 Holy City in More poems from my knapsack p 79



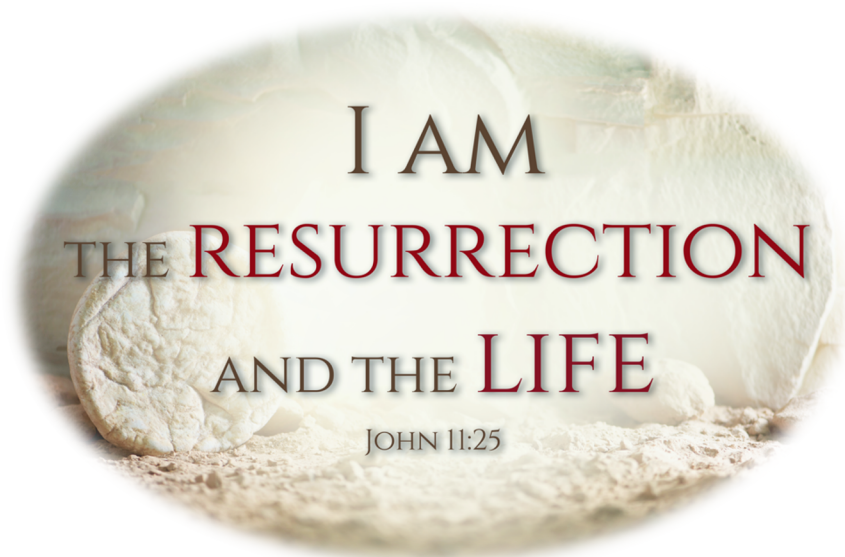
Why Christians believe in the Resurrection

- We know from historical accounts that without doubt, Jesus really did die on the Cross. But we also have evidence from contemporary eyewitnesses that He appeared in a real, transformed body to many people after His death. So what happened in between?
- On Easter Day the tomb was found empty. Of course, an empty tomb is not proof of a resurrection. However, the site of Jesus' tomb was well known to Romans, Jews and the new Christians. A movement founded on the belief that Jesus had risen, could never have started in the very city in which He had been publicly executed and buried, if the tomb was not empty.
- Indeed, no one disputed that the tomb was empty. The question was always, 'What has happened to the body?' In fact, it was the Jewish authorities who invented the story that the guards had fallen asleep whilst the body was stolen. They did so, because they knew that the tomb was empty.
- The account of the empty tomb is very early, from before AD 37. A legendary story could never have been concocted in such a short time, whilst eyewitnesses were still living.
- The accounts in the Gospels about the women finding the tomb empty are extremely straightforward and simple, in contrast to fictional accounts from 200 years later, which contain unrealistic details typical of legends.
- The unanimous account that the empty tomb was discovered by women argues for this to be true, as legends would have made men (considered more reliable witnesses at the time) the discoverers.



- Jesus' friends had no motive to steal His body, hide it and then proclaim He had risen, since they knew this would be a lie plunging them into very grave danger.
- The raising of Jesus from the dead by God was the central belief of the early Christians. They had to be quite sure it was true, since many went on to be martyred for refusing to deny the Resurrection.

If Jesus was not raised from the dead, Christianity falls apart. But Jesus meant it when he stated, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life.' (*John 11:25*) So believers in Jesus are promised that we can die in the confident expectation that we too will share in His eternal resurrection life.





The Timing of Easter

Ever since the Council of Nicaea, convened by Emperor Constantine in 325 AD, Easter Day has been fixed to the lunar cycle by falling on the Sunday following the first full moon of the vernal equinox (the time in spring when night and day are equal in length). This occurs between 22 March and 25 April, but is complicated by the Eastern Orthodox Julian calendar which is 13 days behind our Western Gregorian calendar. Easter is also deliberately linked to the Jewish festival of Passover.



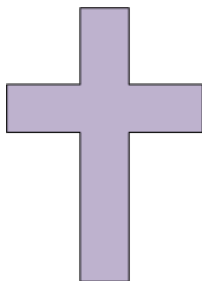
This formula has been a matter of constant debate and dissent throughout the centuries and there have been at least 15 serious attempts to come to a decision. In 1925 the Easter Act proposed the Sunday after the 2nd Saturday of April, but there was no agreement. In 1997 the World Council of Churches meeting in Aleppo recommended a unified but not fixed date and the Archbishop of Canterbury suggested further talks. Subsequently, the Coptic Pope proposed the 2nd Sunday in April, apparently supported by Pope Francis, but the Bishop of Durham has pointed out the significance of the Passover imagery which should not be lost. The Archbishop of Canterbury hoped for progress within 10 years! Judging by the continuing ecclesiastical dithering, agreement looks as far away as ever!!



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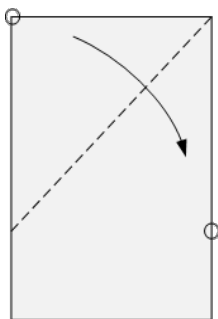
## **Make your own cross for Easter**

Cut out a cross with one straight cut

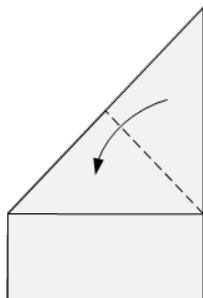


Follow the steps over the page to show how you can cut out a shape of a cross from a regular piece of paper with one, straight cut!

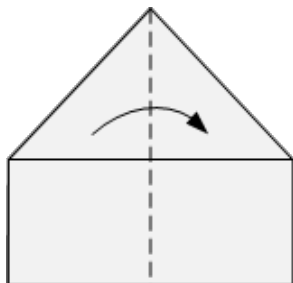
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2. Fold the top right corner down.



3. Fold in half along a vertical line.



4. Fold in half vertically again.



5. Cut along the vertical line.







## The Seed Shop

Here in a quiet and dusty room they lie,  
Faded as crumbled stone or shifting sand.  
Forlorn as ashes, shrivelled, scentless, dry  
Meadows and gardens running through my hand.

In this brown husk a dale of hawthorn dreams,  
A cedar in this narrow cell is thrust  
That will drink deeply of a century's streams.  
These lilies shall make summer on my dust.

Here in their safe and simple house of death  
Sealed in their shells a million roses leap.  
Here I can blow a garden with my breath,  
And in my hand a forest lies asleep.

Muriel Stuart

# EASTER QUIZ

1. Which celebrations immediately precede Easter?
2. What is the traditional Easter flower?
3. What is the Friday before Easter usually called?
4. What does the tradition of Easter eggs symbolise?
5. What are the Easter colours?
6. On which day is it traditional to make pancakes?
7. Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. How many days after His crucifixion did God raise Jesus from the dead?
8. The Easter season starts on Easter Day and lasts for how many days? 14, 21, 32 or 50?
9. In Western Churches what is the first day of Lent – Ash Wednesday or Shrove Tuesday?
10. Which bread product is associated with Easter?
11. The Sunday a week before Easter is called what?
12. Name the hill where Jesus was crucified.
13. Hot cross buns are marked with what symbol on the top?
14. What might people traditionally wear in the Easter parade?
15. What kind of cloth was used to wrap the body of Jesus?
16. Which actor and actress starred in the fantastic 1948 movie Easter Parade?
17. Who wrote Easter Parade?
18. Lent is the fasting period leading up to Easter, how long does it go for?
19. Who betrayed Jesus?
20. At the Last Supper, what food did Jesus liken to his body?



# Easter Crossword

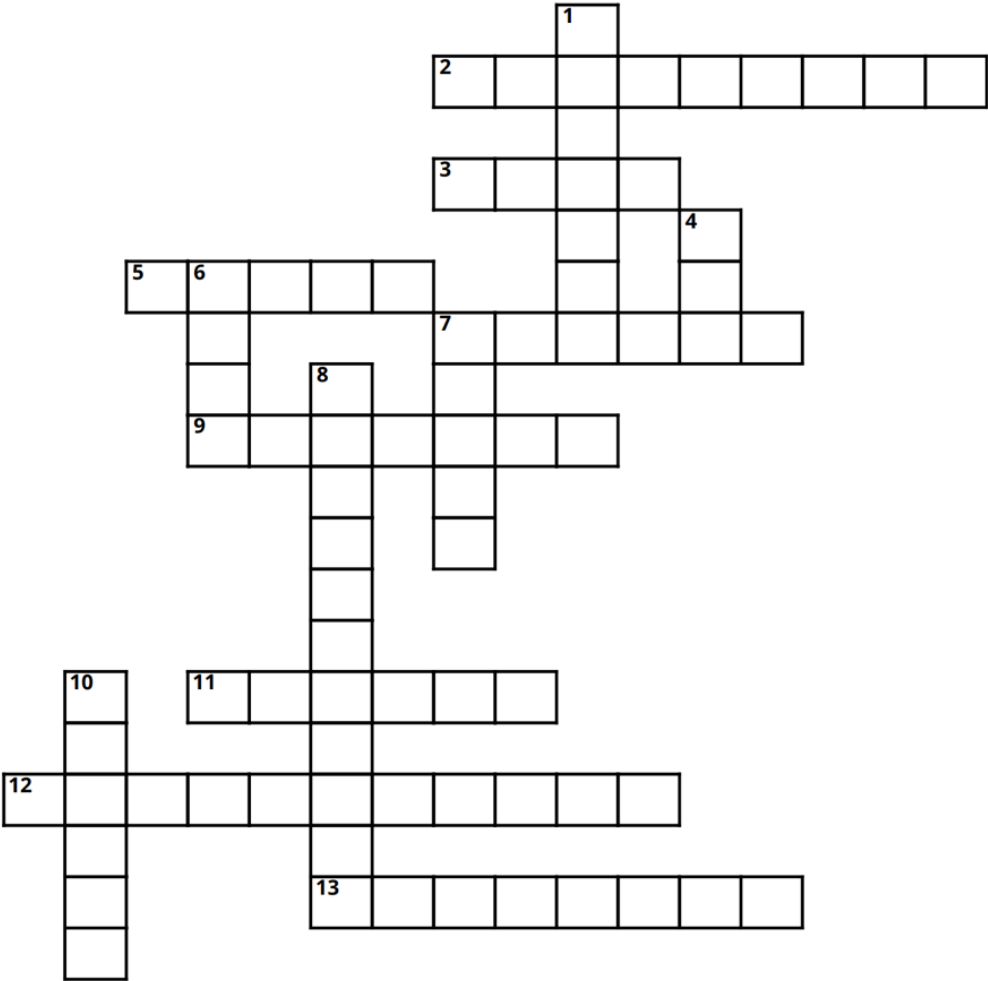
## Across

- 2 Most popular Easter present
- 3 The search for Easter eggs :  
Easter Egg \_ \_ \_ \_
- 5 In 'Alice in Wonderland' what colour is the rabbit with the pocket watch?
- 7 Something used to collect Easter eggs
- 9 The date of Easter changes every year because of this
- 11 What do eggs represent at Easter ?

- 12 In the song Easter Parade what street do they walk down?
- 13 Make eggs look pretty

## Down

- 1 Traditional Easter hats usually tied with ribbons
- 4 A female rabbit
- 6 An animal that looks like a rabbit with long ears
- 7 Another word for rabbit
- 8 Female star of the film 'Easter Parade'
- 10 These hatch out of real eggs



## WORDSEARCH

To solve this puzzle, first unscramble the words below, then find the word in the grid on the next page. Each word is connected with Spring and Easter!

OCOECHATL \_\_\_\_\_

NUDSAY \_\_\_\_\_

EDETCARO \_\_\_\_\_

MIFYAL \_\_\_\_\_

GGES \_\_\_\_\_

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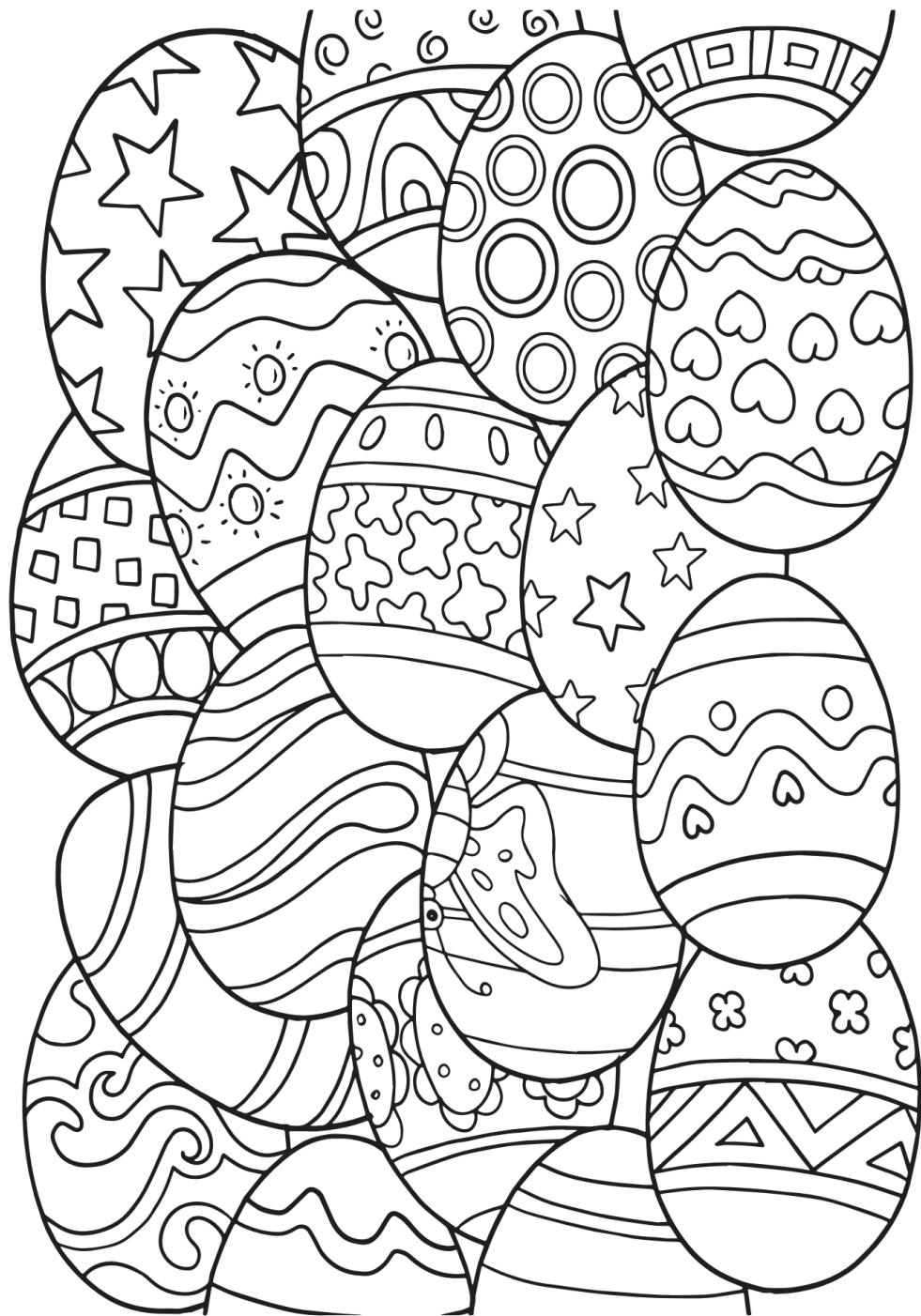
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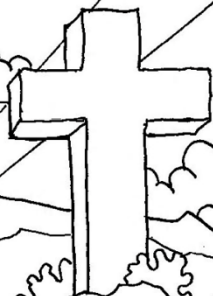


Hallelujah!

Christ Arose

On The Third

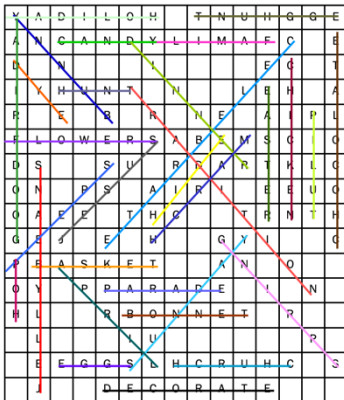
Day.



## Answers to Easter Quiz

1. Holy Week
2. White Lily
3. Good Friday
4. Rebirth
5. Purple & yellow
6. Shrove Tuesday
7. Three days
8. Fifty
9. Ash Wednesday
10. Pretzel
11. Palm Sunday
12. Calvary
13. Cross
14. Decorated bonnets
15. Linen
16. Fred Astaire & Judy Garland
17. Irving Berlin
18. Forty Days
19. Judas
20. Bread

## Wordsearch answers

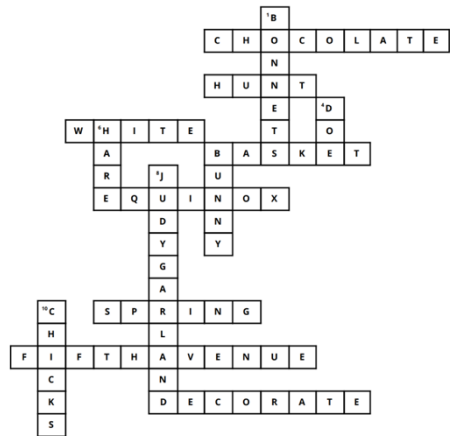


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 SESUJ \_\_\_JESUS\_\_\_  
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 NUNYB \_\_\_BUNNY\_\_\_  
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 EATESR \_\_\_EASTER\_\_\_  
 SJBYNELEAL \_\_\_JELLYBEANS\_\_\_  
 NUHT \_\_\_HUNT\_\_\_  
 BECETELRA \_\_\_CELEBRATE\_\_\_  
 YDE \_\_\_DYE\_\_\_

HEDI \_\_\_HIDE\_\_\_  
 NENIRD \_\_\_DINNER\_\_\_  
 POH \_\_\_HOP\_\_\_  
 CHCHRU \_\_\_CHURCH\_\_\_  
 GEG TUHN \_\_\_EGG HUNT\_\_\_  
 DILAOHY \_\_\_HOLIDAY\_\_\_  
 NOENBT \_\_\_BONNET\_\_\_  
 PITLU \_\_\_TULIP\_\_\_

## Crossword answers



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