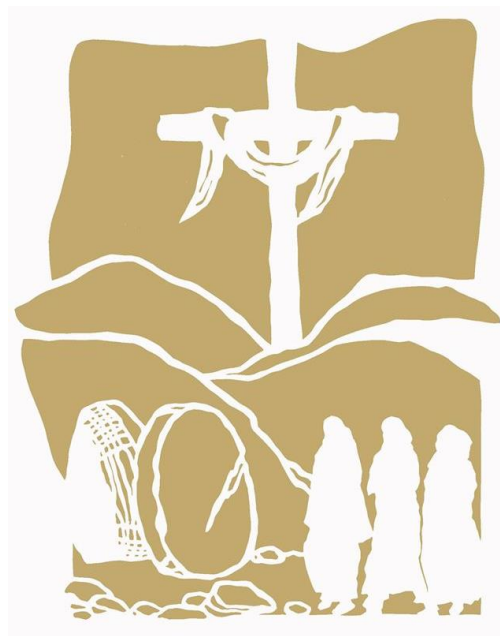
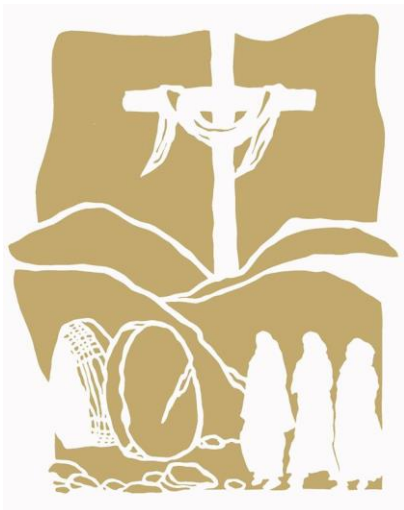


Easter Sunday
April 12, 2020



- Original Artwork by Heather Gerber



Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

PRELUDE

“Canzona Bergamasca”
The Cathedral Brass

Samuel Scheidt

(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

Christ has risen!

Christ has risen indeed!

INTROIT

“Fanfare” from “Te Deum Laudamus”
The Cathedral Brass

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Today we come to the tomb

And discover that the stone has been rolled away!

The tomb is empty; Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

We don't find Christ in the empty tomb; Christ is among us, no matter where we are this morning.

Christ is present, resurrected and alive, in us and in every act of compassion and love! Come, let us worship our risen Christ!

*HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, sometimes we choose darkness over light.

Sometimes we choose hatred and anger over love and joy.

Sometimes we choose to hold grudges rather than grant forgiveness.

Sometimes we choose to look away rather than respond to suffering around us.

Open us to your love, to your acceptance, to your forgiveness, to your peace;

Open us to one another and to the possibilities you have in store for us.

Give us hope for the future and a passion for life here and now.

We pray in the name of the One who destroyed death, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come into the light of God's love!

Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you. In the name of the risen Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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*PEACE OF CHRIST

All those gathered virtually and in their homes are invited to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries:

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

"How the Virus stole Easter"

Pastor Greg

(A story written by Kristi Bothur, with a nod to Dr. Seuss)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your Word is read and proclaimed, O God, help us to listen with open ears, think with open minds, and trust with open hearts. May we be open to receive and share the life-giving love found in your Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 28:1-10

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Rejoice the Lord is King"

Darwall's 148th/arr. Owens

Pre-recorded, 2018; Chancel Choir, Robin Koozer Director

*Congregation & Choir:

Rejoice in glorious hope!

Our Lord the judge shall come

And take his servants up to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart,

Lift up your voice this Easter Day!

I say, rejoice!

Amen!

MESSAGE

"Goodness is stronger than evil. Hope is stronger than fear"

Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

"This Easter Celebration"

Insert

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Contrapunctus IX"

The Cathedral Brass

J. S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant that we cannot measure them all. You give us life itself and embrace us with your love. Then you invite us to share your love with others. Bless these gifts that they may be used to show your love to those in need. In your generous name, we pray. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!"

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.
I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

***RESPONSE**

"Hallelujah Chorus"

from G.F. Handel's *Messiah*

The Calvin, Westminster, and Chancel Choir and Members of the Congregation, *pre-recorded 2018*

***POSTLUDE**

"Toccata" from Symphony No. 5

Charles Widor

Pre-recorded 2019; Organist Linda Vollweiler

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

Special thanks to the Cathedral Brass for their worship leadership this morning:
Dr. Louie Eckhardt, trumpet | Erin Beave, trumpet | Joshua Brooks, trumpet | Dr. Robert
Benton, euphonium | Andrew Buller, horn | Dan Sodomka, tuba

**COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!**

"Stay at Home" Traditional Worship Service


Broadcast live

10:30 a.m. on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings


(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM

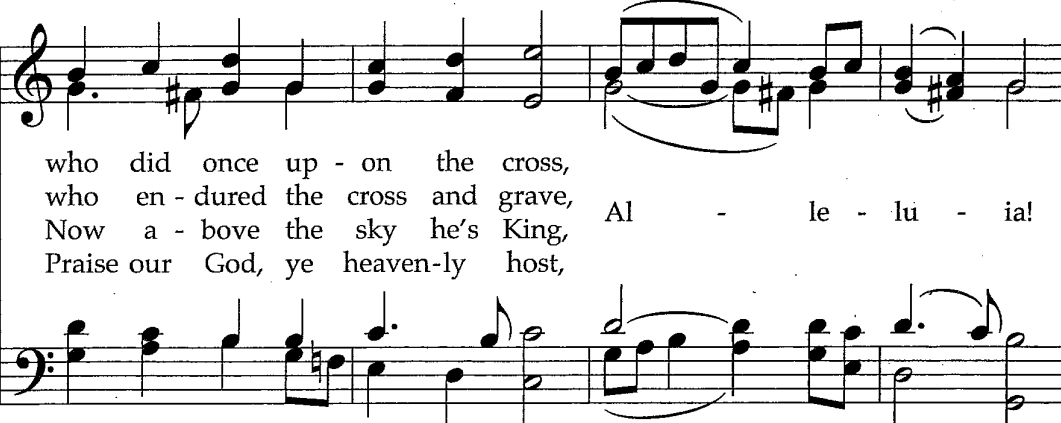
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



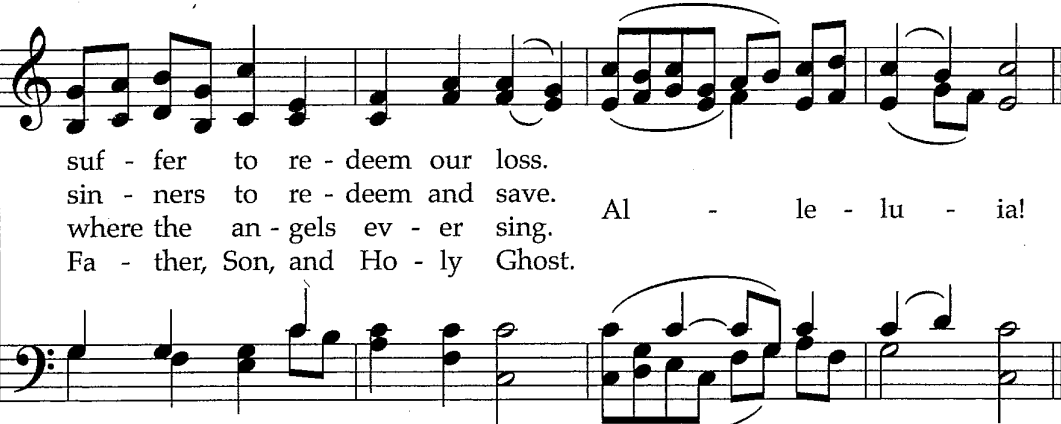
1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,



our tri - um-phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven-ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.



who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven-ly host,




suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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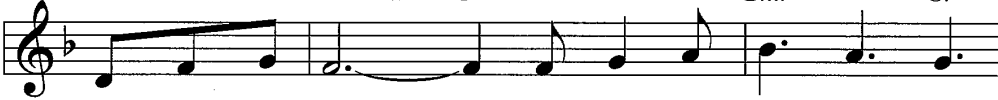
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

This Easter Celebration

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2020

Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

1. This Eas - ter ce - le - bra - tion is not like ones we've known.
2. No gath - ered choirs are sing - ing; no ban - ners lead the way.
3. Our joy won't come from wor - ship that's in a crowd - ed room
4. In all the grief and suf - fer - ing, may we re - mem - ber well:
5. We thank you that on Eas - ter, your church is blessed to be

We pray in i - so - la - tion, we sing the hymns a - lone.
O God of love and prom - ise, where's joy this Eas - ter Day?
but from the news of wom - en who saw the emp - ty tomb.
Christ suf - fered cru - ci - fix - ion and faced the powers of hell.
a scat - tered, faith - ful bo - dy that's do - ing mi - ni - stry.

We're dis - tant from our neigh - bors— from wor - ship lead - ers, too.
With sanc - tu - a - ries emp - ty, may homes be - come the place
Our joy comes from di - sci - ples who ran with haste to see—
Each Eas - ter bears the pro - mise: Christ rose that glo - rious day!
In homes and in the pla - ces of help and heal - ing, too,

No flo - wers grace the chan - cel to set a fes - tive mood.
we pon - der re - sur - rec - tion and ce - le - brate your grace.
who heard that Christ is ris - en, and then, by grace, be - lieved.
Now no - thing in cre - a - tion can keep your love a - way.
we live the Eas - ter mes - sage by glad - ly serv - ing you.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248

1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!
 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.
 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.

Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.
 Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.

In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de-mon-ic cho-rus: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"

Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
 Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na ev-ery-one!

In commenting on this late 20th-century text, the author has stressed his intention to affirm the social implications of an Easter faith: "Christian peace and justice action finds its wellspring, not in moral zeal or guilty conscience, but in the resurrection."

Lilies Given In Memory of
Steve & Lesa Cropley Loved Ones
Mary Northrop Frank, David, Michele Northrop
The Bliss, Hermes, and Olsen families Hal Lainson



Lilies Given In Honor Of
Mary Northrop John Northrop
The Bliss, Hermes, and Olsen families Gretchen Lainson

April 12, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Lois and Lester Beahm by Cindy & Terry Beahm and family.

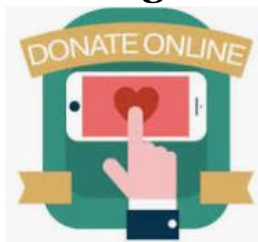
Flowers are given in memory of Henrietta Morhart, Frank Morhart, Doris Kovar Morhart, and Dr. Louis J. Kovar.

Today's service will be broadcast

- live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings
(You don't need to have an account to watch.)
- on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.
- on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- at Good Samaritan Village, the service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

A copy of any Sunday service is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or jean@fpchastings.org.

Looking for a way to give during our time of "Stay at Home" Church?



the church counts on your giving to carry on its work. As you participate in "Stay at Home" Worship, please mail your donation in, drop by the church office during the week, sign up for electronic fund transfers, or give on-line at: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

In the days and weeks to come, the church will continue to play a vital role in responding to this virus, just as we did with the flood relief efforts in Nebraska last year. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

The Allen-Pickett Family

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke
 Jim Duval
 Cheryl Ann Elfond
 Jane Horton
 Jim Hahne
 Everly Hogan
 Janet Schawang

FPC Prayers for:

Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)
 Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's Dad)
 Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)
 Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)
 Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)
 Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's Dad)
 Georga & Duane Ochsner

Alana DeBellis & family
 Family of Celia Ganow
 Jeff Howard
 Irina Erickson's Mom
 Gretchen Lainson
 Jim Harrenstein
 Ben & Joyce Ore

Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by calling the church office at 402-462-5147.



Help Us Celebrate...

Please wish Carol Medsker a happy 90th birthday on April 12. Her family requests a card shower in her honor. Send your cards to her at 902 East F Street, Hastings, NE 68901.

April Communion Offering goes to the Maryland Living Center (MLC) of Hastings. The mission of MLC is to provide an empowering life experience in a stable, safe, and secure living and learning environment for homeless or transitioning youth. MLC is a permanent housing facility that aims to successfully transition homeless and aged-out youth, ages 16-21 years old, into independent living within 12-18 months.

MLC felt what they currently most need is entertainment for the residents in the form of young adult card games, puzzles, board games, adult coloring books, markers/crayons, books, etc. These items can be dropped off at MLC.

This Week at FPC --- April 13 – April 19, 2020

Session has voted to suspend all in person meetings through May 11 in order to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. All boards and committees will continue to meet via conference call to be coordinated by the church staff representative.

Mon, Apr 13		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent out via email and social media
Tues, Apr 14	Easter Monday 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 5:30p-6:30p 6:00p-7:00p	Office Closed Staff Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing Cong Life meeting via ZOOM Conferencing Trustees meeting via Zoom Conferencing
Wed, Apr 15	7:00a-8:00a 9:30a-10:30p	Bible at Breakfast via ZOOM Conferencing Hastings College Chapel “Kid’s Corner” Communication from Stephanie Brader Sent out via email and social media
Thurs, Apr 16	7:00a-8:00a 4:30p-5:30p 5:30p-7:00p	Bible at Breakfast via Zoom Conferencing FPC/Pooh Corner Liaison Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing Session meeting via Zoom Conferencing
Fri, Apr 17		“Friday Feature” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent out via email and social media
Fri, Apr 18	9:30a-2:00p	United Harvest
Sun, Apr 19	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service



The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Tuesday, May 26, 2020, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendar now! To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at

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Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

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Third Saturday of the Month
Annex Building
Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

	April 18, 2020	
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	11:30 AM

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. Those interested in



2020 VBS Volunteers Needed

First Presbyterian Church--Hastings, NE

volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00. Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.

We are preparing for two amazing Vacation Bible School offerings again this year—our Traditional VBS and our Special-Needs VBS.

We are using Cokesbury's Knight of North Castle VBS. North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.

Knights of North Castle VBS invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power.

They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and they will explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.

Our Traditional VBS will be held

Monday, June 1- Thursday, June 4, from 9:00am-12:00pm

Our Special-Needs VBS will be held

Monday, June 1 – Wednesday, June 3, from 1:00pm-3:00pm

It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register SOON as a volunteer at <https://fpchastings.org/children/>. Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.



KIDS' CORNER (also located on Facebook)

Dear FPC Family:

Each Wednesday, I will be recording a short bible story and share a link to some fun activities that all correspond with the scripture lesson for the following Sunday. I'll be calling this "Kids' Corner." You can click on the links below to watch the video and to connect with some fun puzzles and crafts. The video and materials are geared mostly toward children,

but I hope that some adults will enjoy them also. Please share with your friends, kids, and grandkids.

Link to the Bible Story

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1PFLLVrHLOM&feature=youtu.be>

Link to the activities: https://drive.google.com/open?id=1TWSVduNtI-bwtkqfNKxYoo_mNrCl23fI

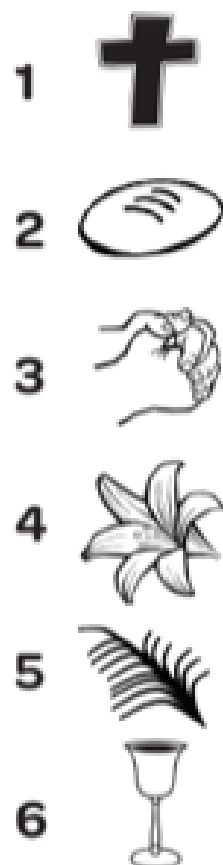
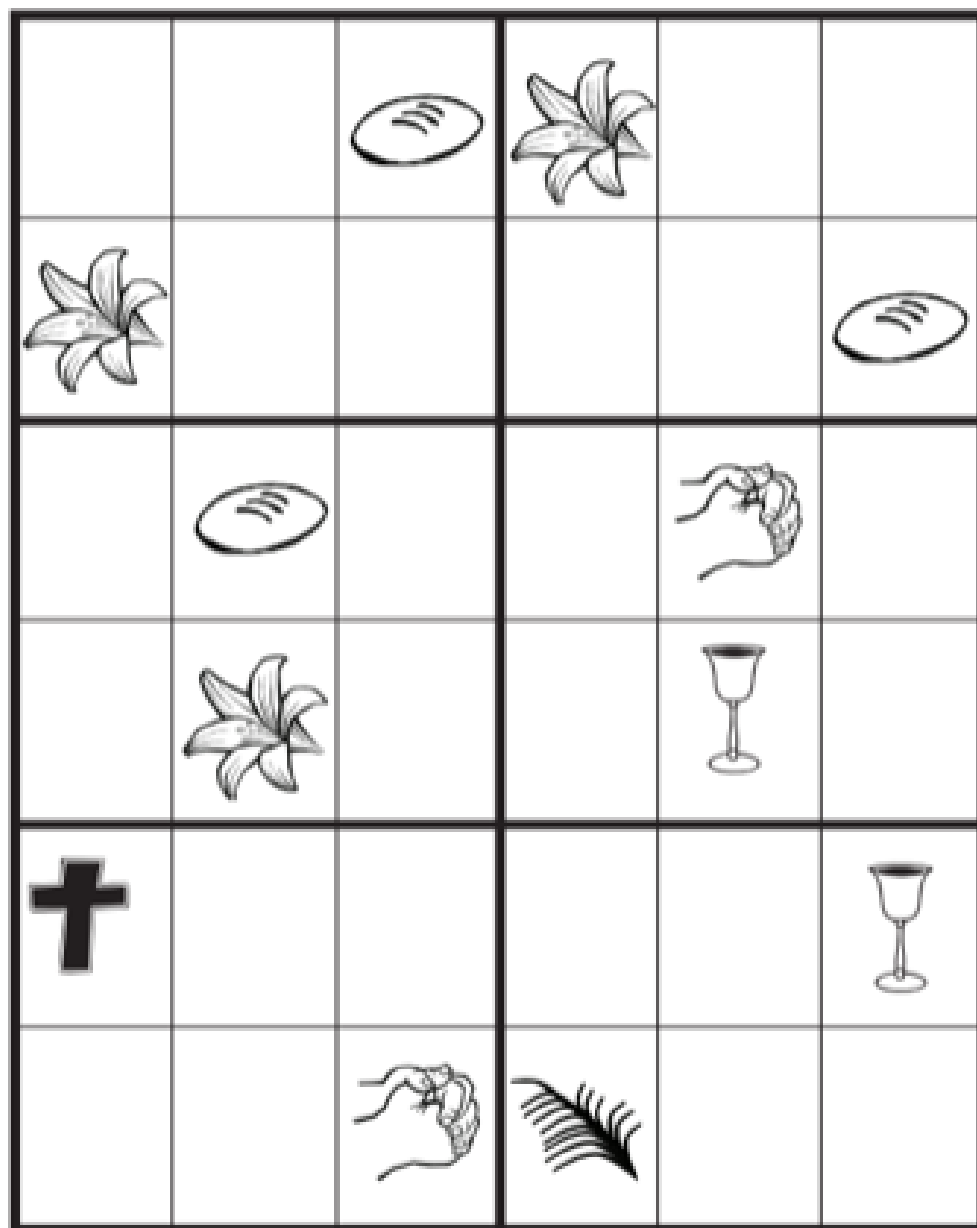
I look forward to continuing to connect with families through "Kids' Corner" and to continue our faith formation outside of our routine programs like Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live. Have a blessed week!

Your Servant in Christ,

Stephanie Brader, Director of Education for Children & Youth

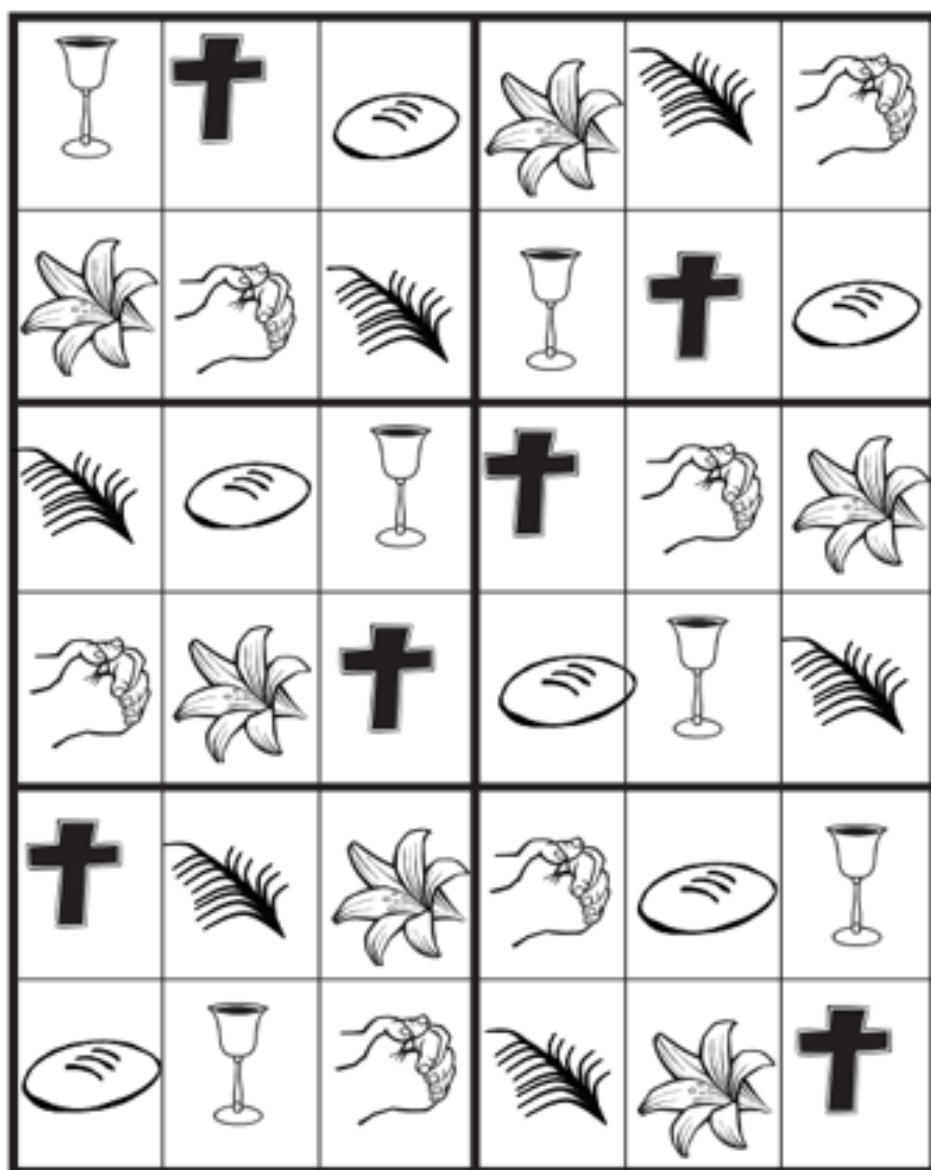
Sunday Sudoku







Can you fill in this Sudoku with things that remind us of Holy Week? Remember, every row, line, and mini-box must contain one of each picture!



Sunday Sudoku Solution

Can you fill in this Sudoku with things that remind us of Holy Week? Remember, every row, line, and mini-box must contain one of each picture!



- 1 
- 2 
- 3 
- 4 
- 5 
- 6 

Do-It-Yourself Resurrection Eggs

Supplies:

- 12 plastic eggs
- an egg carton
- egg carton label (printable below)
- glue
- trinkets to represent each part of the story -OR- you can print pictures of the items (printable below)
- permanent marker, optional
- Easter story cheat sheet (printable below)
- Bible

Directions:

Print and cut out the egg carton label, Easter story cheat sheet, and trinket pictures (if you are not using actual trinkets). Have your child color the egg carton label. Then glue the label to the top of your egg carton. Put one trinket or picture in each egg. Using the permanent marker, number the eggs in order of the story. You'll find accompanying Bible verses on the Easter story cheat sheet to help you number the eggs and to tell the story. Once you are done, pull out your Bible and read the passages as you open each of the eggs.

Resurrection
eggs

Cut on the dotted lines.

Easter Story Cheat Sheet

1. Matthew 21: 2-3, 6-8; donkey
2. Matthew 26: 14-16; silver coins
3. Matthew 26: 27-28; cup/goblet
4. Mark 14:32-34; praying hands
5. John 19:1; whip
6. Mark 14: 71-72; rooster
7. Matthew 27: 27-29; crown of thorns
8. John 19:16-18; cross made of nails
9. John 19:32-34; spear
10. Matthew 27:57-60; white cloth
11. Matthew 28: 2-4; stone
12. Matthew 28:5-6; empty

Holy Week



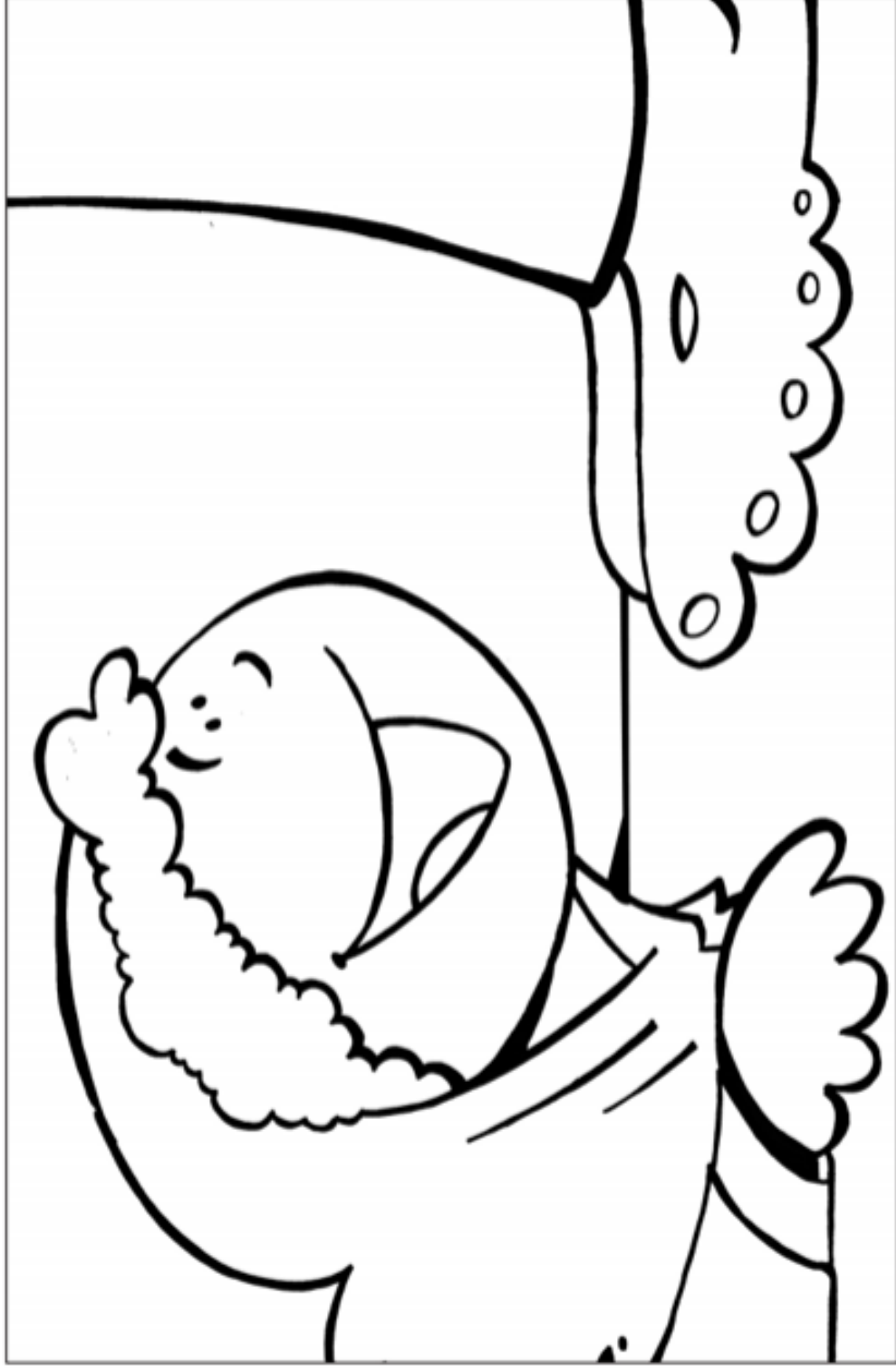
It was a very sad day when Jesus died.

Holy Week



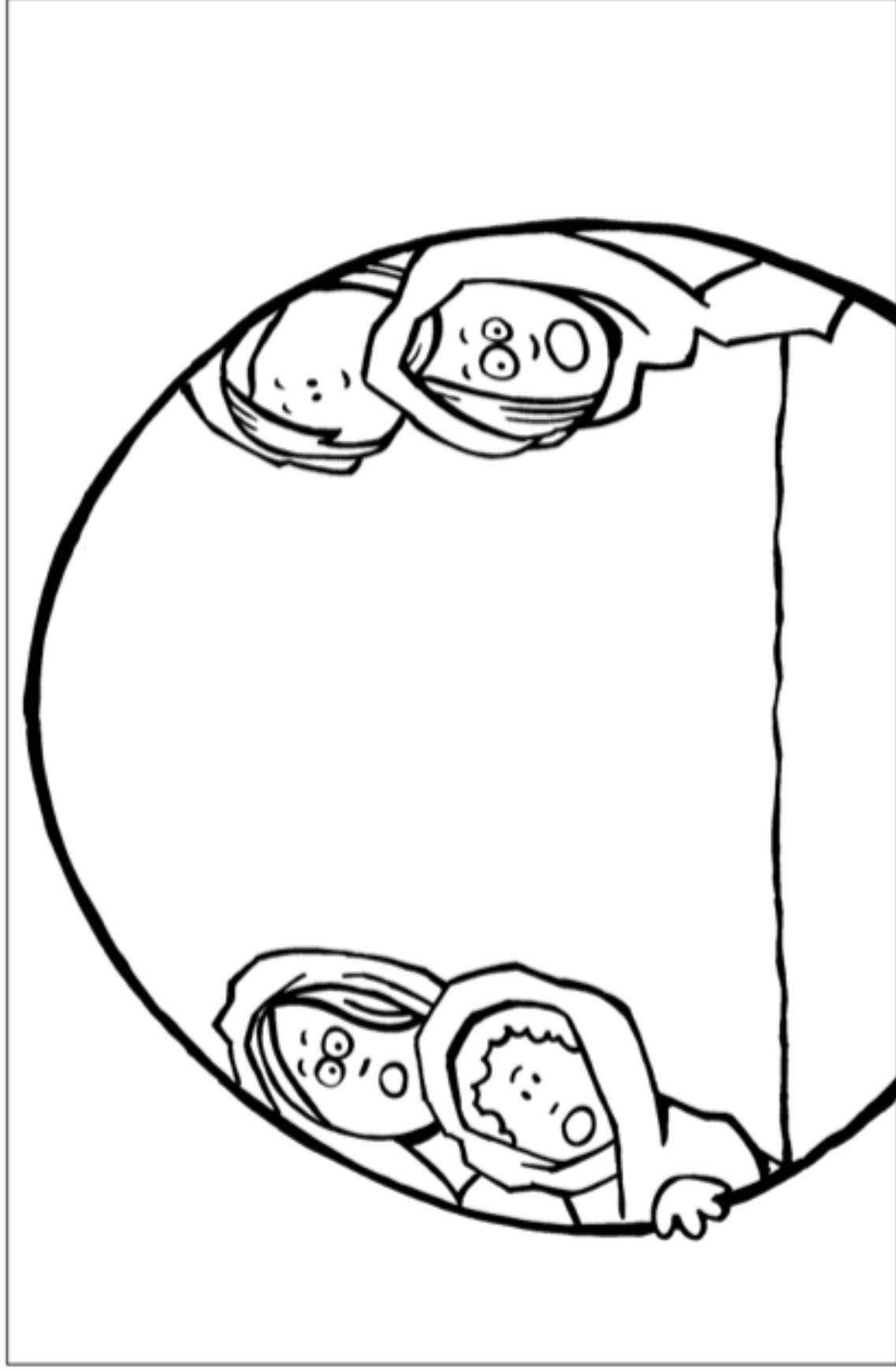
The soldiers made Jesus carry a heavy wooden cross. The cross was too heavy for him.

The Empty Tomb



It was Jesus! Jesus was really alive!

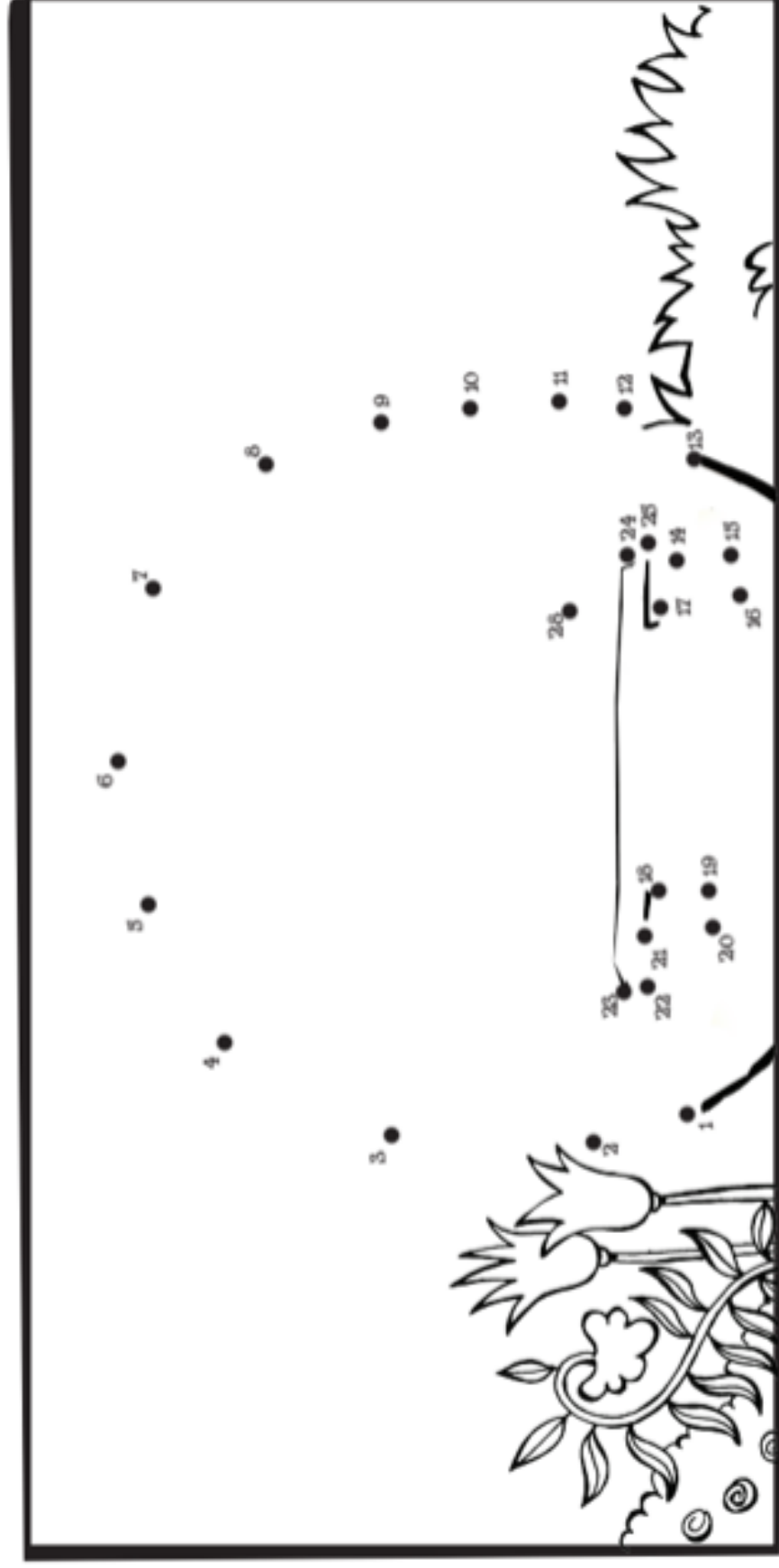
The Empty Tomb



“Don’t be afraid!” the angel said. “Jesus is alive!”

Surprise on Easter

The disciples went to the tomb where they laid Jesus' body. They were very surprised at what they found when they got there! Connect the dots to show the place they visited.



Follow Me!

Follow the women to the empty tomb as you track the verse from Matthew. Starting with "I Know," follow the verse as the words go right, left, down, or diagonally. If you get stuck, turn to page 1097 in your Spark Bible for help.

