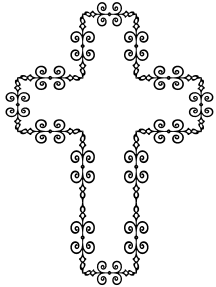


Egg Prayers

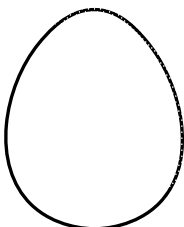
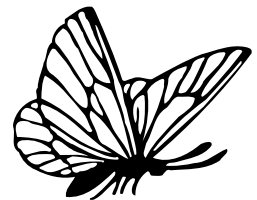
During the children's time in worship, we shared Easter eggs filled with different symbols for the resurrection. Before we get to our faith formation practice, let's look at each of these symbols and why they're used to represent the resurrection.

There are a lot of stories that connect lilies to the Easter story. One favorite is that the trumpet shape of the flower reminds us of the angels who celebrated with trumpets and other musical instruments at Jesus' resurrection.



The cross may seem like a reminder of Good Friday, and it can be that. But this cross is an "empty" cross because Jesus' story did not end on a cross. When we see an empty cross, we can remember that Jesus' story continued on after the cross through the resurrection.

Butterfly – The butterfly has long been a symbol for the resurrection. The life cycle of the butterfly – from caterpillar to cocoon to butterfly – is reminiscent of Christ's life, death, and resurrection..



Egg – An egg is a symbol of new life in many cultures and traditions. Christians see an egg as symbolizing the resurrection of Jesus. As a chick emerges from an egg, Christ emerged from the tomb. Eggs remind us of the new life we have in Christ.

If you have Easter eggs at home, hide them again! Then go on a hunt. When you find an egg, offer a short prayer (conversation with God) based on the following color guide.

If you don't have Easter eggs at home or don't want to go on another hunt, consider offering a prayer based on the color of the shirt/pants/shoes you wear each day this week!

Red or pink – Tell God something that makes you happy.

Orange – Give thanks to God for a friend or family member.

Yellow – Ask God for help with something that's hard.

Blue – Share with God something you feel sorry or sad about.

Green – Tell God thank you for something you really like about where you live.

Purple – Think about someone you know who may be sick or sad. Ask God to help them feel better.

Polka-dot/stripped/other – Think about something that makes you say "Wow!" Tell God about it.

