



Prayers for Your Easter Celebrations From Living Grace Lutheran Church Omaha, Nebraska, USA



Prayer Before the Easter Meal

Invite an older child to read the resurrection story from Mark 16:2-7. If no children are present, it may be read by an adult.

“Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, the women went to the tomb. On the way they were asking each other, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but the angel said, ‘Don’t be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died.’”

An adult may then pray:

Let us pray. Lord God, you are the source of all gifts – like food, clothing, home, family and friends. We thank you for the many ways you have blessed us throughout our lives, and we are grateful for those who are gathered around this table with us this day.

Through the death and resurrection of your son Jesus, you have also blessed us with the gift of everlasting life. As we gather at this table to eat and celebrate your victory over death, may this meal be a reminder of the banquet we will share with you and those we love in heaven.

Bless this food that it may nourish and strengthen us to follow you and serve others in need. Amen