



**St. George's**  
Episcopal  
Church

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# Prayers During Easter Egg Hunt

**Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021**  
**11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

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You are welcome at  
St. George's Church:  
Regardless of race,  
nationality,  
sexual orientation,  
gender expression,  
or tradition.

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*Thank you for joining us to celebrate Easter today! The Easter egg hunt is a very old tradition, going back hundreds of years. Early Christians thought the egg was a good symbol for Easter. They thought the unhatched egg was like the tomb where Jesus was laid to rest and the baby animal that was birthed from an egg was like Jesus' resurrection.*

## **Welcome**

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**All: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

## **A reading from the Gospel of Matthew**

**Matthew 28:5 - 7**

One: The Gospel of Matthew tells us this: "The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said."

One: Today we celebrate that Jesus was risen from the dead. This reminds us that God is more powerful than death and that nothing is stronger than love.

Let us say a prayer to thank God for this day:

Through Jesus,  
God's love claimed victory over death,  
And opened for us the gate of new life forever.  
Lead us, risen Christ, into the mystery of Easter  
And fill us with your Holy Spirit  
So we can join you  
In building your kingdom of justice and love;  
Through your many names we pray. **Amen.**

*From: Gamber, J. & Seamans, T.J.S., Common Prayer for Children and Families*

And now let us say a prayer for our Easter egg hunt:

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of Easter eggs, a sign of new life and of Christ's resurrection. May the joy of Easter be a reminder of the joy we have in you now and always through Christ's death and resurrection. **Amen.**

*From Easter Egg Blessing Milestone Moment*

## **Blessing**

May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

One: We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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