

An underwater photograph showing sunlight filtering through the water, creating a shimmering, ethereal effect. The water is a deep blue-green color, and the light rays create a pattern of bright, wavy lines across the bottom. The overall mood is serene and peaceful.

HOLY WEEK AT HOME

# EASTER SUNDAY

Water is a sign of life, the life of Christ begun at our baptism. Place a bowl of water on the table in front of you. Easter Sunday, the Day of the Lord's Resurrection, is an opportunity to renew our baptismal faith.

## FAMILY PRAYER

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*Leader:* Exult, let them exult, the hosts of heaven,  
exult, let Angel ministers of God exult,  
let the trumpet of salvation  
sound aloud our mighty King's triumph!  
Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her,  
ablaze with light from her eternal King,  
let all corners of the earth be glad,  
knowing an end to gloom and darkness.  
Rejoice, let Mother Church also rejoice,  
arrayed with the lightning of his glory,  
let this holy building shake with joy,  
filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.

*Reader:* A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus, we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

The Word of the Lord.

*All:* Thanks be to God.

Spend a few minutes in silence to think about the reading. Perhaps parents could share the story of their children's baptism.

*Leader:* Let us renew the promises of our baptism.

*All:* WE RENOUNCE Satan, and all his works,  
and all his empty promises.

WE BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

WE BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered death and was buried,  
rose again from the dead  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

*Leader:* And may almighty God,  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us a new birth  
by water and the Holy Spirit  
and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins,  
keep us by his grace,  
in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
for eternal life.

*All:* Amen.

Family members now take some of the Easter water and bless themselves with it.

Make your own prayers for those who are sick or in need.  
Ask God to protect them. Finish each prayer with:

Lord, hear us.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader:* Let us pray the family prayer of all the baptised  
as Jesus taught us:

*All:* 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Leader:* May God bless us and keep us safe.

*All* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit. Amen.