



## Eden-Tay Cluster Home Messy Church Holy Week and Easter

home every day from Palm Sunday to Easter Day. Do as many as you want to together as a family and remember to talk about what it means. When you've made the crafts, please take photos and send them in to Susan or post them on the Eden-Tay Churches Facebook page (if you don't want to be in the photo that's OK, but please send photos of your crafts). [SThorburn@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:SThorburn@churchofscotland.org.uk)

*(PS Thanks to Bill at Howe of Fife for collecting and preparing most of this material)*

### Prayer Space

Why not set up a prayer space in a quiet corner of your house? It might be a corner or an alcove, you could decorate a cardboard box and make it into a special place. You might make a space big enough to put cushions to sit on or it might be a small space for a cross and a bible... what would make it special for you?

You could also use some of the symbols of Easter like a stone, a cup and plate, scented oil, or a diffuser, some coins, cloth, a towel...

Then, each day when you do a Messy craft read the story in your Prayer Space and say a prayer. If you can do it safely, you might also want to light a candle. Take time to be quiet. Thank God.



### Rainbows

Have you made a rainbow for your window? It would be great to share it on the Eden-Tay Churches Facebook page. Could you take a photo of your rainbow and send it to Susan? If you are happy to be in the picture it would be lovely to see you too.

### Helpful resources

Baker Ross have wonderful crafts for Easter and Holy Week and usually deliver quite fast: [www.bakerross.co.uk](http://www.bakerross.co.uk)

Hobbycraft also deliver and have lots of Easter crafts: [www.hobbycraft.co.uk](http://www.hobbycraft.co.uk)

There are lots of online resources for children's crafts, two good ones are:

[www.onelittleproject.com/easter-crafts-for-kids](http://www.onelittleproject.com/easter-crafts-for-kids) and [www.easypeasyandfun.com](http://www.easypeasyandfun.com)

Please also keep checking the Eden-Tay Churches Together Facebook page for more ideas.





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Jesus and his disciples were coming closer to Jerusalem. But first they stopped at the hill called the Mount of Olives. From there Jesus sent two of his disciples into town. He said to them, "Go to the town you can see there. When you enter it, you will find a donkey with her colt. Untie them both, and bring them to me. If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, tell them, 'The Master needs them. He will send them back soon.'"

This showed the meaning of what the prophet said:

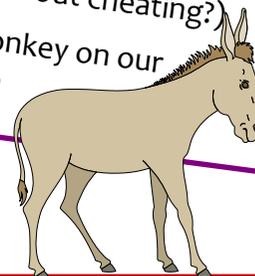
"Tell the people of Zion,  
Now your king is coming to you.  
He is humble and riding on a donkey."

The disciples went and did what Jesus told them to do. They brought the mother donkey and the young donkey to him. They covered the donkeys with their coats, and Jesus sat on them. On the way to Jerusalem, many people spread their coats on the road for Jesus. Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Some of the people were walking ahead of Jesus. Others were walking behind him. They all shouted,

"Praise to the Son of David! 'Welcome! God bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'  
Praise to God in heaven!"

Then Jesus went into Jerusalem. All the people in the city were confused. They asked, "Who is this man?" The crowds following Jesus answered, "This is Jesus. He is the prophet from the town of Nazareth in Galilee."

Matthew 21: 1 - 11 Easy to Read Version



### Palm Trees

Make 'palm' leaves by drawing round your hands and sticking them on a trunk drawn on paper. Get everybody in the house to join in (the dog too?)

Write a hope on each palm leaf.

Alternative: roll a piece of paper (crepe paper is good, but newspaper also works) tape the roll together then cut from the top to half way down all round the roll. The fronds will fall down and if you gently tug the top while holding the bottom, your tree should 'grow'.

### Pin the Tail on the Donkey

Play an old fashioned game - draw a big donkey on paper without a tail. Make a tail from card or string or a strip of cloth with a drawing pin or Blu-tack in one end. Take turns to be blindfolded and try to pin the tail on the right place. Who got closest (without cheating?)

Download a donkey on our Facebook page

## Palm Sunday

### Donkey Pictures

Draw a donkey check Howekirk and Eden-Tay FB pages for links

### Donkey Games

Donkey Catch and Donkey cards on Eden-Tay FB page on Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> April

### Parade

Dress up and have a parade round the living room or garden. Sing a favourite Messy Church song or shout 'Hosanna' and wave your palm branches.

### Pray

Thank you Jesus that you came humbly to show people how much God loved them;

Thank you that you still come to us humbly and with love.

Even when things have stopped we sing your praise and shout for joy because of you. Amen.





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## Monday in Holy Week

Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!"

The blind and the lame came to him in the Temple, and he healed them. The leading priests and the teachers of religious law saw these wonderful miracles and heard even the children in the Temple shouting, "Praise God for the Son of David."

But the leaders were indignant. They asked Jesus, "Do you hear what these children are saying?"

"Yes," Jesus replied. "Haven't you ever read the Scriptures? For they say, 'You have taught children and infants to give you praise.'" Then he returned to Bethany, where he stayed overnight.

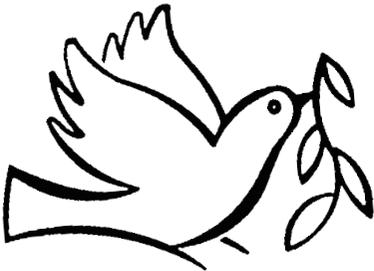
Matthew 21: 12 - 17 New Living Translation




**Junk Temple**  
Time to raid the recycling bin! Make a model Temple from old boxes, yogurt pots and juice cartons (make sure everything is clean and safe). Use your imagination or get inspiration by searching for a picture online of the Temple in Jerusalem. Build it big or small it's up to you... send a picture!

**Hunt the Money**  
Do you have any old or foreign coins in your home? Time to rummage the cupboards and find what you have. Euros? Dollars? Yen? Dinars? Zloty? Shekels? Who uses these currencies? Can you find out?  
Think about what you do with your money... what are good uses? What would God think?

**Doves for Sale**  
Make a dove either from the video I mentioned yesterday or another way is to use one hand, thumb down and fingers pointing to the top corner then add a head at the heel end of your hand add a beak...



**Hosanna**  
Write an acrostic or do a treasure hunt using the letters of Hosanna which is what the children sang in the Temple.

**Pray**  
Holy God,  
help us always praise you whatever we do,  
when we sing to you,  
when we bring you our offerings,  
in the ways we spend out money,  
in the ways we treat other people,  
by what we see as valuable.  
Thank you that children led the way  
when Jesus went to the Temple. Amen.





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## Tuesday in Holy Week

When Jesus was at Bethany, a guest of Simon the Leper, a woman came up to him as he was eating dinner and anointed him with a bottle of very expensive perfume. When the disciples saw what was happening, they were furious. "That's criminal! This could have been sold for a lot and the money handed out to the poor."

When Jesus realized what was going on, he intervened. "Why are you giving this woman a hard time? She has just done something wonderfully significant for me. You will have the poor with you every day for the rest of your lives, but not me. When she poured this perfume on my body, what she really did was anoint me for burial. You can be sure that wherever in the whole world the Message is preached, what she has just done is going to be remembered and admired."

Matthew 26: 6 - 13 The Message

### Perfume Sachets

Fold a piece of fabric or felt in half and sew along the two sides (or stick/staple). Decorate the bag with different coloured stitches or stick on sequins etc. Put a few drops of essential oil or perfume on some cotton wool and put it in the bag and tie the top with ribbon or wool or string. Put it in your sock drawer and keep it smelling sweet! Think about the precious things in your life.



### Prayer Rocks

Find a smooth pebble from the garden, make sure it's clean then stick a fabric or felt shape on with PVA. What shape would you like? A cross, a heart, a butterfly? Something that makes you think about God's love... When you pray hold it in your hand and remember God is your Rock.

### Special Treat

When the woman poured the oil on Jesus it was a special gift of love. Think about the people you love - maybe family you've not seen recently. Maybe special friends. What would be a special treat for them from you? Phone or Skype/Facetime today and let them know you love them. What special treat would you like?

### Bath Bombs

Look up a recipe for making bath bombs online (there are lots) and enjoy having a scented bath.

### Perfume Bottles

Design and make a perfume bottle out of Lego. Give it a long neck. Use your imagination

### Pray

Thank you Jesus for loving us so much that you even died for us.  
Thank you for the special things we have that make us happy.  
Thank you for the special people in our lives who we love and who love us, we pray for them now...  
Help us always do our best for you. Amen.





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## Wednesday in Holy Week

At that time the chief priests and the nation's leaders were meeting at the home of Caiaphas the high priest. They planned how they could sneak around and have Jesus arrested and put to death. But they said, "We must not do it during Passover, because the people will riot."

Judas Iscariot was one of the twelve disciples. He went to the chief priests and asked, "How much will you give me if I help you arrest Jesus?" They paid Judas thirty silver coins, and from then on he started looking for a good chance to betray Jesus.

Matthew 26: 3 - 5 & 14 - 16  
Contemporary English Version

Some people call this Spy Wednesday because Judas became a spy for the priests. So why not dress up as spies in disguise and send secret messages today

### Secret Scenes

**Part 1:** Get an old shoe box (or another box) take off the lid and at one end of the box cut a hole just big enough to look through with one eye. Part way down the box cut two slits from top to bottom and along the bottom then fold back like doors so you can let light in or make it darker. You could also cut window holes in the lid then glue some cellophane (sweet wrappers) or tissue over them to make coloured light.

**Part 2:** create a scene inside the box from the Easter story or another favourite story using small boxes and containers to make scenery and clothes pegs or Lego for people or card cutout people which you could put on chopsticks or skewers and make holes at the bottom of the box so they can move in the scene.

**Part 3:** Put the lid back on the box and look through the eye-hole at your scene. Open the doors or close them to make different light effects. Try using a torch to light the scene -maybe you could put coloured cellophane over it to make new effect. Tell the story to you family one at a time looking through the eye-hole.

### Secret Messages

Can you send secret messages using a code? How about making invisible ink by writing with lemon juice using a cocktail stick on paper. The writing will dry invisible, but if you heat the paper in the oven it will appear. Or wrap a lolly stick in a strip of paper (one layer) then write your message along the stick and unwrap it and the message will be scrambled till you wind it on the stick again.

Look up Morse Code or semaphore signals online or learn the NATO Phonetic alphabet or find out about signal flags for ships.

### Pray

Jesus, we are sorry  
if we have let you down in any way,  
forgive us and make us like new,  
show us the best way to live,  
so we follow you always,  
help us care for others  
in any way we are able,  
thank you for people  
who are caring for others,  
bless them and all they do. Amen.

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On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the followers came to Jesus. They said, "We will prepare everything for you to eat the Passover meal. Where do you want us to have the meal?"

Jesus answered, "Go into the city. Go to a man I know. Tell him that the Teacher says, 'The chosen time is near. I will have the Passover meal with my followers at your house.'" They obeyed and did what Jesus told them to do. They prepared the Passover meal.

While they were eating, Jesus took some bread and thanked God for it. He broke off some pieces, gave them to his followers and said, "Take this bread and eat it. It is my body."

Then he took a cup of wine, thanked God for it, and gave it to them. He said, "Each one of you drink some of it. This wine is my blood, which will be poured out to forgive the sins of many and begin the new agreement from God to his people. I want you to know, I will not drink this wine again until that day when we are together in my Father's kingdom and the wine is new. Then I will drink it again with you."

They all sang a song and then went out to the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26: 17 - 19 & 26 - 30  
Easy-to-Read Version

### Bread Making

Making bread is fairly easy and fun. There are lots of recipes and instructions online, but the basics are bread flour, oil, salt, yeast and water, then lots of kneading and patience waiting for it to rise.

Unleavened bread is made without yeast just mix, shape into small rounds and roll it out thin, then cook in a dry frying pan till bubbles form.

### Wine Making

Well, grape juice - so squeeze some grapes and see how much 'wine' you can make. Go with hands or potato mashers or if you feel up to it feet in a basin!!

Talk about why Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends. They were part of Passover when God set the people free from Egypt with Moses, but Jesus made them a sign to show we are all free to live for God because of his love. The bread is a sign of his body, the wine his blood, but a meal is the sign of celebration yet to come.

Passover was a special meal, so if you can make tonight a celebration meal. Dress up and sit at the table. Serve each other. Break bread with one another and give thanks.

## Maundy Thursday

### Chalices

Take an old plastic drinks bottle, get a grown-up to cut the end off with a sharp knife, then glue the bottom of the bottle to the neck to make a base.

Mix paint and PVA glue and paint your chalice and while it's wet decorate with sequins, jewels or pasta shapes which you can then paint over. If you've got gold or silver paint so much the better! Or add glitter to the paint.

### Pray

Loving God,  
we think about a time we were sad  
and remember your promise  
to be with us always;  
we remember  
people in our family who are special, people  
who show us your way  
people who are a sign of your love  
and we give thanks,  
we think about all that makes us happy and  
look forward to better times,  
we thank you for all you do for us,  
we remember friends from Messy Church,  
Help us share your love. Amen.





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# Good Friday 1

Then Jesus went with his followers to a place called Gethsemane. He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." Then Jesus began to be very sad and troubled. He said to Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, "My heart is full of sorrow and breaking with sadness. Stay here with me and watch."

Then Jesus walked a little farther away from them. He fell to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, do not give me this cup of suffering. But do what you want, not what I want." Then Jesus went back to his followers and found them asleep. Jesus said to Peter, "You could not stay awake with me for one hour? Stay awake and pray for strength. Your spirit wants to do what is right. But your body is weak."

Jesus went back and prayed this prayer three times. Then he went back to the followers and said, "Are you are still sleeping and resting? The time has come for the Son of Man to be given to sinful people. Get up. We must go. Here comes the man who has turned against me."

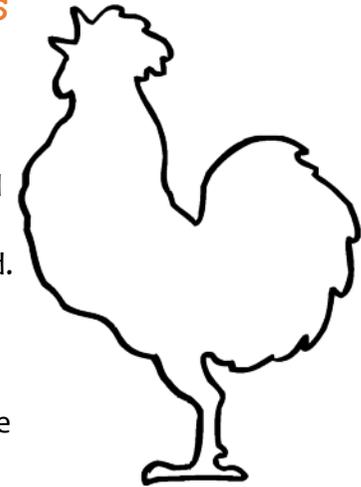
While Jesus was still speaking, Judas came up. He had many people with him. They had been sent from the leading priests and the elders of the people. They carried swords and clubs. Judas had planned to give them a signal. He had said, "The man I kiss is Jesus. Arrest him." At once Judas went to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Teacher!" Then Judas kissed him.

Jesus answered, "Friend, do the thing you came to do." Then the men came and grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

Matthew 26: 36 - 50 (shortened)  
International Children's Bible

### The Cockerel Crows

Later that night Peter followed Jesus to the High Priest's house and told people he had never met Jesus. A cockerel crowed and he remembered that Jesus had told him he would say he didn't know him and was ashamed. Have you ever done something you were ashamed of? Jesus always forgives us and helps us put things right. Colour a cockerel - can you scale it up to a bigger picture?



### Gethsemane Garden

Use a food tray or shallow box as a base and fill it with compost. Add moss, stones, pebbles small plants, twigs and so on to make a garden scene of Gethsemane, but include a cave (a box covered in stones?) And a hill for crosses and over the next couple of days add to the garden. Add Lego or cutout figures if you like.

### Plant a Seed

If you have some seeds fill some pots and plant them as a sign of better things to come.

### Pray

Loving God,  
help us always to be faithful  
and live the way Jesus called us to,  
but when we make mistakes,  
when we are embarrassed by things we do,  
forgive us and encourage us,  
help us to grow  
and learn more of your ways. Amen.





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The soldiers were going out of the city with Jesus. They forced another man to carry the cross to be used for Jesus. This man was Simon, from Cyrene. They all came to the place called Golgotha (which means the Place of the Skull). At Golgotha, the soldiers gave Jesus wine to drink but he refused to drink it. The soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. They rolled dice to decide who would get his clothes. The soldiers sat there and continued watching him. They put a sign above Jesus' head with the charge against him written on it. The sign read: "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Two robbers were nailed to crosses beside Jesus, one on the right and the other on the left. People walked by and insulted Jesus. The leading priests, the teachers of the law, and the Jewish elders were also there. These men made fun of Jesus and said, "He saved other people, but he can't save himself! He trusts in God. So let God save him now, if God really wants him."

At noon the whole country became dark. This darkness lasted for three hours. About three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you left me alone?" Then he died.

The army officer and the soldiers guarding Jesus saw everything that happened. They were very frightened and said, "He really was the Son of God!" Many women were standing at a distance from the cross, watching. These were women who had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for him. Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of James and John were there.

Matthew 27: 32 - 56 (shortened)  
International Children's Bible

### Crosses

There are many ways to make crosses - find ways to join two sticks or lolly sticks or two nails with glue, string, wire....

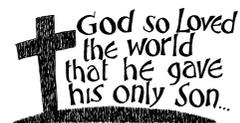
You could make this into a necklace with a lace, string, chain...

Make a card cross cut out in one piece from a larger card then use double sided tape to tape it to a white piece of paper and draw over it, scribbles, patterns, rainbows, dark colours... when you take away the template there ought to be a white cross in the middle of the picture. Also works well with paint splatters or blow painting.

As you will also have a piece of card with a cross-shaped hole you could use this for spatter painting and the reverse effect is achieved, so you have white paper with a multi-coloured cross.

Why not make a Lego cross or a whole Easter scene...?

If you really want to get serious, find some wood in the garden and with a grown-up get out hammer and nails and make a big cross to put in the garden.



## Good Friday 2

### Easter Wreath

Paper plate with the centre cut out or a ring of card the same size. Draw pictures around the plate of all the events of Holy Week (including Easter Day) and decorate the bits in between with patterns.

### The Colour of Love

Print out the word LOVE in outline as big as you can and colour it in as many ways as possible.

### Pray

Thank you, Jesus,  
for dying on the cross for us  
to show your love has no limits,  
we cannot imagine what it was like  
and we are sorry it had to happen,  
when we feel afraid or worried,  
help us remember you love us,  
help us understand  
that your love takes away  
all that harms us  
and gives us new life instead. Amen.





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## Holy Saturday

There is no bible story for Holy Saturday as the disciples were hiding, the women were waiting and there is the emptiness, however, you could do other things - finish off crafts you've not done; prepare some things like boiling eggs, or here's a few recipes that you could use today or any other day in the course of the week

### Hot Cross Buns

Find a recipe for buns or scones or muffins online or use a favourite one of your own. Add spices and raisins and decorate with crosses made from pastry, chocolate or red laces...

The bread of a Hot Cross Bun is for the bread of the Last Supper, the raisins are for the wine (made from grapes); the spices are for the women bringing spices to the tomb, the shape of the bun is the hill of Golgotha and the cross on top - hmm, can't remember!!

### Rock Cakes

Get a recipe for rock cakes online and follow it or make coconut mounds. They are the rock of Golgotha where Jesus was crucified.

### Hot Cross Cookies

100g raisins/sultanas; 1 egg; 1 tsp cinnamon or mixed spice; 100g light muscovado sugar; 250g plain flour; 200g butter; 200g white chocolate chips; 2 tsp baking powder.

Oven 180C/160C fan/Gas 4. Makes 18 cookies.

Butter some baking trays. In a large bowl beat together the butter sugar and egg till smooth. Sift in the flour and cinnamon or spice and baking powder and make a dough. Add raisins/sultanas and half the chocolate chips and mix.

Rest the dough then roll into golf ball sized pieces, flatten and place on the tray. Bake 10 minutes, remove and cool. Melt the remaining white chocolate and drizzle crosses on top. Let set and eat.

### Shiny Angel Biscuits

100g butter; 50g caster sugar; 150g plain flour; boiled sweets. Lined baking sheets

Oven 160C/140C fan/ Gas 3. Makes 15

Cream the butter and sugar well till fluffy. Add flour and mix to a dough. Knead on a clean surface and roll then cut out angel shapes. Cut a triangle in the angel and add a crushed sweet. Bake 20 mins. Cool on baking sheets.

### Holy Week Rocky Road

a few green sweets; 1 bar of chocolate; orange oil/flavouring; silver sugar balls; a few raisins; Digestive biscuit; Mars bar; white marshmallows; Maltesers; mini chocolate eggs.

Use two bowls. Into a large bowl put the green sweets (palm branches). Into a smaller bowl break the chocolate bar in pieces (Jesus turning the tables in the Temple) and add orange oil (or vanilla) to represent the oil poured on Jesus. To the large bowl add the raisins and broken Digestive (bread and wine). Add chunks of Mars bar (three layers to represent three times Peter denied Jesus and three times he prayed in the garden and three crosses); add marshmallows (white cloth wrapped on Jesus' body) and Maltesers (the tomb of Jesus). Melt the chocolate in the other bowl over a pan of hot, not boiling water and pour over the other ingredients and mix well. Put the mix in a shallow tray and decorate the top with the silver sugar balls (money paid to Judas) and mini eggs (new life, the rolled stone). Place the tray in the fridge for 15 - 20 minutes to set then cut into squares and enjoy.





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# Easter Sunday

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

Matthew 28: 1 - 10 New Living Translation

## Egg-straordinary

Decorate eggs, hard boiled ones. Use whatever art materials you have, but if you want to eat them make sure what you use doesn't go through the shell if it's not edible.

Traditionally eggs were boiled with different dyes like onion skins, fruit, beetroot, herbs, rose petals to get colours. Add a little vinegar to make it stick better. What colours do you think each makes? Give it a try.

Using wax from a candle on the shell before you dye it will leave plain bits that you could rub off and paint, or dye a different colour and see what happens.

## Rolled Paintings

Cover a marble in paint and roll it across a piece of paper to make a painting of a rolling rock (or use a rock!). Try different colours and more than one marble...

## Angels

Make an angel from junk or Lego, use glitter and tinfoil...

## Butterfly Prayers



Cut out butterfly shapes and write thank you prayers on them and decorate them in bright colours. Stick them on any crosses you made as a sign of new life.

## Spicy Painting

Make a painting of Easter using ground spices and water mixed to a paste (only use a little water). Smell each spice before you use it - most will make brown paint, but see if you can make different shades and tones

## What Easter Means to Me

Record a video on your phone and share what the Easter story means and if you want to share it on the Eden-Tay FB page send it to Susan.

## Pray

Thank you Jesus for your amazing love, thank you for the new life we see all around, thank you for rising from the tomb, thank you for loving us. Amen.

