

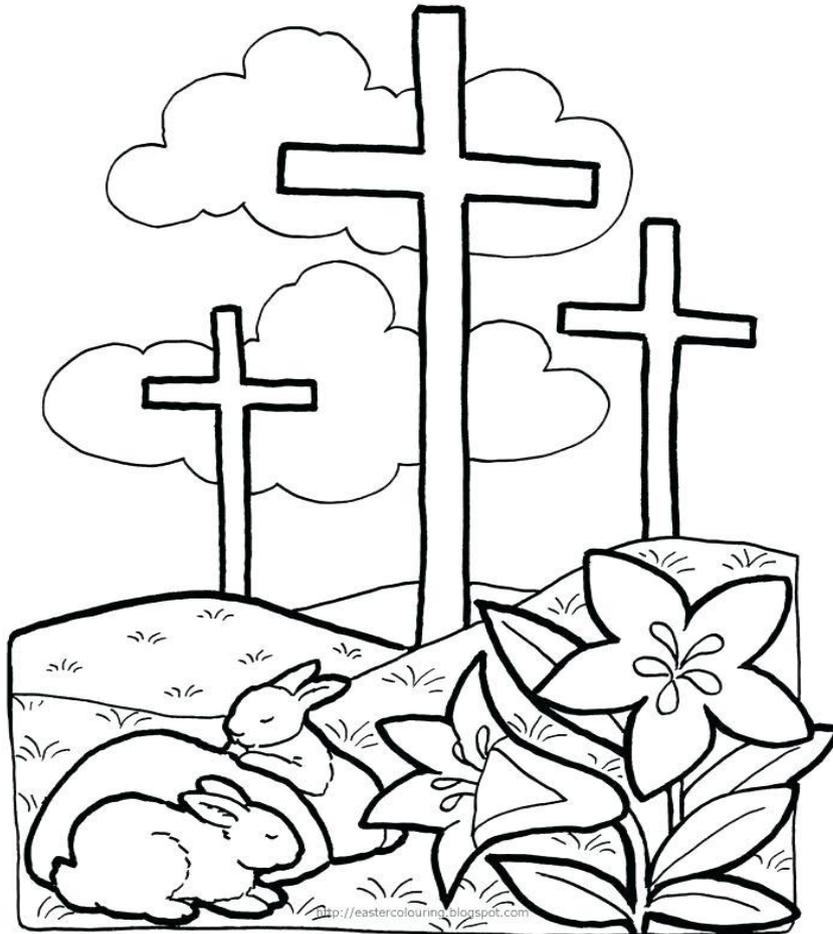
## ST MARY AND ST MARGARET CHURCH

### GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Welcome to our Children's Good Friday Service. For the second time in a year we are unable to meet in church for Holy Week and have had to find an alternative way to share Good Friday. We have all been on a difficult journey over the past year losing our normal way of life, our normal freedom and for some so much more, but we haven't lost Jesus he has journeyed with us every step of the way. So today we are going to journey with Him through the events of Holy Week leading to the cross and then the Glorious Easter Day. This year the presentation is a written service with pictures that can be printed off and coloured in and you might like to make a book of the pictures to keep.

#### Opening Prayer

*Dear Jesus, we hope that as we read this story and colour the pictures we will begin to understand the great sacrifice that you made for us all. Amen.*



## **Opening Hymn - Be still for the presence of the Lord**

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here,  
Come, bow before Him now,  
With reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
We stand on Holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy one is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around;  
He burns with Holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place,  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.

Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place,  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord,  
Is moving in this place.

## PRESENTATION - EASTER JOURNEY

### **Palm Sunday - Jesus rides into Jerusalem**

The people heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem and they wanted to greet Him in a special way to show how much they liked Him. There were a lot of Palm Trees near the City so they cut some branches down to wave to Him and called out

*“Hosanna! Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord”.*

Jesus came into the City like a King.



## **Maundy Thursday – The Last Supper**

On the Thursday night, Jesus and His friends had a meal together to celebrate the festival of The Passover. The roads were dusty and it was the custom then for a servant to wash the feet of visitors before they sat down to eat. At supper, Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist, poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of his friends, the Disciples, and to wipe them dry with a towel. Jesus explained to them that although he was their Master he was their Servant also and He was setting them an example of how they should behave towards one another and towards others.

Jesus said, “Do what I have done to you. Be ready to do kind and thoughtful things. Love one another as I have loved you. If you do that everyone will know that you are my friends.” Then he took some bread and when He had said grace, He broke it and gave it to His friends saying “Take and Eat, this is my Body; this is myself, my love, my life. Do this in remembrance of me.” Then Jesus took the cup and when He had thanked His Father He said, “This is my blood, this is myself, my love, my life. Do this in remembrance of me.”



## Garden of Gethsemane - The Arrest

Jesus was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane with the Disciples. Whilst He was praying, the Disciples fell asleep. Judas came into the Garden with Soldiers and they arrested Jesus.

Jesus was taken before Pontius Pilate and was sentenced to death. The Soldiers made a crown of thorns and placed it on Jesus' head and they placed a purple cloak around Him.



## Good Friday - The Crucifixion

Jesus was made to carry a wooden cross through the streets of Jerusalem to a hillside outside the City walls where he was crucified.

People stood by watching, among them His mother and His friend.

The people heard Him say,

*"Father forgive them, Father I put my whole life into your hands."*

They saw Him bow His head and die.



## **Holy Saturday –Nothing happens**

The day after Jesus died nothing much happened. He was placed into a tomb and a huge stone was rolled against the entrance by strong soldiers. No one could get in or out. Jesus was dead. But was He? His Disciples remembered what Jesus had said.

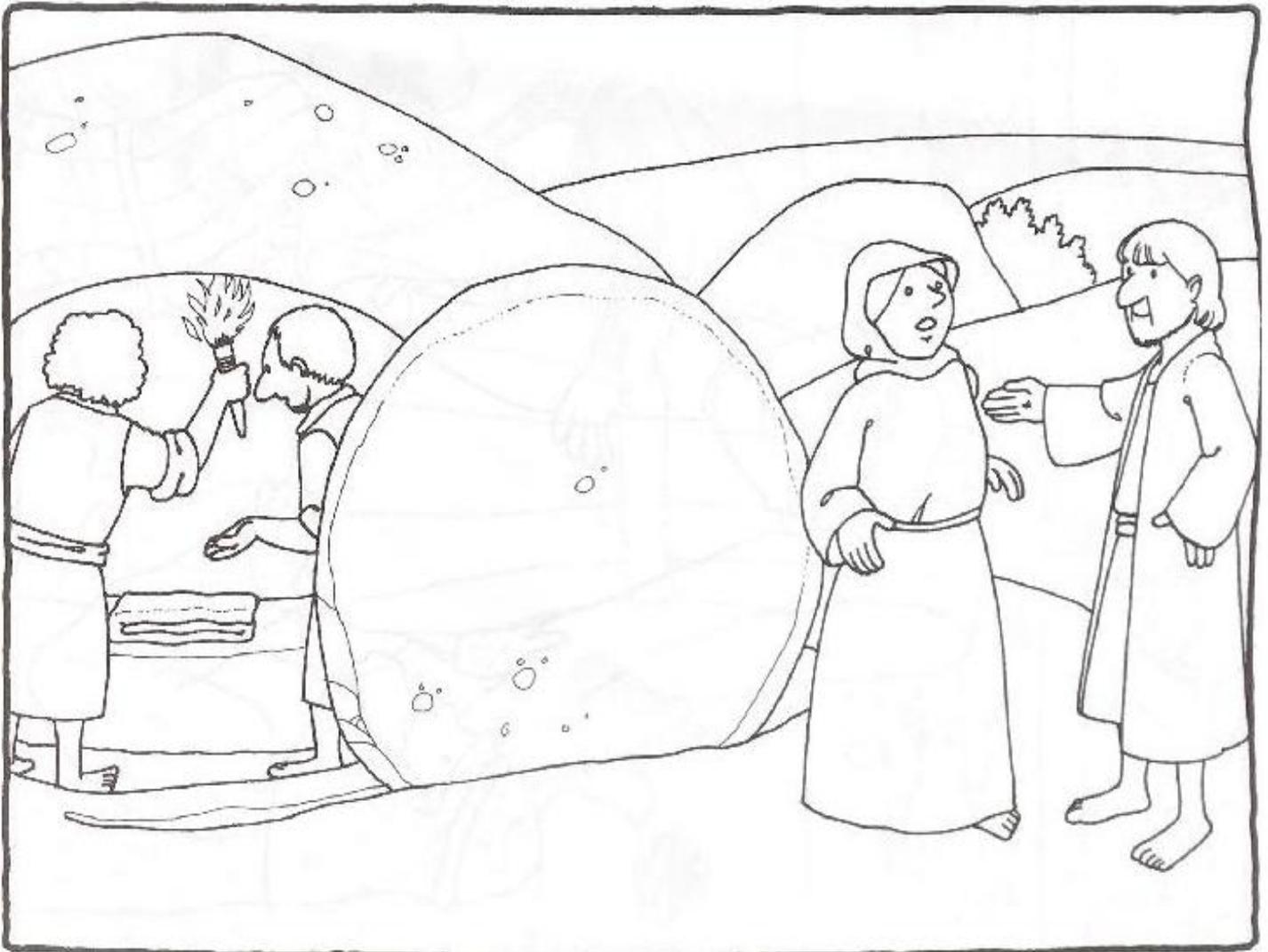
*“I am the Resurrection, and I am the source of life.*

*Whoever trusts in me shall come to life again, even though he dies;  
nobody who is alive and trusts in me shall die.”*

*Why don't you draw your own picture here?*

## Easter Day – Jesus is Risen

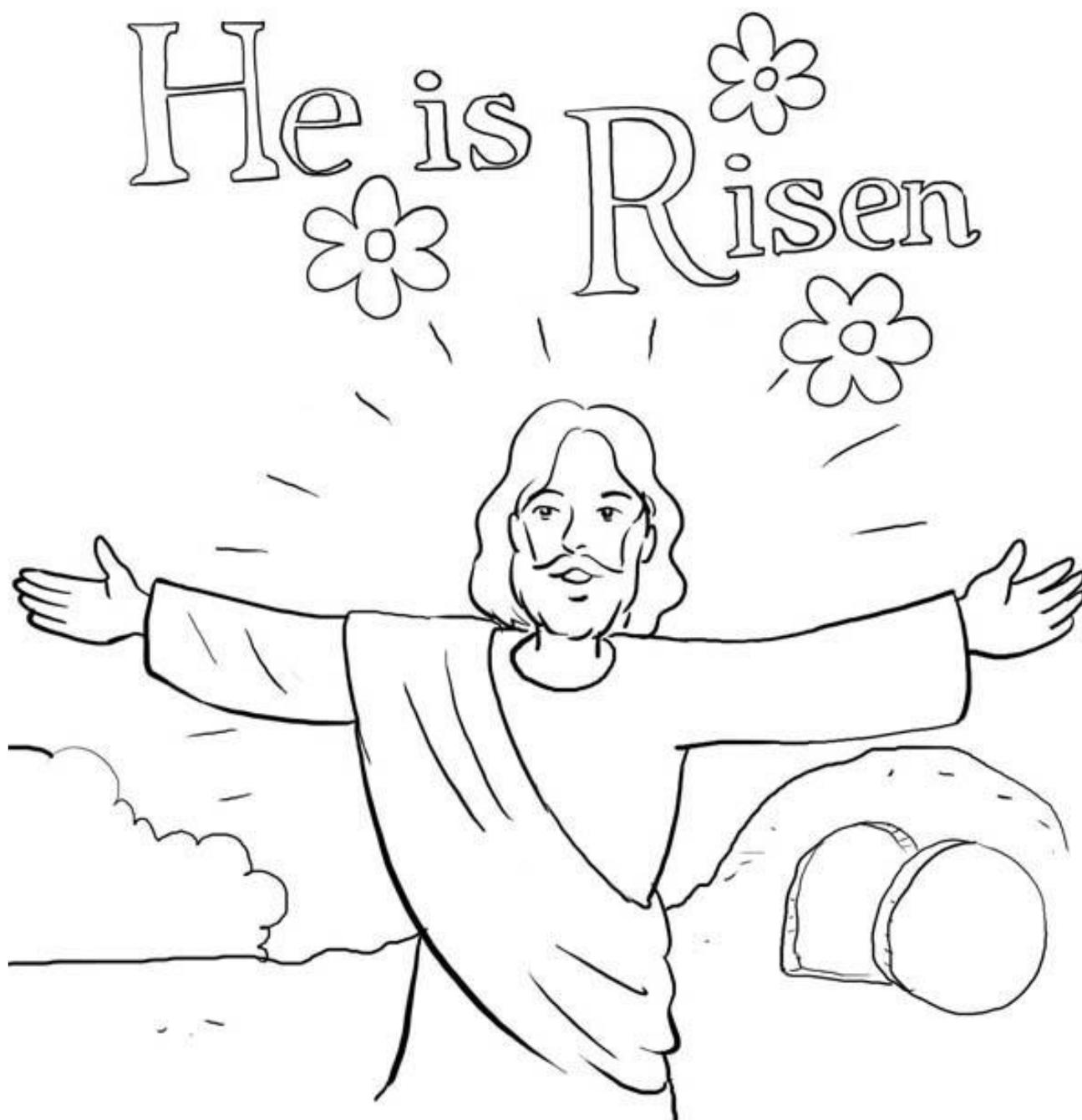
Early on the Sunday morning, while it was still dark Mary Magdalen went to the tomb to wash Jesus' body. She saw that the stone was rolled away and Jesus' body was gone. An Angel was there, with clothes made from lightening. "Jesus isn't dead anymore!" the angel said. "He's alive again!". Then Mary saw a man she thought was the gardener and said urgently "I can't find Jesus!" The man spoke her name and Mary knew then that it was Jesus she wasn't dreaming, she was seeing "Jesus!" He gently told her, "Go and tell the others that I'm alive!" Mary ran all the way to the city to tell the news to the disciples. Mary was right of course. When the Disciples reached the tomb they peered inside but all they saw were the linen wrappings, Jesus was gone. Jesus' friends, the Diciples didn't believe that Jesus was alive at first, that on that Easter morning, at sunrise, He had come alive; strong and full of life. Then at evening time Jesus appeared to them and they were filled with joy. We look forward to Easter Day when we too can celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.



## Closing prayer

*Dear Jesus, thank you for sharing part of your remarkable story with us  
it has helped us to see the true meaning of Easter.  
Alleluia, Christ is Risen- He is risen indeed, Alleluia.*

**HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE**



## **Closing Hymn - My Jesus, My Saviour**

My Jesus, My Saviour,  
Lord, there is none like you,  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,  
Tower of refuge and strength  
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
Never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing,  
Power and majesty, praise to the King!  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,  
At the sound of your name!

I'll sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand,  
nothing compares to the promise  
I have in you

© Darlene Zschech - Kingsway's Thankyou music