

# 50 Ways to Celebrate the 50 Days of Easter

Sit somewhere beautiful and thank God for the splendor of creation • Put a bouquet of flowers in a prominent place in your home • Read the account of Easter morning in John 20.1-18 • Celebrate the Feast of Saint Mark on April 25 • Blow bubbles • NAME ALOUD 20 BLESSINGS WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD • Take a 15 minute walk, carefully noticing your surroundings • Write a Haiku about Easter • Verbally greet every person you cross paths with one day • Invite a friend over to enjoy popsicles • Spend time doing yard work, recalling God's instruction for Adam and Eve to tend the garden • Read the story of the Road to Emmaus in Luke 24.13-35 • Mail Easter greetings to friends or distant family • Watch Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Easter Message as a household • Look at photographs of departed loved ones and give thanks for their lives • Read the Baptismal Covenant on page 292 in the *Book of Common Prayer* as a family and talk about how to more fully live out your promises • Learn a new recipe for a simple cake, bake it and then share a piece • Celebrate the Feast of Saint Philip and Saint James on May 1 • Give a donation for Eastertide flowers at church one Sunday • Splash in puddles and give thanks for the gift of rain • Read Matthew's account of the Resurrection in Matthew 28 • Plant a sunflower seed • Remember that doubt helps our faith grow, read about Thomas in John 20.24-29 • Contribute to a foodbank • Buy chocolate eggs to share at home, work or church • GIVE A SMALL GIFT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SOMEONE • Think of an Easter hymn or poem you like and read it • Make an Easter gift or a card and give it away • Make or fill a bird feeder then hang it outside • Give an Easter gift to a child you know • Dress in the Eastertide liturgical color of white for a day • Pray for joy, beauty and a spirit of love and generosity • Paint kindness rocks and leave them around your neighborhood • Celebrate the Feast of the Visitation by visiting with an old friend on May 1 • Enjoy an Easter brunch with friends or family on a Sunday in May • make leaf rubbings • Arrive at church early one Sunday to sit and pray silently before the prelude • Go on a rainbow scavenger hunt to find three items of each color • Fly a kite on a windy day and offer thanks for the Holy Spirit's ongoing presence in our lives • Read a book about shepherds • Observe a sabbath day and only participate in activities that offer you restoration • Share stories from each household member's baptism • Call and say hello to godparents and/or godchildren • Read the story of Jesus' Ascension in Acts 1:6-11 • Walk barefoot in the grass • Make a flower petal sun catcher for a window in your home • Search for wildflowers • For one whole day use the word ALLELUIA whenever possible • Change your ringtone to a celebratory Alleluia • Bake Kulich (Russian Easter Bread)