

# Symbols of Easter

## **Easter Bunny**

Meaning: The emblem of Easter goddess. In ancient times, the rabbit was the emblem of Eostre, the goddess of spring. The word Easter is said to come from the name Eostre, meaning spring. In time Easter became the English name for the day set aside to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

***John 14:19 - Because I live, ye shall live also.***

## **Colored Eggs**

Meaning: New life. In ancient days the people of Egypt and Persia colored eggs and gave them as gifts to their friends to celebrate the return of spring. To them the egg was a symbol of new life and immortality.

***Roams 6:4 – Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in the newness of life.***

## **Daffodil**

Meaning: Growth. How beautiful are the daffodils and other flowers that grow from bulbs and bloom in the spring. The brown bulb from which the daffodil grows is buried in the ground and for a time it appears lifeless. But it is waiting for the right time to begin its growth. The daffodil, and the bulb from which it grows, symbolize the law of growth in action.

***Jer. 12:12 – Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root; they grow, yea, they bring forth fruit.***

## **Green Leaves**

Meaning: Growth and renewal. In the spring, trees that have seemed barren and lifeless all winter send forth new leaves, reminding us that God-life was present in the trees all the time. So the green leaves represent growth and renewal, the quiet assurance of the ever presence of God-life.

***Acts 3:19 – There...come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.***

## **The Lily**

Meaning: Purity. Lilies are used to decorate our homes and churches at Easter. The lily symbolizes purity, reminding us that pure, good thoughts best express our Christ nature.

***Matthew 5:8 – Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.***

### **The Lamb**

Meaning: Child of God. The Shepard tends to the sheep just as Spirit tends to our soul. When we are willing to follow the wisdom of Spirit, we receive all the gifts God has in store for us.

***John 1:29 – Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.***

### **The Stone**

Meaning: A Barrier. What are the barriers that we create in our lives that keep our Christ Spirit from rising to its full potential? When we "roll them away" our Christ light fully expresses itself.

***Matthew 28:2 – And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord, descended from heaven, cam and rolled back the stone and sat on it.***

### **The Cross**

Meaning: Crossing Out. The cross reminds us that we can cross our all that is not good and kind; that we can heal and have victory over all things.

***Matthew 16:24 – If any man would come after me, let him...take up his cross and follow me.***

### **The Number 3**

Meaning: Steps in Spiritual Growth. We think of the number three with Easter because our Lord arose on the third day. The three days represent the steps in spiritual growth needed for complete oneness with God. First, we need to be willing to change for the better; second, we need to open our minds to God's good plan for us; third, we need to accept God's good plan and put it into action.

***Luke 24:46 – It is written, that the Christ should rise again from the dead on the third day.***

### **The Angel**

Meaning: Spiritual Thoughts. Those who found the empty tomb on the first Easter morning had a vision of angels and learned of the glorious news of Jesus Christ's triumph over death. Angels represent our spiritual thought and our understanding of God.

***Luke 24:22-23 – Certain women...came. Saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.***

### **The Sunrise**

Meaning: Sign of light or the Christ Spirit within. No matter how dark the night becomes the sun always rises. This tells us that even through our darkest times the Christ is always with us ready to rise again when we are ready.

***Isaiah 60:1 – Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.***