Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LOOK

We celebrate Easter with the glorious acclamation, "Alleluia. Christ is risen!" and respond "The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia".

- 1. Why is the resurrection such good news?
- 2. What part does the resurrection story play in your faith?

BOOK John 20:1-18

- 1. John gives us many interesting details in this witness to the resurrection. Pick one that interests you and tell why you think it is included.
- 2. When does Mary realizes she is talking with the risen Lord?
- 3. What does Jesus want Mary to do?

TOOK

The resurrection is pointless without witnesses, and without tellers to spread the good news. Part of our Easter worship is the renewal of our baptismal vows. Refer to them on page 292-3 of your prayer book or here:

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/baptismal-covenant

- 1. Why do you think this is part of our Easter worship?
- 2. Which vow speaks most to you right now in your life and why?