



A Grace Garden for Easter

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How to Make a Grace Garden for Easter

This is what we did:

We gathered

1. a **basket**, some **dirt**,

2. some **plants** at the nursery, a beginning too,
3. tramped to the woods for just the perfect **moss**
4. found a wee **glass dish for a pond**, a few **shells** too {optional}
5. and **drilled a hole in a stone**. {or use a small planting pot or peat pot, laying on its side}
6. We planted a garden, {filled a pond with water}, laid **the flattest, the smallest stones** from our lane, as a winding path to the tomb and our great freedom coming.
7. We found a **stone that read GRACE** and put it at the entrance of the Garden Tomb. That seemed perfect. (write Grace or Resurrection or Joy on a flat stone?)
8. And come Palm Sunday, we'll **plant some seeds**, resurrection hope in the dark of the earth, and **line the little stone path with smalls candles, one for each night of Holy Week**, miniature garden torches, for the Light is coming.

And each night, all week we'll light another wick... until Good Friday, when all went dark.
9. And in the evening of **Good Friday**, the children will shape **a caterpillar out of modeling wax**, swath it in **small square of silk**, tuck it in the moss outside the stone over the entrance of the tomb....
10. On Saturday, we'll remember and we'll wait.
11. And come Sunday, Easter morn early, in first light dawning, we'll roll back the tomb, see only the husk of silk left behind, **a butterfly a light in the branches of tree** over the Tomb.
12. And we'll ask it, incredulous at grace all over again, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" (Lk. 24:5) **He is alive!**