

The Easter Garden by Judith Hughes

We wish to tell the story of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ for you. We do this by making a garden for Easter using the plants that have a meaning either by their name or their colour. You can follow this by going round the garden.

Jesus lived a long time ago in Palestine. He was God's Son especially coming into the world to save us all. He was good and kind and never did any harm. We use a pale flower to show his goodness.

He also called himself King. Not the King of a worldly kingdom but to be the King of people's hearts and lives so that they might be like him. Here is a purple flower to show that he was a king.

Sadly there were people who didn't like Him, they hated Him because of what He did and what He said. They didn't like Him because He cared for the poor and the people who no one else wanted. They were frightened of what He might do especially because of the Roman Army who were in charge. So they made plans to kill Him, they put a crown of sharp thorns on His head (like the ones you see here).

Then they took Him up a hill called Calvary where they nailed Him to a cross with two other men who were thieves. Some people who loved Him were very sad when they saw the wounds which were bleeding (we have a little red flower to show this) and also a dark flower to show how sad they were when He died.

The next day His friends took Him down from the cross. They carried Him along the path to a special tomb, which was made of stone, where they put Him inside and put a big stone over the entrance. This all happened on a special day which we now call Good Friday.

This though isn't the end of the story for Jesus lay in the tomb for the Saturday but on Easter Sunday something wonderful happened. When his friends went to the tomb they found the stone had been rolled away and the clothes folded up. They were told by the Angel that Jesus Christ was not there for He had risen. Can you think how happy they were to hear that? We think that yellow is a happy sunshiny colour so we have lots of yellow cowslips and primroses to share in that joy.

For now we know that death is not the end that Jesus has overcome death, that because He died for us our sins and the things we are unhappy about can be forgiven. Here we see a little blue flower called a forget-me-not to remind us that Jesus will never forget us that He knows us all by name and loves us whatever we do. By the tomb is some rosemary which is for remembrance to remind us to never forget what Jesus did for us and how much He loves us.