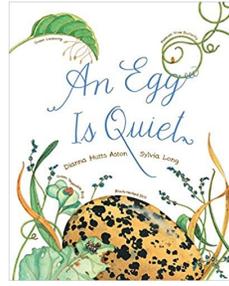


## Celebrate the Renewing Spirit of Spring

### Story:

[An Egg is Quiet by Dianna Aston, Ill. by Sylvia Long](#)



### Easter Litany by Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg

Today we celebrate Easter and through it make meaning for ourselves, our families, and this community. In this litany, we raised up in praise the love that can be revealed from our hearts.

#1: We celebrate the memory of winter's sleep and the quieting of our souls.

*Response: Sing praises for spring, revealing holy love that grows from deep in our hearts.*

#2: We celebrate the return of color and the rebirth of wonder.

*Response*

#3. We celebrate the treasure of new life and the promise within.

*Response*

#4. We celebrate the human cycle of joy and sorrow and the companionship of this community.

*Response*

#5. We celebrate the search for what is sacred and the lifelong pursuit of truth.

*Response*

#6. We celebrate the promise of summer's bounty and how it will feed our souls.

*Response*

You may want to respond to the litany by writing a word or a phrase, or draw a picture or symbol representing what Passover, Easter or the Spring season means for you; what you are celebrating today; or remembering today.

## **Activities:**

Beautiful, short meditation with the artwork of Canadian artist Emily Carr, along with a reading of Stream of Life by Rabindranath Tagore.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnS4kTactN8>

Nature Scavenger Hunt (see page 3)

Roll a Spring Bouquet (see page 3) Or [Make Hyacinth Paper Flowers](#)

[Nature Hunt Bingo](#)

## **Closing Words and Reflection:**

What Can We Learn from Spring's Power?

*Where do you find mystery, wonder and awe?*

*Are there elements of nature that bring you hope?*

*Is there a special place where you find solace?*

## **Music:**

[Hymn 298 Wake Now My Senses](#)

Hymn # 123

[Spirit of Life \(with lyrics and sign language\)](#)

[Spirit of Life \(with lyrics and images\)](#)



# Nature Scavenger Hunt



#1. Something White

What did you find?

#2. Something Rough

What did you find?

#3. Something Fluffy

What did you find?

#4. Something Smooth

What did you find?

#5. Two Different Leaves

Describe your leaves:

#6. An Insect

Describe your insect?

#7. A Bird

What color was your bird?

#8. An Animal Track

What animal made this track?

#9. A Hole

Where did you see this hole?

#10 A Special Treasure

Describe your treasure. What makes it so special?

# SPRING Bouquet

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