

EASTER BUNNY CHOW

This recipe is similar to puppy chow for people with the addition of spring-colored M&M's®.

- 1 cup chocolate chips
- ½ cup creamy peanut butter
- 9 cups Rice Chex® cereal
- 1½ cups powdered sugar
- 2 cups spring-colored M&M's®

- 1) Melt the chocolate chips in a saucepan over low heat. Add the peanut butter and stir until smooth.
- 2) In a large bowl, combine the melted chocolate mixture and Chex® cereal. Mix well.
- 3) Put the powdered sugar in a large zipper-closing bag, add the cereal mixture, and shake until coated.
- 4) Add the M&M's®. CF



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THE VIEW

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Prayer

Loving God,
We pray for all those who are suffering because of the coronavirus, may they know your healing power.

When we are afraid for ourselves and our loved ones, give us your strength and courage.

When we feel alone and isolated, reassure us with a sense of your presence.

Give wisdom to those in authority and may our community work together for the good of all.

We give thanks for those who care for others and ask you to bless them in all they do.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, healer and physician.

AMEN



- Debbie Hyde ~ 4/1
- Anna Vincent ~ 4/5
- Joan Renfro ~ 4/9
- Lionel Uze' ~ 4/20
- Yvonne Bourda ~ 4/20
- Vivian DeRouen ~ 4/30

Holy Week and Easter

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Holy Week (April 5—11, 2020)



The word “holy” means “unique,” “different,” and “one-of-a-kind.” Holy Week, therefore, is to be a one-of-a-kind week. It is the week before Easter and begins on Palm Sunday (April 5 in 2020) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 11 in 2020). It is a time when Christians are encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines that focus on the last week of Jesus’ life before he was crucified. Those spiritual disciplines could include communal worship, personal devotions of Bible readings, prayer, reflection, and meditation on the sufferings and painful execution of Jesus. The Bible readings could be accounts of that pre-crucifixion week and death of Jesus as recorded in the gospels of Matthew - 21:1-11 and Chapters 26 and 27, Mark - 11:1-11 and Chapters 14 and 15, Luke - Chapters 22 and 23; and John - Chapters 18 and 19. Perhaps, the believer would want to imagine being a witness to the crucifixion of Jesus. The words of the hymn, *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*, could be the focus of meditation.

Palm Sunday recalls the day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey and was greeted by crowds of people who waved palm branches and shouted, “Hosanna!” which means “Save us now!” Christians are expected to worship in churches of their choice on Palm Sunday, and many churches distribute palm branches to worshippers.

Maundy Thursday falls on April 9 in 2020. The word “maundy” means “mandate,” and worshippers remember that on the day before His crucifixion, Jesus gave His disciples certain mandates or commands. He began the practice of Holy Communion when He gave His disciples bread and wine and said that these elements were His body and blood. Then He mandated that they eat the bread and drink the wine in remembrance of Him. He also washed their feet and commanded them to serve others humbly just as He had stooped to serve them unpretentiously. Churches hold worship services with Holy Communion on the evening of Maundy Thursday, and in some congregations, pastors wash the feet of pre-selected members of the congregations.

Good Friday observes the day of Jesus’ crucifixion. It is a solemn day of quiet remembrance that Jesus suffered and died to demonstrate the amazing and forgiving love of God for all people. There is no greater love than that of giving one’s life for others. In many communities, interdenominational worship services are held from noon to 3 p.m. with people invited to come at any time and stay as long as they want

Holy Saturday is a day of quiet reflection on the meaning of Jesus’ death for the individual and world. Some communities hold an intercongregational worship service on the night of Holy Saturday after which the people are asked to leave in silence.



EASTER

April 12, 2020

Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is the most important celebration of the year because without the resurrection, most likely, there would be no Christianity. Jesus would probably be remembered as a great teacher but not as the promised Savior and Redeemer through whom we have forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life in heaven. Churches are filled with worshippers on Easter Sunday, and in many congregations, services begin with pastors saying, “Christ is risen.” and people responding by saying, “He is risen indeed.” That exchange is repeated three times with increasing volume and feeling. “Christ is risen!” “He is risen indeed!” God is more powerful than Satan! Christ conquers death! Love is stronger than hate! Hope overcomes hopelessness! Faith defeats doubt! Grace is greater than retribution and retaliation! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not perish, but have eternal life” (John 3:16). “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. . .we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.” (Romans 5:6-11)

BIBLE TRIVIA GAME (Answers Below)

- Who asked Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?”
- What are the names of the two men who wrapped Jesus’ body for burial?
- What is the name of the disciple who was instructed to touch the nail prints in Jesus’ hand after His resurrection?
- Judas agreed to betray Jesus for how many pieces of silver?
- How many hours was Jesus on the cross?
- What was the name of the criminal who was released in place of Jesus?
- What is the name of the man who carried Jesus’ cross?
- How many days after Jesus’ resurrection did He ascend to heaven?

- 1) PILATE - John 18:33
- 2) JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA and NICODEMUS - John 19:38-40
- 3) THOMAS - John 20:25-27
- 4) 30 - Matthew 26:14, 15
- 5) SIX - Mark 15:25, 34-37
- 6) BARABBAS - Luke 23:18
- 7) SIMON OF CYRENE - Matthew 27:32
- 8) 40 - Acts 1:3, 9

