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Most churches hold solemn services to remember the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Easter Sunday is a cheerful day, a joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection from death.

Like Christmas, most people also participate in the secular side of Easter. Eggs, rabbits and baby chickens are three symbols of new life as spring comes. Easter is the symbol of the beginning of spring, _____.

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Use these to complete the missing gaps.

1. the Easter Bunny lays Easter eggs in the grass and the children have to find them.
2. It is time in which believers prepare for Easter.
3. which are spicy tea-cake eaten hot with a lot of butter.
4. where hard-boiled eggs are rolled down a hill
5. of the new life returning to earth after winter
6. The four days are Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Questions for discussion.

1. Which customs do you find odd/interesting?
2. Which English/American would you like to try out? Why?
3. Is the English/American religious side of Easter different to the Czech one?
4. What Easter customs are there in the Czech Republic?
5. What do girls/boys think of Czech Easter customs?



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