

The Easter Lilly

The white Easter lily is a fitting symbol of the meaning of the Easter season. Gracing millions of homes and churches, the flowers embody joy, hope and life.

Tradition holds that lilies were found in the Garden of Gethsemane after Christ's agony. The pure white lily has also been closely associated with the Virgin Mary. In early paintings, the angel Gabriel is pictured extending to the Virgin Mary a branch of white lilies, announcing that she is to be the mother of the Christ Child. In other paintings, saints are often pictured bringing vases full of white lilies to Mary and the infant Jesus. St. Joseph is depicted holding a lily branch in his hand, indicating that his wife, Mary, was a virgin.

Celebrate the Easter season by displaying a white lily on your table or mantle. What a beautiful reminder of God's infinite love and triumph over death!

Easter Blessings,

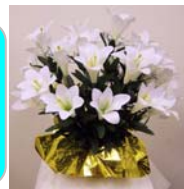
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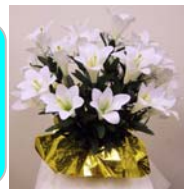


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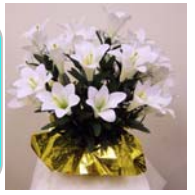
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