

MOTHER'S DAY CENTERPIECE

Use some everyday items you already have around the house to create a beautiful Mother's Day centerpiece. The image below from Chatelaine magazine (April 2015) provides ideas on things you could use: broken shells, silk flowers, moss, Eucalyptus, ribbon, succulents. Secure them with green floral foam, secured into the dish.

DEVOTIONAL

Perhaps you may have heard of the Salvation Army Musicales entitled "The White Rose" (Gowans and Larsson). It was recently featured in Newfoundland in Bishop's Falls. It is a beautiful story where a new woman comes to Women's Ministries at the Salvation Army. At the end of the program she receives a beautiful White Rose. She proudly takes it home. Although she might have had a slow step, or a slow pace going to the meeting and felt a bit lonely now on the way home she has a nice spring in her step. She feels better about herself. People outside start to look at her a little differently like there is something noticeable about her. As she arrives home of course she must find some water to place the beautiful rose in. The fragrance is so lovely and it starts to spread around her home. It is placed in the center of the kitchen table. Because it is so beautiful well of course she must straighten up and clean around her home to make it nice enough to be around such a lovely flower. It gives her a beautiful memory of a lovely meeting, beautiful new friends with Christ in their lives, and her home takes on a new look and freshness. She is more cheerful and happier. Perhaps she does not know why but the Rose she received as a gift was impacting her life.

It is so symbolic of the way Jesus enters our life. As a gift, as a beautiful difference entering the center of our life with inspiration. We feel happy about making changes for the better in our lives when Christ enters our life and has a relationship with us.

Verses to share:

John 1:16-17 From your fullness O Christ, we have all received grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through You.

John 1:29 Jesus you are the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Prayer:

You, O Lord keep me from evil,
You will preserve my soul.
You will watch over me coming and going
From this time and forever. (from Psalm 121:7-8)

Chorus (To the tune of Home, Home on the Range)

Come beautiful Christ Radiate thy beauty in Me
Tis thee I adore, What can I ask more?
Than to live for thee beautiful Christ!



DIY PEDESTAL
Flip over a cup, top with a plate and add a shallow bowl. Double-sided tape or sticky putty will help hold it all together.

BURST OF SPRING CENTREPIECE¹

Dress up your dining table with an arrangement that mixes flowers with succulents and cracked eggshells. Start by lining a serving dish with green floral foam and adding flowers and succulents. Nestle in eggshell halves, building up the centerpiece as you go. Finish it off with a few branchy stems to add height and visual interest.

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Are you seeking the beauty of Christ in each area of your life? Are you seeking the grace of Christ to be reflected in your life? Think of the ways you live your life. Where do you go. What do you do? Do you know that every part of your life can be a way to reflect and shine out Jesus' beauty and character? His very nature? Yes indeed it is. Christ makes a difference to our self worth, our appearance, our inner and outer beauty. Will you ask Christ to make that difference for you, or if you have to remind you once again?

The craft of this evening can be a good reminder of the fact that something in the center of our home can make it brighter and shed light and cheer. In a similar way Christ in the center of our life will always make a difference when he is kept in the center and not forgotten or pushed to the side. May God bless you as you make your craft. It can either be a centerpiece or if you so choose you could make a mini-version of it as well. Your choice.

Extra information about the meaning of flowers:
www.proflowers.com/blog/category/flowers/roses.