Find a branch that has already broken and fallen to the ground. Stabilize it in a pot, vase, or other container. Make "egg ornaments" with the symbols or draw the symbols on eggs with wax crayons, <u>blow out the</u> <u>raw egg</u>, then carefully dye the eggshells and hang them on your tree. You could collage, paint, or draw the symbols after the egg is blown out, but it will be much more fragile. With a skewer or straightened paper clip, gently thread both ends of string or very narrow ribbon through the holes in the egg and tie a knot at the bottom and leave a loop at the top so you can hang them. Finally, you could brush Mod-podge or clear nail polish over the egg to make it stronger.

The empty eggshell is a symbol too. Can you guess what it represents?

Easter Symbols

Wheat: recalls Jesus' story about new life coming from "death"

Butterfly, chick in egg: symbolize transformation and new life

Tulip: a spring flower, is also symbol of new life

Lily: a spring flower (new life), grows from a bulb that looks like it is dead (transformation), the flowers look like trumpets or megaphones announcing the Good News

Rising Sun: a symbol of new beginnings

Cross, Empty Tomb: symbols of the Resurrection