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Easter Sepulchre, Maxey, Northants

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The Easter Sepulchre is found only in England and Wales. Its use derives from the Sarum Rite. Some are very ornate while others are simple niches.

According to custom the Blessed Sacrament and the crucifix were placed (entombed) here from Good Friday to Easter. Some Anglican churches today place the Sacrament in the Lady Chapel surrounded with flowers all day and night of Holy Thursday. Volunteers keep vigil.

This is similar to the Eastern Orthodox practice of erecting an ornate covered bier in the center of the church and placing within it a cloth embroidered or painted with an image of Christ for the last two days of Holy Week.