

Eastertide

Stations of the Resurrection



Before each reading say:

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

After each reading - reflection or meditation may follow.

After the prayer, this acclamation may be used:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

First Station: *The earthquake*

Reading (Matthew 28. 2-4)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your resurrection the power of love breaks open the earth and frees life from death. As the angel rolled away the stone from the prison of the tomb, so release those imprisoned by life's misfortunes. To you, Lord Jesus, whose life brings surprises beyond our wildest expectations, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Second Station: *Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb*

Reading (John 20. 1,2)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for the love which drew Mary Magdalene to your tomb to weep over your death. As you broke into her grief with your death-shattering life, so reach into our broken hearts with your promise of hope. To you, Lord Jesus, reaching into the deepest tombs of our despair, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Third Station: *The disciples run to the empty tomb*

Reading (John 20. 3-8)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in you our God reveals the awesome power of love that is stronger even than death. As in your dying you destroyed death, so in your rising may we be raised above the trials and torments of this world's woe. To you, Lord Jesus, the fullness of your life revealed in an empty tomb, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Fourth Station: *The angel appears to the women*

Reading (Matthew 28. 5-8)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your resurrection overturns our expectations of life and even your closest friends could not see truth before them. As the angel helped them to grasp your triumph and overcome their fear, so help us to see your hand at work through the events that overtake us. To you, Lord Jesus, whose ways astonish beyond our imagining, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Fifth Station: *Jesus meets the women*

Reading (Matthew 28. 9,10)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your simple word of greeting made the hearts of the women leap with joy. Speak your word of love to those whose hearts are broken, that they too may hear your loving, beckoning call. To you, Lord Jesus, whose call summons us to life in all its fullness, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sixth Station: *The road to Emmaus*

Reading (Luke 24.28-35)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you are with us, even when our eyes are closed to your companionship. Walk this day alongside the disconsolate and the despairing, open their eyes to your gentle illumination, and let their hearts burn within them at your invisible presence. To you, Lord Jesus, walking by our side, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Seventh Station: *Jesus appears to the disciples*

Reading (Luke 24. 36-43)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your birth you were proclaimed the Prince of Peace, and in your resurrection you breathe into your people peace beyond this world's understanding. Be present, Lord, this day with those whose lives are disfigured by conflict and those whose hearts know no peace. To you, Lord Jesus, true bringer of the peace of heaven, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Eighth Station: *Jesus promises the Spirit*

Reading (Luke 24. 44-49)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you promised that the same power that was at work when you were raised from the dead would also be alive in us. Show your power to those who are powerless; reveal your love to those who feel unlovely and through your Spirit enable all your people to be witnesses of your amazing grace. To you, Lord Jesus, daily renewing your people and your creation, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Ninth Station: *Jesus commissions the disciples*

Reading (John 20. 21-23)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us. Equip your Church with the gifts to fulfil our calling that we may love as you loved, serve as you served, and willingly follow wherever you lead. To you, Lord Jesus, gifting your people, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Tenth Station: *Jesus breathes the Spirit in the upper room*

Reading (John 20. 22,23)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you breathed new life into your astonished disciples. As you turned unutterable grief into unshakeable joy, so renew and refresh your turbulent world and establish now your reign of peace. To you, Lord Jesus, transforming the pain of death into the fullness of life, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Eleventh Station: *Jesus reveals himself to Thomas*

Reading (John 20. 24-29)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you come to us even in our doubting. Through the sovereign work of your Spirit, and the loving hands of your people, continue to reveal yourself where doubt is stronger than faith. To you, Lord Jesus, whose resurrection body bears the murderous marks of the cross, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Twelfth Station: *Jesus appears at the lakeside*

Reading (John 21. 9-13)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for at the lakeside you showed concern for the daily needs of your disciples. As you guided them to fill their nets with fish, so guide all who are hungry till their hunger is satisfied in you. To you, Lord Jesus, sharing with us the food of faith, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Thirteenth Station: *Jesus confronts Peter*

Reading (John 21. 15-19)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for even in the glorious victory of the resurrection you understood the failure of Peter who denied you. As you restored him to relationship with you, remember all who feel downcast and worthless in this world's eyes and give them a sense of purpose and value. To you, Lord Jesus, loving us despite our denial, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Fourteenth Station: *Jesus and the beloved disciple*

Reading (John 21. 20-23)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your single-minded commitment to your Father's will. May we be free from distractions of envy or self, that we might walk the way of the cross and know the power of your risen life. To you, Lord Jesus, treading boldly on the path of suffering, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Fifteenth Station: *Jesus appears to over five hundred at once*

Reading (1 Corinthians 15. 3-6)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for your resurrection is a revelation to the whole world. As you revealed yourself powerfully to so many, reveal yourself now as the hope for our world. To you, Lord Jesus, going beyond the limits of our understanding, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sixteenth Station: *Jesus commissions the disciples on the mountain*

Reading (Matthew 28. 16-20)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you took the risk of passing your mission to frail disciples. As you commissioned them to go into all the world, so may all the world come to you, the King of nations. To you, Lord Jesus, with us to the end of the age, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Seventeenth Station: *The ascension*

Reading (Acts 1. 3-11)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your ascension you are crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. As we worship you on your heavenly throne, prepare our hearts for the coming of your Spirit. To you, Lord Jesus, who will come back in the same way you went up into heaven, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Eighteenth Station: *Pentecost*

Reading (Acts 2.1-11)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you promised that your disciples would be baptized with the Holy Spirit and now we see the fulfilment of your promise. Fill us afresh with your Spirit today, revive your Church, and renew the face of the earth. To you, Lord Jesus, giving to your people the greatest gift of all, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Nineteenth Station: *Jesus appears to Saul (Paul)*

Reading (Acts 9. 1-18)

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you transformed the murderous Saul into the great apostle, Paul. As you revealed yourself to him on the road to Damascus, reveal yourself afresh to your people journeying through this life. To you, Lord Jesus, who can fill even the emptiest of lives, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.