



Good News

April 2021

Easter Day 2021

My Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen- He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Today we celebrate and rejoice. While we have come to this Feast in a less than familiar manner, we find ourselves once again, numbered among those first disciples who approached the open tomb. Those who were bewildered, alarmed and bereft. And we have been changed just as Mary was after her encounter with the risen Christ in the garden.

By this point, having journeyed diligently through Lent, ridden the emotional rollercoaster of Holy Week- Good Friday and the rolling back of the stone, we might feel that it is time to ease into a little break, but this isn't so, this is the time our work begins!

'We are witnesses to all that he did' (Acts 10:39)

And so, we are called to action '*He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.*' (Acts 10: 42). These words are not simply Peter's to those who were immediately around him, but to us and all followers of the risen Christ throughout all time.

Fuelled by hearing again the revelation of the great mysteries of our faith, by renewing our baptismal promises and shouting allowed once more that HE IS RISEN- let us be united as we journey these days of Easter.

Let us be as faithful in our keeping of the feast as we were in keeping the fast (if not more so!)- For now the 40 days of fasting are over, the 50 days of feasting begin!

As we look towards returning to public worship later this month, we see signs of hope all around us, that we might be edging towards a return to more familiar times. But, my friends, do not wait until we meet together in church to set to work and to rejoice in the resurrection- for that celebration is for today, and every day!

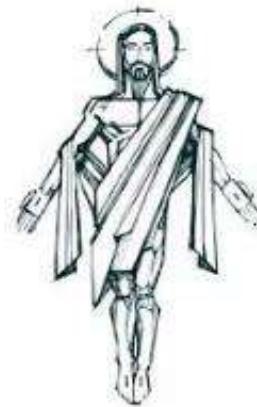
To help us as we go, I provide the Stations of the Resurrection. I encourage you to take a reading each day of the next couple of weeks. Let us be encouraged by those who encountered and were changed by the Risen Christ in those first days and pray that we may find personal encouragement as we find ourselves in our own time of resurrection!

May you all know the peace of the risen Christ this day and always.

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The Stations of the Resurrection

These can be prayed one per day or in sequence.



Before each station:

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia!

After each station:

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

The Stations:

1st Station	The Earthquake	Matthew 28.2-4
2nd Station	The Empty Tomb	John 20 1-2
3rd Station	The Disciples Run	John 20.3-8
4th Station	An Angel Appears	Matt 28.5-8
5th Station	Jesus meets the women	Matthew 28.9-10
6th Station	The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24.28-35
7th Station	Jesus Appears	Luke 24.36-43
8th Station	Jesus promises the Spirit	Luke 24.44-49
9th Station	Commissioning of Disciples	John 20.21-23
10th Station	Jesus breathes the Spirit	John 20.22-23
11th Station	St.Thomas doubts	John 20.24-29
12th Station	Jesus at the Lake	John 21.9-13
13th Station	Jesus and St. Peter	John 21.15-19
14th Station	Jesus and the Beloved	John 21.20-23
15th Station	Jesus appears to 500+ people	I Corinthians 15.3-6

SURREXIT ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!

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