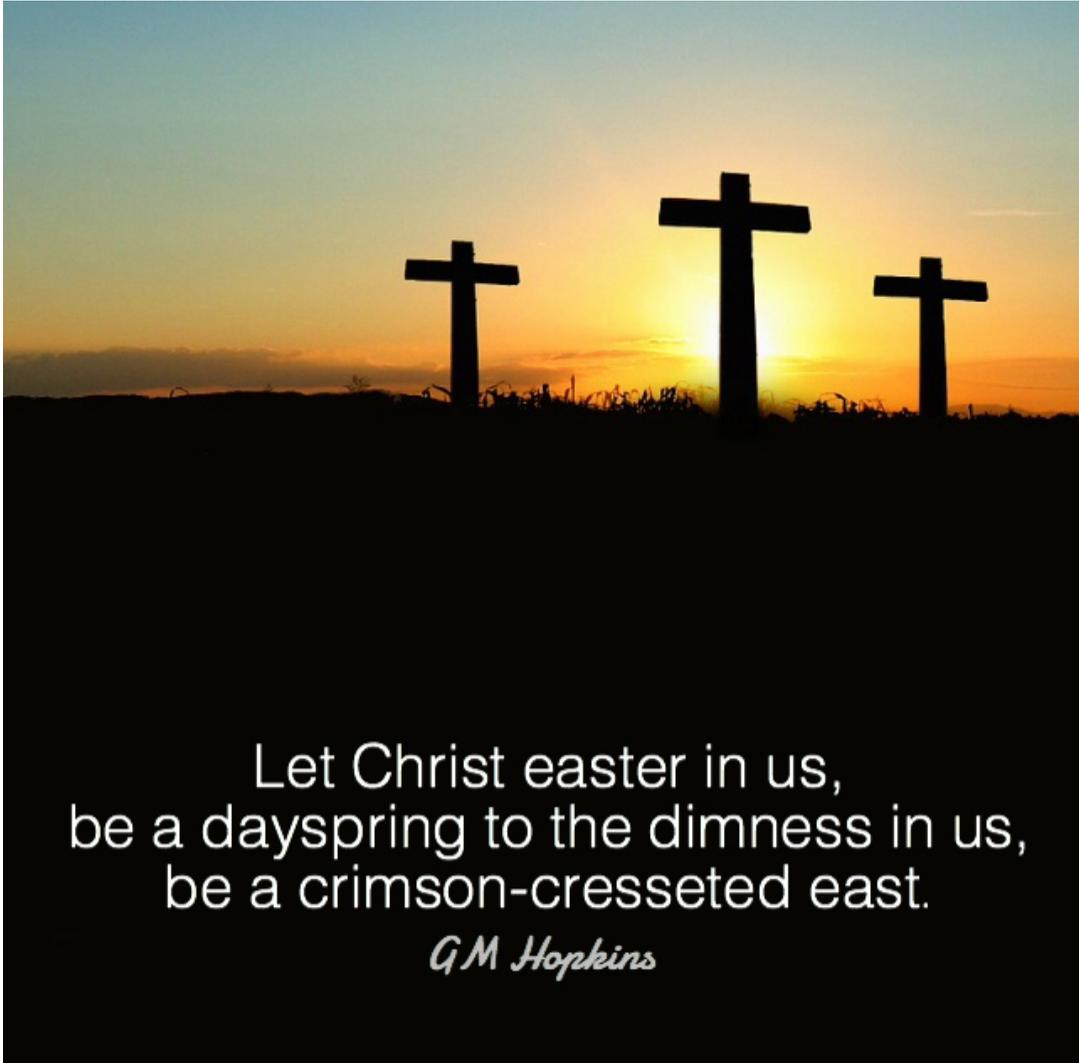


# Stations of the Resurrection

Via Lucis, The Way of Light



Let Christ easter in us,  
be a dayspring to the dimness in us,  
be a crimson-cressed east.

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*The Stations of the Resurrection are a prayerful way of journeying through Eastertide by meditating on biblical scenes related to Jesus' resurrection, ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit.*

*The Stations could be prayed all at once, perhaps on a nature walk with pauses at each station. But it may be a more manageable time commitment to set aside a short period of time to pray with one station each day as a family.*

*To begin, consider lighting a candle; recall that Christ is the light of the world.*

*Start each day with an opening prayer, such as the one suggested on the next page.*

*Slowly read and meditate on the scripture passage for a particular station.*

*You may wish to notice what word or phrase captures your heart and attentiveness and to ask what the Holy Spirit is inviting you to in this word or phrase (as one might do in *Lectio Divina*).*

*Or perhaps wonder with the Godly Play questions: I wonder what you like best; I wonder what is most important; I wonder if there is any part that we could leave out and still have all the story we need; I wonder where you are in this story.*

*Then offer the prayers that follow the Station's reading, or something similar from your heart.*

*Close your time by holding space for specific prayer intentions and concluding with an "Our Father, who art in heaven..." a spontaneous prayer, or some other prayer.*

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## Opening Prayers

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.**

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels.

**Rejoice now, all the whole earth, bright with a glorious splendor.**

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,

and let your holy courts in radiant light,

resound with the praises of your people.

**For in Christ's resurrection, joy has come to the whole earth.**

O Almighty God, we come to seek the Living among the living

and to follow Christ as he goes before us to Galilee and into joys eternal;

let the hope of his Resurrection shine in our praises,

as it leads us into more faithful witness and more joyful service;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## The Stations

### Station 1: **THE EARTHQUAKE**

Read Matthew 28:2-4.

The earth trembled and was still, alleluia.

**When God arose to judgment and to help all the meek upon earth, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Break open our lives and pour your light into the night of our sorrow, that we may live in the joy of your resurrection, now and evermore. **Amen.**

## Station 2: **AT THE TOMB**

Read Mark 16:1-8.

Christ is risen from the dead, alleluia.

**And goes before you into Galilee, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Grant us courage, O Lord, like the women who came to your tomb early on the first day of the week, and when fear and sorrow might overwhelm us, make us to hear and heed the angel's message, "Do not be afraid," that we may ever follow where you have gone before. **Amen.**

## Station 3: **PETER AND THE BELOVED DISCIPLE GO TO THE TOMB**

Read John 20:2-10.

Those who sowed with tears, alleluia. **Will reap with songs of joy, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, let our minds rest in your Word, so that when doubt and grief would overwhelm us, faith will open our eyes to see your hand at work in our life and enable us to turn toward the future with hope and toward each other in perfect charity. **Amen.**

## Station 4: **MARY MAGDALENE ENCOUNTERS THE RISEN LORD**

Read John 20:11-18.

The Good Shepherd calls his sheep by name, alleluia.

**And they follow because they know his voice, alleluia.**

Let us pray: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads. **Amen.**

### **Station 5: ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS**

Read Luke 24:13-25.

The eyes of all were fixed on him, alleluia.

**And he began to say, Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Make our minds attentive, O Lord, and open our understanding, that we may receive with gratitude the witness of prophet and psalmist, apostle and evangelist; let the scriptures give hope and quicken faith, that we may ever walk in the joy of your resurrection. **Amen.**

### **Station 6: IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Read Luke 24:28-32.

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus, alleluia.

**In the breaking of the bread, alleluia.**

Let us pray: O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of the bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Station 7: THE UPPER ROOM**

Read John 20:19-23.

Jesus stood among them and said, Peace be with you, alleluia.

**And the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Grant us your peace, O Lord, and strengthen our faith in you, that we may live as witness to your gospel and rejoice in your presence among us. **Amen.**

## Station 8: THOMAS

Read John 20:24-29.

Thomas answered, my Lord and my God, alleluia.

**Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Confirm our faith and give us patience for the work that belief requires of us, O Lord; and, as Thomas was brought to a joyful recognition of you in the midst of your disciples, bring us to see you now and to rejoice in your presence eternally. **Amen.**

## Station 9: JESUS APPEARS BY THE SEA

Read John 21:1-14.

The one who believes in me will do the works that I do, alleluia.

**That the Father may be glorified in the Son, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Make us, O Lord, swift to recognize you in the midst of our lives, give us ears to hear you when you ask us to cast out our nets once more despite our disappointments and weariness; that we may rejoice in faith and accomplish your purposes, for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

## Station 10: JESUS AND PETER

Read John 21:15-17.

We have this treasure, alleluia.

**In earthen vessels that the glory may be God's alone, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Gracious Lord, when we falter and deny you and when we clutch and hoard what is yours to give, recall us to yourself that love may be renewed in repentance; then open our hands to give and inspire us to work once more for the good of others and always for your glory. **Amen.**

## **Station 11: JESUS COMMISSIONS THE DISCIPLES**

Read Matthew 28:16-20.

Their sound has gone out, alleluia.

**Into all the world, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Lord Christ, as you have sent your church to teach and to baptize, give us zeal in witness, compassion in service, and through your abiding presence, enable us to serve the world in your Name and to proclaim your love to all. **Amen.**

## **Station 12: THE ASCENSION**

Read Acts 1:6-11.

The Lord is gone up with a triumphant shout, alleluia.

**The Lord with the trumpet's melody, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Almighty God, your Son has taken our human nature into the fullness of glory; teach us to live as witnesses to his gospel and with a lively hope that we will see him and be with him; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Station 13:**

### **THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND THE DISCIPLES REMAIN IN PRAYER**

Read Acts 1:12-14.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, alleluia.

**When sisters and brothers live together in unity, alleluia.**

Let us pray: Gracious Lord, as you call us to yourself, you call us into companionship with all your people. Turn our hearts and our affections toward one another in charity, and let our prayer answer your own, that we may all be one. **Amen.**

## Station 14: **THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

Read Acts 2:1-14.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful people, alleluia.

**And kindle in them the fire of your love, alleluia.**

Let us pray: We give you thanks, Lord Jesus, that you have conquered death and that you call us to new life; grant us the outpouring of your Spirit, that in our own day and each in our own language, we may declare your mighty works to all people. **Amen.**