

STATIONS *of the*
RESURRECTION

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Taken as a whole, the gospel accounts of the Risen Lord's encounters with his disciples are full of movement. It seems someone is always going somewhere—often arriving too late and often surprised at what is found. This devotion, modeled in some ways on the Stations of the Cross, draws the various gospel stories together and provides a framework for reflecting on them.

There are many ways to use the Stations of the Resurrection in your spiritual journey. The gospel accounts and prayers could be read quietly and in one place. Stations might be prepared, either with images or perhaps with candles set in various locations around the nave, which could be lit from the Paschal Candle as the procession moves from station to station. An individual might plan a walk or hike, with various stopping points to read the meditations and with the time spent walking between stations used for prayer and meditation. And like the Stations of the Cross, these suggestions can be adapted to a range of situations.

This devotion interweaves the accounts from the various gospels. Each gospel has its own perspective that is expressed in the details and the chronology it presents. This compilation is intended as a means of reflection and prayer on the larger witness to the Living Christ that the four gospels offer together.

Opening Prayers

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.**

OALMIGHTY 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.**

*This hymn (to the tune Puer nobis or some other tune of the same meter) may be
sung as the procession moves from station to station.*

**The Light of radiant dawn streams out,
And praise fills heaven all about.
Earth echoes the exultant shout,
And groaning hell is put to rout.**

FIRST STATION
THE EARTHQUAKE

And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightening and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

— *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.**

**The Risen Christ in glory bright
Has banished death's eternal night,
And having harrowed hell with might
Brings forth the sleeping saints to light.**

THE SECOND STATION
AT THE TOMB

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

— *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.

**Entombed within the stone of late,
Securely sealed, where soldiers wait,
Now shining in triumphant state,
Christ rises victor from death's gate.**

THIRD STATION
**PETER AND THE BELOVED
DISCIPLE GO TO THE TOMB**

Mary Magdalene ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

— 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.**

**The light dawns now, the shadows clear,
And yet their hearts are held in fear.
The empty tomb before them lies,
And still they mourn their Lord so dear.**