

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

‘Welcome to York Minster as we continue our journey through the Stations of the Resurrection’

Through Lent and Passiontide there has been a long tradition in the Church of meditating on the events of the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, called the Stations of the Cross. In the latter part of the twentieth century a complementary devotion emerged, called the *Stations of the Resurrection* or the *Stations of Joy*.

By using the resurrection appearances of Jesus as a focus for reflection and meditation we have an opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the mysteries of the resurrection of our Lord during the season of Easter, which journeys from Easter Day to Pentecost.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

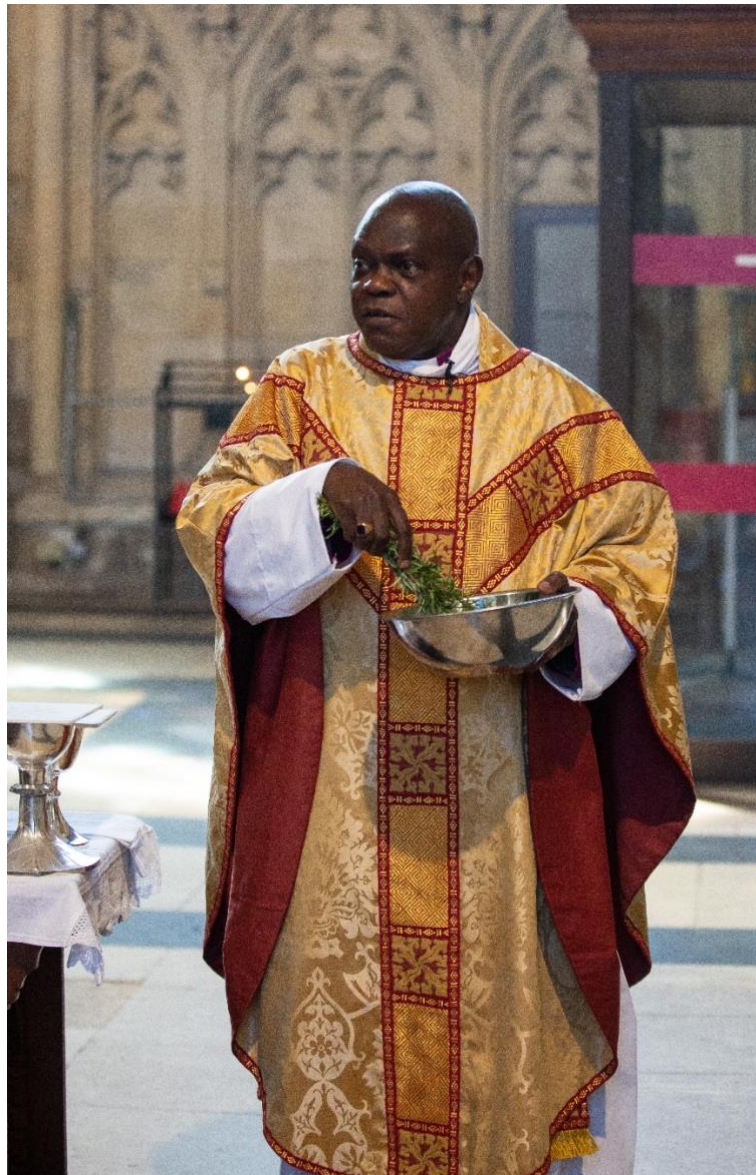
Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. Isaiah 49.13

Let us pray.

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

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Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

*A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

### **Reflection or Meditation**

I am with you always, to the end of the age.

At the Minster we have been lighting the paschal candle each day, and praying prayer requests from people affected by the coronavirus.

The light of Christ has been lit in a world which can seem dark.

All who are baptised walk in this light all the days of their life.

We shine as light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

It does not mean we do not find ourselves in dark place, but that God's light is present with us and in us.

Were we worshipping in the Minster, each Sunday in Eastertide, we would be reminded of this, and of our baptism into Christ.

This baptism joins us to Jesus – who is with us to the end of the age, and to one another, as brothers and sisters – a family stretching across the globe.

It also calls us to go and make disciples of all nations.

How? By being lights in the world: by showing God's love for and delight in all God's people. We can transform the darkness of this world, by loving God, and our neighbour, by living as people of light and life.

## **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.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory.**