

The Fourteenth Station

Welcome

‘Welcome to York Minster as we 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.

A brief moment of silence follows.

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.

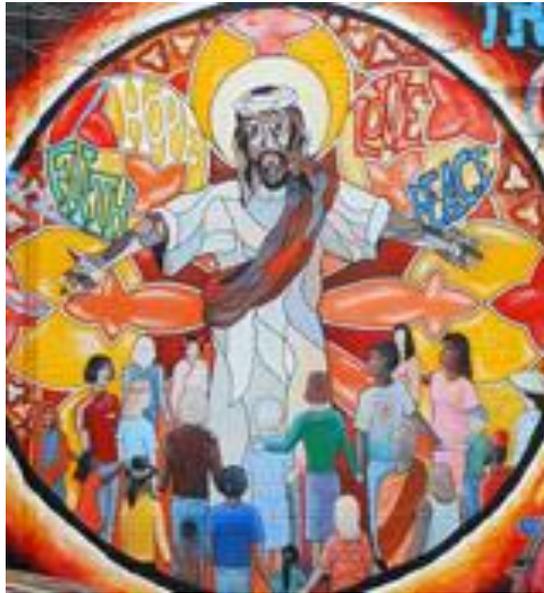
Praise to you, Lord Jesus: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Fourteenth Station: Jesus and the beloved disciple

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

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?' *John 21.20-23*



Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace

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The Beloved

Did He really have favourites?

In the great crowd of friends

there was; 'the one who Jesus loved'

What about the others?

Peter, James and John

Saw him shine with glory on the mountain.

Why not the others?

Love your neighbour and your enemy

But some more than others?

Does Jesus have favourites?

The super-good?

Experts in the rigmarole of religion?

Those who can really pray?

But it is the poor in spirit

Who are blessed

Sinners at the front of the queue

For the kingdom

Incarnation in tension

Humanity is lived in the particular

While omnipotence is suspended

When omnipotence is embraced

All are loved equally

In general and

In particular

You are a beloved disciple

and

You are the beloved disciple

You recline next to Jesus

And ask questions

You remain

Until he comes

Your name written on God's hand

You are the beloved disciple.

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.

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Music

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

Words St Bernard (1090–1153) translated by E Caswall (1814–1878)

Music Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)