



Welcome

'Welcome to York Minster as we journey through the Stations of the Resurrection'

Through Lent and Passontide 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.

Tenth Station: Jesus breathes the Spirit in the upper room

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

A reading from the Gospel according to John

When Jesus had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'



The Holy Spirit as Breath – a manuscript illumination - Codex Egberti, Fol 103, from the monastery of Reichenau 980 - 993



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The kiss of life

A kiss of death

led to,

Wounded hands.

Wounded feet.

Wounded side.

and

‘Peace be with you’

Peace can flow from the scars of agony

From dry, cracked lips

Kissed by a traitor

That gave form

In a dying sigh to,

‘It is finished’

Comes

The timeless breath of life.

Those traitor kissed lips

That dying sigh

Once



Kissed love and life

Into Adam

And now

Will kiss life and love

Into you

What flows from our wounds?

Do we breathe life into others, or

suck it out?

Do we kiss love into others, or are we

selfish traitors?

Breathe on, and through me, breath of God

Kiss me with the kiss of life.

Prayer

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you breathed new life into your astonished disciples. As you turned unutterable grief into unshakeable joy, so renew and refresh your turbulent world and establish now your reign of peace. To you, Lord Jesus, transforming the pain of death into the fullness of life, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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Music



Glorious and Powerful God,
we understand thy dwelling is on high
above the starry sky.

Thou dwellest not in stone temples made with hand;
but in the flesh hearts of the sons of men to dwell is thy delight,
near hand, though out of sight.

We give of thine own hand,
thy acception is very life and blood,
to all actions good.

Whenever here or hence our supplication, from pure and with unfeigned hearts,
to thee ascends, be present with thy grace,
shew us thy loving face.

O down on us full showers of mercy send;
let thy love's burning beams
dry up all our sin's streams.

Arise, O Lord,
and come into thy rest.
Both now and evermore thy name be blest,
founder and foundation
of endless habitation.

Music Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)