

LANCASTER PRIORY



STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

The Vicar welcomes the congregation and introduces the service.

Priest We meet in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **Alleluia. He is risen indeed.**

Priest 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.

Jesus said. "This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the
Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up
on the last day.

We move to the First Station.

1: Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

All Those who believe in him will never die.

Reading: John 20. 1,2

In the story of the resurrection, Jesus conquers death for ever through his own dying and rising from the dead.

The Love of God is present with all who are close to death.

We praise and bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for the love which drew Mary Magdalene to the tomb
to weep over your death.

As you broke into her grief with your death-shattering life,
So reach into our broken hearts with your promise of hope.
To you, Lord Jesus, reaching into the deepest tombs of our despair,
Be honour and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life,
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

2: The disciples run to the empty tomb

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

All Those who believe in him will never die.

Reading: John 20.3-8

In the story of the resurrection, Jesus bids us hurry to see the empty tomb.

The Love of God defeats despair with hope, and inspires us to witness
to his life-changing love.

We praise and bless you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory
For in you our God reveals the awesome power of love
that is stronger even than death.

As in your dying you destroyed death,
so in your rising may we be raised above the trials and torments
of this world's woe.

To you, Lord Jesus, the fullness of your life revealed in an empty tomb,
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.**

3: The Road to Emmaus

J Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
All **Those who believe in him will never die.**

Reading: Luke 24. 28-35

In the story of the resurrection, Jesus makes himself known in the breaking of bread.

The Love of God is present as we break the bread and drink the cup and remember Jesus.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord, King of glory,
for you are with us even when our eyes are closed to your companionship.
Walk this day alongside the disconsolate and the despairing,
open their eyes to your gentle illumination,
and let their hearts burn within them at your invisible presence.
To you, Lord Jesus, walking by our side,
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.**

4: The angel appears to the women

J Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
All **Those who believe in him will never die.**

Reading: Matthew 28.5-8

In the story of the resurrection, angels announce the Resurrection to the women.

The Love of God speaks truth to those who are powerless.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord, King of glory,
for your resurrection overturns our expectations of life
and even your closest friends could not see the truth before them.
As the angel helped them to grasp your triumph and overcome their fear,
so help us to see your hand at work through the events that overtake us.
To you, Lord Jesus, whose ways astonish beyond our imagining,
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.**

5: Jesus commissions the disciples

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

All Those who believe in him will never die.

Reading: John 20. 21-23

In the story of the resurrection, Jesus calls his disciples to proclaim the forgiveness of sins.

The Love of God takes away all sin and guilt.

We praise and bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us.

Equip your Church with the gifts to fulfil our calling
that we may love as you loved, serve as you served,
and willingly follow wherever you lead.

To you, Lord Jesus, gifting your people,
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.**

6: Jesus appears at the Lakeside

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

All Those who believe in him will never die.

Reading: John 21.9-13

In the story of the resurrection, Jesus responded to the needs of his friends.

The Love of God calls us to serve others.

We praise and bless you our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for at the lakeside you showed concern

for the daily needs of your disciples.

As you guided them to fill their nets with fish,
so guide all who are hungry till their hunger is satisfied in you.

To you, Lord Jesus, sharing with us the food of faith,
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.**

7: Jesus reveals himself to Thomas

J Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
All **Those who believe in him will never die.**

Reading: John 20.24-29

In the story of the resurrection, Jesus transformed the doubts of Thomas into a confident proclamation of faith.

The Love of God calls us boldly to proclaim to all the world that Jesus Christ is Lord .

We praise and bless you our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for you have come to us in our doubting.
Through the sovereign work of your Spirit,
and the loving hands of your people,
continue to reveal yourself where doubt is stronger than faith.
To you, Lord Jesus,
whose resurrection body bears the murderous marks of the cross,
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.**

8: Jesus appears to 500 at once

J Jesus is the resurrection and the life.
All **Those who believe in him will never die.**

Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.3-6

In the story of the resurrection, Jesus appeared to many of the faithful.

The Love of God embraces the whole of humanity with unsurpassing love.

We praise and bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for your resurrection is a revelation to the whole world.
As you revealed yourself powerfully to so many,
reveal yourself now as the hope for our world.
To you, Lord Jesus, going beyond the limits of our understanding,
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.**

9: Jesus appears to the women (This Station is omitted from Ascension Day)

J Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

All Those who believe in him will never die.

Reading: Matthew 28.9,10

In the story of the resurrection, Jesus calls us to have no fear in proclaiming the Good News that he is risen!

The Love of God washes away all fear and guilt.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord, King of glory,
for your simple word of greeting made the hearts of the women leap for joy.
Speak your word of love to those whose hearts are broken,
that they too may hear your loving, beckoning call.
To you, Lord Jesus, whose call summons us to life in all its fullness,
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.**

(Before Ascension Day, we move to The Conclusion p.8)

10: The Ascension

J Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

All Those who believe in him will never die.

Reading: Acts 1. 3-11

In the story of the resurrection Jesus ascended to the Father to reign at his right hand in glory.

The love of God knows our humanity, and judges us with infinite mercy.

We praise and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for in your ascension you are crowned King of kings and Lord of lords.
As we worship you on your heavenly throne,
prepare our hearts for the coming of your Spirit.
To you, Lord Jesus,
who will come back in the same way you went up into heaven,
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.**

(Before Pentecost we move to The Conclusion p.8)

11: Pentecost

J Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

All **Those who believe in him will never die.**

Reading: Acts 2.1-11

In the story of the resurrection Jesus fulfils his promise to send his Spirit to us.

The Love of God imparts the Wisdom of God to his faithful people.

We praise and bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for you promised that your disciples would be baptized with the Holy Spirit
and now we see the fulfilment of your promise.

Fill us afresh with your Spirit today,
revive your Church, and renew the face of the earth.

To you, Lord Jesus, giving to your people the greatest gift of all,
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.**

12: Jesus appears to Saul

J Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

All **Those who believe in him will never die.**

Reading: Acts 9.1-18

In the story of the resurrection, Jesus calls even Saul, who had persecuted his followers, to follow him, and be a witness of his glory.

The Love of God calls sinners to repentance and new life in Him.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for you transformed the murderous Saul into the great apostle Paul.

As you revealed yourself to him on the road to Damascus,
reveal yourself to your people journeying through this life.

To you, Lord Jesus, who can fill even the emptiest of lives,
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.**

The Conclusion

Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom in the words our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things that are above
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.**

God has claimed us as his own.
**He has brought us out from darkness.
He has made us light to the world.**

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
Strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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