

STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

Introduction and Call to Worship

Easter is not an event that has occurred
its an adventure that has begun
not a place that we have visited
but a path on which we stand

a story not complete, but unfolding
characters still breathing
stations still teeming
with the promise of new life
not just for you and me
but for all people, in all places

a cosmic crux
a turning point of time

Easter is the season
of wild hope
of dangerous intent
of potent promise

where the future flaps unfurled
in the spirit's breeze

where hopes bubble
with uncorked effervescence

where toes tap
to free-form rhythms

where rainbow hues
splash empty canvas

Tonight
we continue the journey
we re-enter the story
to explore our questions
to uncover our doubts
to face our nagging need

We walk the path
of two who travelled a dusty road
wrapped in confusion and despair
two who shared the company of a stranger
voicing their pain
airing their fears

and in the listening
heard words of hope and promise
and in the eating
received true bread of life

Tonight we re-enter the story
with expectation that Christ
will also reveal himself to us
in sights and sounds
in words and symbols
in bread and wine

Let us pray

Risen Christ
walk with us this night
be our companion and guide
be our teacher and friend
be our host and servant
bringing your gifts of faith, peace and hope
and deep joy
as always
Amen.

A/V Song – “Blessing, Honour”

Bible Reading: Luke 24:13-17

Prayer

Time at Stations

Song – “Agnus Dei”

Gathering at the Table

Songs

Bible Reading – Luke 24:28-35

Holy Communion

Blessing

A/V – “Answer”

STATIONS

And the Word became Flesh

Sad News, Glad News

An Aussie Easter Story

Jesus said to her... "Mary!"

Peace be with you

He bent down... linen wrappings

He has given us ... hope

If a seed dies, it bears much fruit

They bought spices to anoint him

But we had hoped he would redeem Israel

Emmaus Eucharist

Invitation

At Easter time
the space between heaven and earth
grows thin
time and eternity are one
age old promises prove true
long held hopes become real
and we can finally believe
that God's will might be done on earth
as it is in heaven

As so we gather
to celebrate and remember
in the company of the one
who names us and claims us
risen and present
not controlled by history
not confined by texts
not contained by death

One who has walked alongside us
who has heard our questions and cries
who has offered gentle wisdom
One who invites strangers to be neighbours
and enemies to be friends
around this table

Christ invites us to this table
if you know hunger or thirst
for a deeper faith
for a better life
for a fairer world
know that you are most welcome here

Narrative of Institution

On this night we recall that just as Jesus broke bread
in that upper room with twelve disciples
on the night before he died.
Sitting at a meal table -
plates and cups,
conversations and jokes
friendship and betrayal -
Christ saying, take and eat
this is my body broken for you
take and drink
this is a new covenant in my blood

so he broke bread a second time
not in a city temple but in a country pub
not with knowing friends
but with those who thought him a stranger

just as he had done before
as a host he offered welcome,
as a master he served
making strangers into friends
making a meal into a holy moment

So now we do as Jesus did
we drink and eat
simple food and drink
yet in these, Jesus himself promises to be present
Christ himself offers to make us whole.

Thanksgiving

And so we gather in thanks
to the One who always welcomes us
home to the table
from the dawn of Creation
to the Easter sunrise

Let us be still and know
that Christ is present
to save and to serve
to guide and to call
to comfort and to heal

(a time of silence)

For your life which binds our living,
for your love which shapes our giving
for your peace which mends our breaking
for your truth which guides our knowing
We give you thanks -
Creator God, Maker of All,
Holy Lord, Risen One,
Spirit of Life, Bringer of Peace,

The Breaking of the Bread

With this bread that we break and eat
Christ is present with us
With this wine that we pour and drink
Christ is present with us

(Distribution)

Response

Christ's food in our souls
Our food shared like his
Christ's life in our hands
Our lives shaped by his.
Christ's love in our hearts.
Our love warmed through his.
Christ's peace on our path.
Our path following his.

Prayer

Blessing (said in 2 parts)

May the blessing of God surround us
May angels and friends share our journey
May we be safeguarded, loved and cherished
May we walk on holy ground

May people of faith inspire us
May wisdom and justice empower us
May we be wise and strong and creative
May we celebrate life and hope

May God's image grow within us
May laughter and courage heal us
May the Gospel of life sustain us
All the days of our journey home

A/V - "Answer"