The Stations of the Resurrection

♣ 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.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

1 Peter 1:3-4

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.

First Station: Jesus Rises from the Dead

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

Matthew 28:2-4

Just before dawn, on the first day of the week, Jesus rose from the dead. No one saw it happen but, like the women, the Apostles, and countless Christians since, we are called to be witnesses to this central event and truth of our faith. Christ's death and Resurrection have become the pattern of our lives.

We pray that we may always live as true disciples of Christ. That, in dying to self to serve God and our neighbour, we may imitate his self-sacrificial death on the Cross. May we never lose confidence in our hope that his Resurrection, will also be ours.

Lord Jesus,

by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Second Station: The Women Find the Empty Tomb

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him."

Matthew 28:5-7

The women went to the tomb to perform a solemn duty by anointing Jesus' body; to perform one last service for their Lord. They must have gone with heavy hearts. But, instead of finding the dead body they expected, they found an empty tomb and an angel telling them that Jesus had risen from the dead. It's no wonder they were afraid, they were probably astonished and confused too. How could this be? Jesus was dead. As the initial shock subsided, did the angel's words remind them of Jesus' promise that he would rise again after three days? In the dark times of our lives, do we forget Jesus' promises, or are we ready for what God might do, at any moment?

We pray for all those who are weighed down by the trials of life and for whom life seems to be empty and without meaning. We pray that the life-giving message of Jesus' Resurrection may reach into hearts that are broken and lives that seem without hope. When our world seems full of trouble, may that we may always be reminded that Jesus has conquered the world.

Lord Jesus,

by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Third Station: The Disciples Run to the Empty Tomb

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

John 20:3-10

In spite of the women's words, the empty tomb was not proof of Jesus' Resurrection. It was, rather, a silent witness to the greatest event of our faith, and of human history. Even after seeing the empty tomb, the disciples still didn't understand that Jesus had risen from the dead, and so they went home, wondering, no doubt, what was going on. There are so many people in the world today like them, people who know about Jesus' empty tomb, who have heard that he has been raised from the dead, but who yet don't understand and can't believe.

We pray for all those who cannot, or will not, believe in Jesus' Resurrection. We pray too, for those who have lost their faith or who's faith is weak. We pray that their hearts and minds will be opened to the light of faith, and that we may be witnesses to Jesus' Resurrection in our own lives.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Fourth Station: The Risen Lord Appears to Mary Magdalene

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

John 20:13-18

In the Book of Genesis, after sin had entered the world through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, God walks in the garden and calls to Adam. But Adam, in the shame of his nakedness and sin, hides himself from God. Now, after Jesus' Resurrection, God walks in a garden again but this time it's he who is hidden. He is in plain sight, but Mary doesn't recognise him, until he calls to her. The story has come full circle. Once, God looked for men and women but they, in their sin, hid from him. Now, their sins taken away by Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, they look for God, and he shows himself to them. Mary is the first witness to this and so becomes the Apostle to the Apostles.

We pray for all those who work as Apostles and evangelists in the world today. For those who, by word and deed seek to make the risen Lord known to those who have not heard the Gospel. We pray too, for those who cannot accept God's forgiveness and still seek to cover their sin and shame by hiding from God. That the Gospel may penetrate their hearts and they may look for God in their lives.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Fifth Station: The Risen Lord Appears on the Road to Emmaus

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these

things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:13-16, 25-27

The story of the disciples on the Emmaus road, is the story of our journey on the road through life. The disciples were confused. They'd hoped for so much but had apparently seen all those hopes dashed when Jesus had been arrested, condemned and put to death. They were sad and disheartened. But now, some of their number were saying that Jesus body had gone and, what was more, that they'd been told he was alive. And in their sadness and confusion, they don't recognise Jesus, even though he's walking and talking with them. We can be like that too. Sometimes the worries and concerns of life can stop us from seeing the Lord, even when he's right in front of us. It's only when we stop and really look and listen that we see the Lord and what he's doing in and through our lives. It's only then that we can make sense of what might seem to be the confusion and pointlessness of our lives.

We pray for all those who have lost their way on their journey through life, for those whose hopes and dreams have been shattered or who feel life is confused and confusing. We pray that the voice of Jesus may speak to them through the disappointment and confusion of life to lead them into the way that they should go. And we pray that we may always have the wisdom to look for, listen to, and follow Jesus amidst the turmoil of our lives

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Sixth Station: Jesus is Recognised in the Breaking of Bread

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.

Luke 24:28-31

The meeting on the road leads to the table and the disciple's recognition of Jesus in the breaking of bread. As it was for the disciples on the Emmaus road, so it is for us too. Just like them, we meet Jesus as we travel along the road of life. We meet him in other people, in the Scriptures and in the sacraments of the Church, especially in the sacrament of Holy Communion. And whenever we meet Jesus, we have an opportunity to learn from him and to know and understand him better. But often, we don't recognise Jesus when we meet him, because we don't see him in other people. We don't listen when he speaks, perhaps because we are so sure of our own understanding or perhaps because we don't want to hear, because what we hear makes us feel uncomfortable. And so, we don't grow in understanding and we miss an opportunity to know Jesus better. But, when we meet Jesus in the sacrament of Holy Communion, we can't help but be reminded of his sacrifice on the Cross. And so, in the breaking of bread and sharing of wine, we recognise Jesus as the one who laid down his life so that we could be freed from sin and raised to eternal life.

We pray that we may have the vision to recognise Jesus in those whom we meet on our journey through life. We pray for the gift of understanding, that we may hear Jesus speaking to us, in other people, and through the words of Scripture. We pray for forgiveness for those times when, in our blindness and pride, we have failed to recognise Jesus when we have met him on the road, or to listen to him when he has spoken to us. And we pray that, when our earthly journey is over, we may be found worthy of a seat at the heavenly banquet where we may finally see Jesus as he really is.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Seventh Station: The Risen Lord Appears to the Disciples

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

Luke 24:36-40

Sometimes, people try to explain the Lord's Resurrection as a spiritual resurrection, that is, he was raised from the dead, but as a spirit rather than with a physical body. But the post-resurrection appearance of the risen Lord, don't support such an understanding of his Resurrection. Jesus was raised physically; he had a body that could be touched, and he ate in plain sight of the disciples. What's more, he still bore the marks of his crucifixion. What all this tells us is that it was not in his divine, spiritual state that the disciples saw Jesus, they saw him in his humanity because it was in his humanity that he was raised. That is the most wonderful news imaginable for us because we are not divine, we are human and, if Jesus was raised in his humanity, we can be too.

We pray that we may always live in confident hope of the resurrection. That we may not spend our lives in pursuit of the transitory pleasures and rewards that the world has to offer, but seek first God's Kingdom, and those things which will last to eternity. And we pray too, for those who live with no hope of resurrection, that the great promise of Easter may find a place in their lives in which to take root and grow.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Eighth Station: The Risen Lord Commissions the Disciples

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

John 20:21-23

The sacraments of the Church are very tangible ways in which we can experience God's grace in our lives, that is why the Church attaches such great importance to the sacraments. One sacrament that has fallen into disuse though is the sacrament of reconciliation, or confession, as it used to be called. This is very sad. Many people may see this sacrament as belonging to a particular denomination of the Church but that is not the case. The sacrament of reconciliation is inextricably linked to the risen Lord's word's about peace and forgiveness that he spoke to the disciples. There are so many conflicts in the world and in our lives. Conflicts between peoples and nations, conflicts within the Church and conflicts in our lives, with our neighbours, within ourselves and between ourselves and God. And we cannot find the peace Jesus promised until these conflicts are resolved. But, in order to resolve them, we need to find reconciliation between those who are at enmity with one another, or within themselves. And before there can be reconciliation, there must be an honest acknowledgement of wrongdoing, and forgiveness.

We pray for an end to the conflicts in our lives and in the world. We pray that all people may have the humility to acknowledge their own faults and to seek forgiveness for them. And we pray too, that all people may have the courage and compassion to forgive those who have wronged them. We pray that we may have peace in our lives and in the world.

Lord Jesus,

by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Ninth Station: The Risen Lord Inspires the Faith of Thomas

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:24-29

We sometimes call Thomas, 'Doubting Thomas', but that gives the impression that he alone amongst the disciples doubted Jesus' Resurrection. The Gospels though, show very clearly that Thomas certainly wasn't the only one to have doubts, but simply that he was the last of the

disciples to see the risen Lord for himself. And, having seen, Thomas reaction was to acclaim Jesus as his 'Lord and God', in a great declaration of faith. Thomas example reminds us too, that doubt is part and parcel of faith. Many things that happen in life and in the world can cause us to have doubts about our faith. It's very hard for us to see why people suffer or to see any purpose in their suffering. Life, and the world, can seem very unfair and it can be hard for us to see God in what we see going on around us. But we are called to have faith even though we haven't seen the risen Lord with our own eyes, or can't see God's purpose in the world. We're called to believe, in the full knowledge that our faith may be tested by doubts.

We pray for the gift of a steadfast faith, a faith that will endure through times of testing and of doubt. We pray that, although we cannot see the Lord with our eyes, we may have the spiritual vision to see him at work in our lives and in the world.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Tenth Station: The Risen Lord Meets the Disciples on the Lakeside

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

John 21:4-8

The disciples were experienced fishermen, they knew the lake well; they knew where and how to catch fish. But they'd worked all night and caught nothing. So perhaps it was out of desperation, a feeling that they'd tried everything they knew, and they had nothing to lose, so they might as well try what this stranger had suggested too. The enormous catch of fish that resulted led them to one conclusion, the one who'd called them from the shore, must be the Lord. And when we have a problem, isn't it true that our first response is to try to solve it ourselves, even to try everything we know to solve it ourselves, and that, very often, it's only when our own efforts have failed that we turn to the Lord in prayer to seek a solution? Perhaps if we took our problems to the Lord more quickly, we might find a solution to them more quickly too? That's not to say the Lord would solve the problem for us – we'd still have some work to do, just as the disciples had to let out their net again and try to haul it back aboard their boat and to shore. But how much worry and fruitless hard work might we save ourselves if only we turned to the Lord sooner?

We pray that we may be people who are devoted to prayer. We pray too for the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that we will hear and understand the Lord when he speaks to us. And we pray that we may have a deep sense of trust in the Lord, that we may be ready to act on his word.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Eleventh Station: The Risen Lord Entrusts His Flock to Peter

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

John 21:15-17

Jesus' three questions to Peter, mirror Peter's three-fold denial of Jesus on the night of his arrest. Then, Peter had denied three times that he even knew Jesus, let alone loved him. And this after saying he would die before he would deny Jesus just a short time earlier. Nevertheless, Jesus entrusted his flock, the Church, to Peter's care. Can there ever have been another act of forgiveness and trust such as this? So often, we're like Peter too. We acclaim Jesus as our Saviour, we praise him as our risen Lord, we worship him as our God, and then we deny him because we speak and act as though we don't even know him. Yet, nevertheless, just as he did with Peter, if we turn to him again in faith, we know that Jesus will forgive us and restore us to fellowship with him.

We pray for forgiveness for all the times when we have denied Jesus through our un-Christlike words and actions. We pray too for all those who are entrusted with the care of Jesus flock, the Church, today. We pray for bishops, priests and deacons that they may follow Christ in their lives and draw others to him and to closer fellowship with him.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Twelfth Station: The Risen Lord Sends the Disciples into the World

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20

The disciples had hardly distinguished themselves in the six weeks since Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion. First, they'd run away when he'd been arrested. Then, they were slow to believe that he'd risen form the dead. Jesus had told them often enough that all this would happen, but even so, they still had a hard time believing it, even when they saw him after his Resurrection. And St Matthew tells us that even 40 days and numerous appearances of the risen Lord later, some of the disciples still had their doubts. Yet, even so, these were the people whom Jesus entrusted to take the Gospel out into the world. Today, we are the people whom Jesus entrusts to proclaim the Gospel in the world. As we think about our own failures to live up to our calling as disciples of Christ, we might think we're a pretty poor choice to carry out this great commission. But, on the face of it, so were the original disciples. The fact that we're still here to proclaim the Gospel today shows that they overcame their failures and fears and doubts and did go out into the world to fulfil their great, Christ given commission. If we want there to be people to carry out the great commission tomorrow, we have to be willing to fulfil it today.

We pray for the courage to proclaim the Gospel in the time and place God has given us in which to fulfil the Church's great commission. We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in proclaiming the Gospel in ways that the people with whom we share our daily lives will understand. And we pray for God's grace so that we are able to proclaim the Gospel, not only in words, but in and through lives lived in obedience to Christ.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Thirteenth Station: The Risen Lord Ascends into Heaven

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

And while eating with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Acts 1:4-11

What were the disciples thinking, as they looked into heaven after Jesus' Ascension? Were they waiting for Jesus to reappear as he had done from the cloud at his Transfiguration? Surely Peter, James and John had told the others about that now that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Were they simply awed by what they had witnessed and transfixed, unable to look away or move? At this point, did any of them wonder what Jesus' Ascension meant for them, and the world? To us, Jesus' Ascension marks so many things that are important to us and our faith. It marks Jesus return to the Father to begin his reign as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. It marks his return to the Father as our mediator and advocate, as the One who constantly intercedes for us with the Father. And it marks the ascension to heaven of Jesus in his humanity, the sign that we too can rise to

heaven with him. At the time, the disciples perhaps didn't think of these things, that would only come later as they, and other Christians pondered this great event. The disciples were probably simply in awe of what they had just seen, but our Lord's Ascension is no less awesome in its meaning than it must have been to witness on the Mount of Olives 2,000 years ago.

We pray for an increase of God's Kingdom on earth, that all people may come to recognise Jesus as their Saviour, their Lord and their heavenly King. We pray that, in the assurance of sins forgiven, all people may know in their lives the effects of Jesus intercession with the Father. And we pray that all people may know the joy of Easter in their lives, and live always, in confident hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our risen and ascended Lord, Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus, by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

Fourteenth Station: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because by your Resurrection, we are raised to life.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:1-4

The coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost marks the birth of the Church. On this day, the disciples were empowered to begin the great commission the risen Lord had given them to proclaim the Gospel to all people. St Luke tells us that on this day, the Gospel was proclaimed to people from all over the eastern Roman empire, and beyond, and that, from amongst those who heard, about 3,000 people were baptised and became disciples of Christ. The Church has been growing ever since. In our society today, we don't see that, but on a worldwide scale, Christianity is the not only the largest but also the fastest growing faith in the world today. Just as on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit continues to be poured out on God's people to empower and inspire them to proclaim the Gospel. The Good News is proclaimed throughout the earth, people are baptised in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and Christ's Church continues to grow.

We pray for the Church. We pray for all Christians throughout the world, especially for those who are persecuted for their faith today. We pray for forgiveness for the sins that have divided the Church and deepen divisions in the Church. We pray that, as all Christians acknowledge one Lord and Saviour, so may we all work for that day when the Church will be one.

Lord Jesus,

by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free: you are the Saviour of the world.

The concluding prayer which follow are adapted from Common Worship: Times and Seasons © The Archbishops' Council 2006.

Concluding Prayers

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour 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 Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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

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

God has claimed us as his own. He has brought us out of darkness, and made us light to the world.

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

→ May the Lord bless us, deliver us from all evil, and bring us to eternal life. Amen.