

Reflection John 21: 1-19

Stations of the Resurrection

In a similar way to the traditional Stations of the Cross, it is possible to write and pray a series of Stations of the Resurrection, taking a few verses from Scripture, a short meditation and a prayer. This is what I will be attempting on occasion over the next few weeks of Eastertide. The 14 Stations of the Cross are often completed with a Eucharist - the Station of the Resurrection - so we will complete this series by a Station of Pentecost, marking the end of Easter-tide.

Breakfast on the beach

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

[Our Gospel reading today]

Jesus invites us to share a meal with him, just as he invited the large crowds to share bread and fish by the Sea of Galilee, as he here invites the early disciples to have breakfast, as he invites all to participate in the great heavenly banquet of the Kingdom of God. By accepting that invitation we join with others to form a community, not simply for ourselves, but to be co-workers with him to make the Kingdom a reality.

Lord, help us to accept your invitation to share food and so risk becoming part of the community which makes you real here, in your life, in your death and in your resurrection.

Fr David



NEXT SUNDAY 11.05.25 Fourth Sunday of Easter
10.30am in the Church

READINGS: OT Acts 9: 36-43
NT Revelation 7: 9-end
GOSPEL John 10: 22-30



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St Thomas, Exeter

4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

10.30am in the Church

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

181 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

228 I danced in the morning

563 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Holy Baptism of Jude Kenneth Pavis

Tuesday 6th May

7.30pm House Group at Helen's house.

Wednesday 7th May

10am Walsingham Mass

Thursday 8th May

9.30—11am St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter. 19 Maple Rd

Details from Jenny. 01392 498725

Friday 9th May

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting

Saturday 10th May

9am Men's Breakfast in the Sawyers



Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Acts 9: 1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

Revelation 5: 11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!' And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

John 21: 1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter,

Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to 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 there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 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.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt 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. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Notices

We are revising the **Year's Mind list** as it has become rather lengthy. We recognize that it is a sensitive matter and all those currently on this list from the year 2000 will be retained automatically. If you would like an older St Thomas name kept on this list please contact Ian or Fr David. Please note that if your relative or friend was a worshipper at Emmanuel or St Andrews, there are no dates with these names. So please speak to Ian or Fr David even if the date is 2000 onwards.

Electoral roll revision. Every 6 years we are required to complete a full revision of the Church electoral roll and this is due to take place at least 2 months before our APCM on 25th May. This is also a great time for any new members to be added. New and existing members will need to complete and return an application form to Carolyn Bryant, Ian Toterdel or a member of the clergy by 10th May at the latest. The new roll will be displayed on the noticeboard for 14 days prior to the APCM. Carolyn and Ian have copies of the application form available and if you need help or have any question please speak to Carolyn after the service or on 07780 707183.

Cleaning the Church Volunteers are needed. Areas can be cleaned whenever it suits as long as there are to least two people. Speak to Ian.

The House Group meets fortnightly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month at Helen's house. For details see Mic or Ian.

