

MONDAY
13 APRIL
Acts 2:14. 22-32
Psalm 16:1-2.
6-end
Matthew 28:8-15

TUESDAY
14 APRIL
Acts 2:36-41
Psalm 33:4-5.
18-end
John 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY
15 APRIL
Acts 3:1-10
Psalm 105:1-9
Luke 24:13-35

THURSDAY
16 APRIL
Acts 3:11-end
Psalm 8
Luke 24:35-48

FRIDAY
17 APRIL
Acts 4:1-12
Psalm 118:1-4.
22-26
John 21:1-14

SATURDAY
18 APRIL
Acts 4:13-21
Psalm 118:1-4.
14-21
Mark 16:9-15

REFLECTION



What connects our readings in this joyful Easter week? To paraphrase a familiar worship song, “Go tell it in the workplace, in your homes, over social media and everywhere – that Jesus Christ is Lord!” The Gospels recount meetings with the risen Lord and his instruction to go and tell. Readings from Acts show the disciples doing just that.

Peter especially, who so often gets things wrong, just like us, spreads the Easter message in both word and deed. Can we? Perhaps we can’t preach as effectively as Peter, but we can at least acknowledge our faith without being “preachy.” Perhaps we can’t heal a lame man, as Peter and John did in the name of Jesus, but we do all have a healing ministry in his name. We can help those who seek meaning in their lives, comfort in their sorrow, support in their difficulties. Actions so often speak louder than words.

Meeting the risen Christ, recognising him in our lives, is not an end in itself. Those first disciples didn’t keep the good news to themselves. Go and tell, go and show, that Jesus Christ is Lord. Alleluia!

PRAYER

Great and glorious God,
 we thank you for our salvation in the miracle of Easter.
 May our hearts sing “Alleluia” as our lives proclaim the
 reality of the resurrection,
 in faith renewed and service to others.
 This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

STATION II – THE RESURRECTION

Continuing our series of extracts from Richard Greatrex’s book *Stations of the Resurrection*, which takes the reader from the Sealed Tomb to Pentecost in sixteen stations.

When Jesus died the veil of the Temple was torn in two, the partition between humanity and divinity was ripped apart. Had that not already happened, though, when Jesus was born, breaking through the fleshly barrier of the womb? The Word pitching his tent among us – the nomadic God of Moses, whose lodging was the peripatetic Ark of the Covenant – was making footprints on the sand. The Temple had outlived its purpose; and now these new walls loomed impenetrably – smaller, tighter, far more claustrophobic: no decoration of gold-winged cherubim here; no fragrance of the incense of sacrifice.

Solomon wondered as he dedicated the first Temple: “will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built!” Up until his death Jesus’ disciples had been slowly, falteringly, reaching the conclusion that God was truly inhabiting the earth. Now the tomb was going to bear witness that God could not, cannot, be contained.

Buried grain needs time in the dark before it splits open and new life emerges. When Egyptian tombs have been broken into, two-thousand-year-old seed has proved viable. As the green blade rises, so from the cool depths of the grave Christ does what Christ, what God, was destined to do: Christ himself rises. The nature of God is to love creation; God in Christ cannot be separated from the beloved. Love will come again. There is no trumpet, no torn veil, no guiding star, no heavenly choir, no adoring shepherds, no lowing beasts. Resurrection aestivates to germinate among shadows, un-witnessed, un-regarded.

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