

1st Station
JESUS RISES FROM DEATH



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you!

All: Because by your Resurrection you gave life to the world. Alleluia!

Read Mt 28:1-7.

Reflection

We live in a world full of graves – the graves of hatred, immorality, exploitation, oppression, defeatism, practical atheism . . .

Sometimes we feel that our very life has become a grave, with so much of us buried therein! The Resurrection brings us the good news: death can be conquered, thanks to Christ's victory.

We need to rediscover the reality of the Resurrection and its power. We need to let its power enter our hearts and show itself in our lives.

Of all the "good news" that may be trumpeted around, this is the "original one" – the mother and foundation of every good news: CHRIST IS RISEN AND WE CAN RISE WITH HIM!

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we thank you • for the good news of your Resurrection, • for the earthquake and the broken seals, • for the heavy tombstone flung aside. • As so many pieces of bad news • darken our horizon and our hearts, • the message from your angel • assures us that it is life, and not death, • that has the last word. • Remove from our society • all the signs of the "culture of death" • and make us heralds and instruments • of the "culture of life" that you inaugurated • and established with your Resurrection.

Appropriate Song