

# The Way of Light



**STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION**



# ***Station 1: The Resurrection***

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**RESPONSE:**

***We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you!***

***Because by your Cross and Resurrection you have redeemed the world.***



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**“But 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.’”**

***Matthew 28:5-6a***



# *Station 1: The Resurrection*

## Reflection:

Easter Happens

*No matter how long or fierce the winter, spring forces its way through the tons of ice and snow...*

*After all the savage cold and shattering wind, the earth grows green with hope;*

*And flowers, so fragile they could not be touched, force their way through the darkness of the earth to the morning sun.*

*No matter how horrible the death, how unbearable the pain... despite the tons of stone and dirt against the tomb,*

*Easter happens and life grows green as all the forces of the earth are exhausted.*

Anthony Podavano

Easter is about love that keeps vigil and waits and believes in life, no matter how dark and empty and cold the inner space feels. Easter is about hope that is willing to sit in the tomb while it trusts in transformation. Easter is about faithful companions who keep watch with us as we wait for our inner resurrection.

## **RESPONSE:**

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# ***Station 2: The Empty Tomb***

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**“Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.”**

***John 20:8***



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## Reflection:

A little story about a teacher who used L'eggs (those big plastic eggs they once sold panty hose in) to help students understand Easter and resurrection. Each child was to put something that symbolized new life in an L'eggs, and bring it to school to share with others.

The next morning the students were eager to share their signs of new life. Realizing that Johnny, a special needs student might have difficulty, the teacher decided to open the L'eggs and comment on them. When she found one L'eggs, she quietly set it aside.

After all the L'eggs had been opened Johnny waved his hand, "Teacher, you didn't say anything about my egg."

Teacher: "But Johnny, it was empty."

Johnny: "Teacher, that's the tomb of Jesus."

The empty tomb of Jesus isn't a sign of something wrong; it's a sign of something right. Jesus is risen. It isn't a sign of defeat; it's a sign of victory. Jesus is alive. It isn't a sign of death; it's a sign of new life, life that cannot be squelched even by the empty churches, schools, parking lots, restaurants, shops, and shelves we see all around us at this time. As Christians let us ask ourselves how we can be signs of new life, of Easter, of resurrection, of Jesus alive and with us even in emptiness.

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