

# FACE TO FACE WITH **JESUS** *resurrected*

Face to Face with Jesus is a pack of 40 postcards, portraying images of Jesus Christ from through the ages and around the world. The pack includes 6 images of the resurrected Christ, before his Ascension. These could be used in a number of ways during Easter Season, for prayer, discussion or as a basis for a reflection or led meditation.

Below are 6 short reflections that I have written to accompany each of these images. They could be printed and placed alongside each image, for people to read and ponder on at their own pace, or they could be led aloud as part of a service. Feel free to use them however you wish.

The Face to Face is pack is available to purchase from [stclaresatthecathedral.org](http://stclaresatthecathedral.org)

*Rev Charlotte Gale, February 2026*



### **The Descent into Sheol, Ethiopian Orthodox, c 1800**

Christ's descent into sheol is referred to in the Apostles' Creed (he descended to the dead). 1 Peter 4:6 states: "good tidings were proclaimed to the dead". Traditionally this descent is commemorated on Holy Saturday. Here we see Jesus rescuing Adam and Eve from the world of the dead. Whatever our theology of the afterlife, this image reminds us that in Christ all humankind are saved, Adam and Eve representing all people through all the ages. As we celebrate on Easter morning, we give thanks again that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3: 16

*Blessed are you, Lord, God of our salvation.  
Your love cannot be contained  
and overflows in the wonder of creation.  
You formed the universe out of nothing  
and moulded us from the clay of the earth.  
All you have made sings of your marvellous deeds,  
O Lord, our maker and redeemer.*

From Common Worship, the Easter Vigil.



### **Christ emerging from the tomb, c.1530**

This image of the risen Christ emerging from the tomb, clearly shows the suffering that he's endured. His body is covered with wounds from being flogged. His head bears wounds from the crown of thorns, his hands and feet from the nails, and his side from the spear. Resurrection doesn't mean that all our sufferings just disappear. They are part of our story. But our suffering will be redeemed. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we will enter into new life. Like Christ, we will bear the scars of our wounds, but not the pain. For he will wipe every tear away.

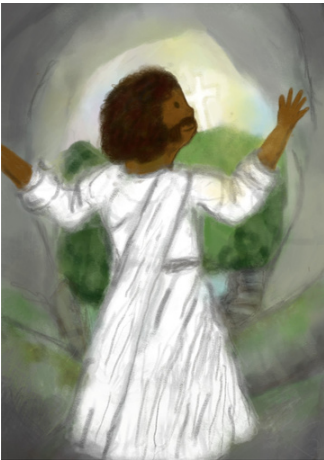
*Risen Christ,  
I pray that you heal my wounds  
and redeem my suffering,  
through your perfect love.  
Amen.*



## The Risen Christ and Mary Magdalene, Tapestry in Lillington Parish Church, Warwickshire

For nearly a decade, as the Vicar of Lillington, I had the privilege of saying Morning Prayer each day whilst gazing on this beautiful tapestry. It's full of gorgeous detail, every bit familiar to me. But what I always come back to is Mary, and her name 'Maria' in Latin, prominent at the top and centre. At the lowest, most awful moment of her life, Jesus came and spoke her name, 'Mary'. When someone knows and speaks our name it gives us identity. We are an individual, unique and precious. We are known. As you reflect on this picture, remember that Christ loves you and knows you by name.

*Thank you Jesus,  
that you love me  
and know me by name.  
Amen.*



## Risen Christ, Olugbemi Moronfolu, 2023

This gorgeous, almost ethereal image of the resurrected Jesus, was created by a member of St Clare's in one sitting. She was determined not to overthink it, and that gives it a sense of lightness and movement which I love. It makes me think of the final verse of the Sydney Carter hymn, Lord of the Dance.

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me –  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Thank you Jesus,  
that you live in me,  
and I in you,  
for all eternity.  
Amen.*



## **The Miraculous Catch of Fish, Jan Toorop, 1910**

I adore this picture. It's so full of life and movement and energy. It's as if the risen Christ, the disciples and even the fish are dancing.

*By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.*

*Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.*

Take a moment to give thanks for all that is good in your life. For all that gives you energy. For the things that make you want to dance.

*Thank you Jesus,  
that you came to bring life in all its fullness.  
Fill me with your Spirit,  
with your joy,  
with your life giving energy,  
today and always.  
Amen.*



## **Lord, stay with us, Rufus46, 2011**

In the heartbreak of our world, tragedy and injustice seem to press in on every side. This picture of the story of the road to Emmaus reminds us that however hard life is, Jesus walks with us. If we open our hearts and mind to receive him, in the breaking of bread we will receive the gift of hope. Desmond Tutu wrote that "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." and as Christopher Reeve said, "Once you choose hope, anything's possible".

*Risen Lord,  
In the darkness of our world,  
help me to know that you are with me,  
and to receive your gift of hope,  
a light in the darkness.  
Amen.*