

Dear Friend

On this Easter Sunday, there is one last station of the cross from Southwell Minster to share with you:

Station 14: Resurrection - the empty tomb



Rather than having the burial of Jesus as the final station, the sculptor has chosen to end the story not with the sorrow of death and grief but with the joy of resurrection - Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! So here we see a solitary figure looking at the empty tomb. Is this the risen Lord himself or a witness to his resurrection? Who knows? What strikes me is the way this person is looking; their head is bowed in much the same way as we have seen the head of Jesus bowed in many other stations. Does this signify questioning or wonderment? Again, who knows? What we do know for certain is that the stone has been rolled away to reveal an empty tomb. The stone was moved not to let Jesus out, but to let his followers in - that they should understand that what we all fear the most has been defeated. That the light that came into the world has overcome the darkness. Christ has burst from the tomb in power and victory - a power and victory that we as the followers of the risen Lord, can share in.

Happy Easter!

With much love and prayer

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