

Benefice of Marston and Elsfield

The Tale of Two Houses



**Family Service with
Holy Communion**

5th of July 2020

WELCOME TO YOU ALL. **Words in bold said by all.**

Welcome and Introduction

Call to Worship

We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence

As God's people we have gathered:
Let us worship him together.

Hymn/Song

Saying Sorry

Let us say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness.
For all the wrong things we have done: in your mercy,
Forgive us O God.

For forgetting what we ought to have remembered, for failing
to do as we promised, for turning away when we should have
listened, for being careless when we should have been sensi-
ble: in your mercy,
Forgive us O God

For doing things we knew would annoy, for acting in ways
we knew would hurt, for behaving in ways we knew would
disappoint: in your mercy,
Forgive us O God

O God, when we look back we can see how foolish and wrong we have been. Forgive us and help us not to do the same things again: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Reading *read by Sue*

Matthew 7: The Tale of Two Houses

Creative Activity *led by Harvey*

Short Talk *by Carolyn*

Prayers *led by Joel*

What we Believe

**We believe in God the Father,
From whom every family
In heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
Who lives in our hearts through faith,
And fills us with His love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
Who strengthens us
With power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen**

Passing on the Peace

God makes peace within us - **Let us claim it.**

God makes peace between us - **Let us share it.**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(Bread and glass of wine my be placed in front of you on a table)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched us all with love

and cleansed our minds and hearts.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed

he came to table with his friends

to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;

he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again

and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Join in with a video of BSL Lords Prayer.

We say the Lord's Prayer together;

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

**but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

(pick up the bread and wine in your hands and say together..)

Creator God, we offer you our hands and ourselves, as a community which desires to Break Bread together as brothers and sisters, united in and by your love.

Be present with us in this bread and wine as we pray, here in our homes, our gardens and in our streets.

Call us to your table, to feast as one body.

We offer you bread and wine all for transformation through your grace and love.

Amen

(Through a true desire to receive Christ, lively faith and a genuine love for Christ and his people, the Church invites you into spiritual communion; you may eat and drink your bread and wine at home to symbolically share in the spiritual communion of which you are already a part)

After Communion we say together...

**Generous Lord,
in word and Eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of
your love:
help us so to live out our days
that we may be signs of your wonders in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen**

Blessing

May the God of grace guard your going out and your coming home,

keep you as you work and as you play,

as you think and as you act,

as you listen and as you talk

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And the Blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you all, this day and always,

Amen