

Benefice of Marston and Elsfield

JOY FOR
EVERYONE



**6th of
September
2020**



ALL AGE Service
with the Breaking of Bread

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Introduction and Warm welcome to everyone!

September is a season of change with new beginnings and new challenges. Some of us have returned back to school, or will be returning back, some of us are getting ready for College, University or a new job. Some of us are preparing ourselves for the inner change that is needed in help us manage the next few months as restrictions ease and new patterns emerge.

Today's Bible readings bring us stories to challenge and stories to celebrate - themes which are fitting for those facing change.

Underlying all the instructions and warnings is the constant message of joy, that each one of us is special and everyone matters to God'.

Lets say this prayer together

**Faithful God
who is with us at our beginnings
and present in every moment,
fill our hearts with joy this day
as we remember again your love
shown to us in Jesus,
Your Son, our Saviour
Amen**

Saying Sorry

When we go through times of change, there are often things we regret. We might look back over the summer, or past school year and remember times things went wrong.

We want to bring our disappointment and our sadness over the mistakes we have made to God and ask him to forgive us and help us..

(Pause)

Almighty God
forgive us when we do wrong,
open our eyes to your truth,
strengthen us to do your will
and give us your joy
Amen

Song

**Your love, shining like the sun,
Pouring like the rain,
Raging like the storm,
Refreshing me again.
I receive Your love.**

**Your grace frees me from the past,
It purges every sin,
It purifies my heart
And heals me from within,
I receive Your grace.
Pour over me,
Pour over me,**

**Let Your rain flood this thirsty soul.
Pour over me Your waves of love,
Pour over me.
I come and lay my burden down
Gladly at Your feet,
I'm opening up my heart,**

**Come make this joy complete;
I receive Your peace.**

BIBLE READINGS

Philippians 2: 1-13 & Mark 9: 33-37

Reflection

Statement of Faith

We've thought about love that reaches to everyone.
So let's stand and speak out together.

**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.**

Prayers - *The Colours of Love*

Voice 1

The colour yellow reminds us of joy,

so let's give thanks and pray for those who bring us joy.

Voice 2

The colour red reminds us of pain and anger,
So let's pray for all those who are struggling today.

Voice 3

The colour green reminds us of life and growth, so let's pray for
those who work to bring about new beginnings.

Voice 4

The colour white reminds us of perfection and purity, so let's pray
for the life of the church.

All Voices

Dear God, thank you that the colours of the rainbow remind us of
your promise to love us and to care for us.
Be with us today and everyday.

Amen

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here
His Spirit is with us.

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.

God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels
to celebrate and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.
For honour and praise belong to you,
Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

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**

Song:

Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
Our God is a great big God
And He holds me in His hand.

He's higher than a sky scraper
And He's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams.
And He's known me and He's loved me
Since before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
Of God's amazing plan.

Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
And He holds us in His hands.

Blessing

May the joy of the Lord keep your heart singing
and your feet dancing
in your work and in your play, in your staying in and in your going
out.

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

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen