

Benefice of Marston and Elsfeld



A service for Holy Communion in EASTERTIDE

**An order of service to use with our
online worship on Sundays**

THE GREETING

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

He has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead. Amen.

God has claimed us as his own.

**He has brought us out of darkness,
He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

WELCOME

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *(may be said or sung)*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

1ST READING

At the end of the reading the reader says:
This is the word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last,
says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia.

When the gospel is announced:

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*:

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the gospel reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SHORT REFLECTION

THE CREED

Let's confirm our faith together and say...

**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

We may use the response:

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

After the final prayer we may say:

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERING BREAD AND WINE

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest,
and make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

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.

We give you thanks and praise for the gospel we have received.

Christ died for our sins. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death comes to all through Adam, and sin reigns for a time.

New life without end comes through Christ,

and he reigns for ever. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?

Death is swallowed up in victory,

the victory you gave us in Christ. Alleluia.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

We have been crucified with Christ,

and live his risen life,

to praise you for ever with angels and archangels:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the
cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the
whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious
ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
For ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom,
and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Those participating with worship at home are invited to make
their spiritual communion:*

*“Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy
Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you
within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you
sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I
unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I
embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to
be separated from you. Amen.”*

Or you are welcome to eat bread and wine as an agape meal.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus
Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious
victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the
risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!