

Benefice of Marston and Elsfield
Easter Sunday



**Celebration Service with
Holy Communion**

A booklet to be used at Home, both alongside our online service on YouTube or on its own without the internet.

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He has given us new life and hope.
He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.
He has brought light out of darkness.
He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Heavenly Father, we thank you
that we can come and worship you.
Help us to sing your praise,
confess our sins, hear your Word
and bring our prayers to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Saying Sorry

Jesus is risen and all that is wrong can be made right.
Let's be quiet for a moment and ask God to come close to us with
his love and forgiveness.

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from our sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Collect

Amazing God,
by raising Jesus to life
you have changed everything;
make us people of hope and joy,
for this is the start of a new life
for us and all the world,

Amen

Bible Reading: Mark 16:1-8 The Resurrection of Jesus

16 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. **2** And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. **3** They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” **4** When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. **5** As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. **6** But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. **7** But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” **8** So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

A SHORT Reflection by Skye

HYMN : Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Led by the *Elsfield Singers*

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

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 led by Andy

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 with you.

And also with you

The Eucharistic (Thanksgiving) 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

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

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 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 untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.
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.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven

where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

We say the Lord's Prayer together;
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.

Come and share in the body of Christ.
Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Come and be blessed for you are God's beloved.
We come to you God, just as we are.

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.

Anthem ‘This joyful Eastertide’ from St Nicholas’ choir

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**

We go out

The Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.
Forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name.

Go in peace and love to share the news. Alleluia!
In the name of Christ. Alleluia!!

The Blessing

May Christ,
 Who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
 fill you with his new life;
 and the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be with you this day and always.
Amen.

HYMN : Thine be the Glory

Led by the *Elsfield Singers*

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
 endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
 kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
 endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!!
 Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
 make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love;
 bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above. [Refrain]

