

Benefice of Marston and Elsfeld

Holy Communion



**FOR THE TIME BETWEEN
THE SEASONS**

Welcome to Church at Home

Take a moment to pray before the service begins.

We pray you, Lord, to purify our hearts,
That they may be worthy to become your dwelling place.
Let us never fail to find room for you,
But come and abide in us, that we also may abide in you,
For as at this time you were born into the world for us,
And live and reign, King of kings and Lord of lords,
Now and for ever.

Amen.

THE GATHERING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit
Amen

WELCOME

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
To whom all hearts are open,
All desires known,
And from whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
That we may perfectly love you,
And worthily magnify your holy name;
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

The priest invites the people to confess their sins:

God so loved the world
That he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
To save us from our sins,
To be our advocate in heaven,

And to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
Firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
And to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our neighbour
In thought and word and deed,
Through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life
To the glory of your name.
Amen.**

The Absolution

Almighty God
Who forgives all who truly repent,
Have mercy upon you,
Pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
Confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
And keep you in life eternal;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Collect

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bible Reading(s)

The reader ends by saying:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

THE CREED

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles: this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.

(cf 1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

Prayers of Intercession

This or another response is used.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

And at the end:
Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and we share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer H

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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 of 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.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
Who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
But only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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 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)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The priest says the Post Communion prayer,

**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**

THE BLESSING

**May the presence of the Creator refresh you,
may the comfort of the Son renew you,
may the inspiration of the Spirit restore you
to be love in action, even from a distance,
in our neighbour, near and far,
this day and evermore.
Amen**

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.**