

## The Blessing

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

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

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## Notices

**Revision of Church Electoral Roll** is now complete and will be on display at the front of the church until 28 April 2017. Please check that your details are correct. If there is an error please tell Jean Folkard (Electoral Roll Officer), but do not make any alterations on the documents.

## The week ahead

- Tonight There is no CYFA Group Meeting this week.
- Fri 21 April 11.30am Ladies' Lunch at the Wesley Hall, School Road. If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of the church.
- Sat 22 April 8.30am Men's Breakfast in the church room speaker Andy Malcolm (Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen). If you wish to attend, there is a list at the back of the church.

## Diary Dates

- Mon 24 April 10.00am Coffee Break at the Rectory restarts after the holidays.
- Tue 25 April 7.00pm Choir Practice in the church room.
- Sat 29 April 9.00am Prayer meeting in the church room.
- Sun 30 April 10:30am Service with Annual Meetings.
- Sat 6 May 7.30pm Concert in church by Alastair Blay and other instrumentalists. Admission free but donations for the Friends of St John's will be welcome. Refreshments will be available. Everyone welcome.

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## Next Sunday

**10.30am Holy Communion** (Common Worship)

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## St John's Church, Elmswell



## EASTER FAMILY COMMUNION

**Sunday 16th April 2017 10:30am**

If you are here for the first time, a warm welcome to you. Everyone is invited to stay for tea and coffee in the church room after the service.

## Welcome and Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## Hymn 357 Jesus Christ is risen today

**Song** See, what a morning, gloriously bright,  
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,  
As the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan,  
Wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?"  
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;  
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;  
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!  
The voice that spans the years,  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,  
Will sound till He appears,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority!  
And we are raised with Him,  
Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;  
And we shall reign with Him,  
For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

## Confession:

**All** Father, we have sinned  
against heaven and against you.  
We are not worthy to be called your children.  
We turn to you again.  
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself  
as those who once were dead  
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Collect:

God of glory, by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## “Seek and you shall find”

### Hymn 14 All Heaven Declares

**Bible reading:** Mark 15:40-16:8      Margaret Hitchens

**Eggsplaining Easter**      Peter Goodridge

**Choir**      Jesus is Risen

**Prayers**      Linda Barber

### Hymn 296 I Stand Amazed

*A collection will be taken during this hymn*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.  
**All** And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
**All:** We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All:** It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give you thanks, 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:

**All:** 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 unending  
love. Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

**All:** Jesus Christ has died.

Jesus Christ is risen.

**All:** Jesus Christ is risen.

Jesus Christ will come again.

**All:** Jesus Christ will come again.

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.

**All** 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.

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the  
world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

*The people receive Communion*

## Prayer after Communion

**All** 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.

## Hymn 689 Thine be the Glory

Wherever you go, God is sending you.  
Wherever you are, God has put you there.  
He has a purpose in your being there.  
Christ who indwells you has something  
He wants to do through you where you are.  
Believe this and go in His grace and love and power.