

# **Bright Waters Benefice**

## **Holy Communion In Eastertide**

From Easter Day Until the Eve of the Ascension

**Alleluia, Christ is risen!**

## A Warm Welcome

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

*Opening Hymn or Song*

## Prayer of Preparation and Penitence (sit)

**Almighty God,  
Your Son has opened for us  
A new and living way into your presence.  
Give us new hearts and steadfast wills  
To worship you in spirit and in truth;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
And confess our sins in penitence and faith. *Romans 6.10*

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.**

## **The Gloria (Stand)**

**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 for today may be said, a special prayer that  
'collects together' the themes of our worship.*

## **First Reading**

*At the end, the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn or Song*

## **Gospel Reading (remain standing)**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end, the reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Address / Homily**

### **The Affirmation of Faith**

Let us declare our faith

In the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.**

*1 Corinthians 15.3-7*



**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.**

**(sit)**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
And as we obey his command,  
Send your Holy Spirit,  
That broken bread and wine outpoured  
May be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
And, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
Do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
You have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your  
Kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the  
earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving  
arms and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints to feast at your table  
in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
All honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
For ever and ever.

**Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy on us.**

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Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
Grant us peace.**

## Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Communion is received.*

*If you would like a blessing only, please put your hands by your side.*

## Prayer after Communion

**Faithful God, may we who share this banquet  
Glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Our salvation, life and hope,  
Who reigns as Lord now and for ever.**

*Notices, Hymn or Song*

## The Dismissal and Blessing

May the risen Christ  
Who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
Fill you with his new life;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

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