

# **WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE**

*“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”*

*Worship Easter Day 4 April 2021*

We join together the words in **bold** type

## **Opening and lighting the fires**

Eternal God,  
who made this most holy day  
to shine with the brightness of your one true light:  
set us aflame with the fire of your love,  
and bring us to the radiance of your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**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.**

## **Confession and Collect**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.

Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil and confess our sins in penitence and faith. *cf 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 Father of all mercies cleanse *you* from *your* sins,  
and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**

## **Reading**

Acts 10:34-43

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY; Hallelujah!  
Our triumphant holy day; Hallelujah!  
Who did once upon the cross; Hallelujah!  
Suffer to redeem our loss; Hallelujah!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Hallelujah!  
Unto Christ our heavenly King; Hallelujah!  
Who endured the cross and grave; Hallelujah!  
Sinners to redeem and save: Hallelujah!

But the pains which He endured; Hallelujah!  
Our salvation have procured; Hallelujah!  
Now above the sky He's King; Hallelujah!  
Where the angels ever sing; Hallelujah!  
Lyra Davidica, J Arnold, Charles Wesley

Gospel

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. **Alleluia.**  
He has defeated the powers of death. **Alleluia.**  
Jesus turns our sorrow into dancing. **Alleluia.**  
He has the words of eternal life. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark 16:1-8*  
*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

### **Reflection**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **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.**

*cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Peace**

Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you **and also with you. Alleluia.**

*We greet one another (without moving & at a distance!) with these words*

Christ is risen.

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!  
This voice that spans the years  
Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us

Will sound 'til 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!

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Stuart Townend & Keith Getty ©2003 Thank you music

### **Holy Communion**

*The table is prepared, bread and wine are taken*  
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.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts ending with*

... 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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper. These words are used*

This is his/our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

*and the Prayer ends with*

... Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.**

**Breaking of the Bread & invitation to Communion**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

Alleluia. Christ our passover was sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*We welcome all who wish to do so, to receive Holy Communion. Corona virus restrictions mean that we distribute bread only and we will come to you. If you wish to receive please extend your hands, to receive prayer please leave them by your side. Please remove your mask to eat after we have moved to the next recipient.*

## Post Communion Prayers

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

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

*Chorus*

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

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth; death has lost it's sting.

*Chorus*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!  
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conqu'rors through Thy deathless love.  
Bring us safe to Jordan to Thy home above.

*Chorus*

Edmond Louis Budry, Trans Richard Birch Hoyle

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

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

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 ...

### **The Dismissal**

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

**In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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