

The United Benefice of
Warton and Borwick with Yealand



Service of Commemoration

(broadcast on Friday 8th May)



A very warm welcome to everyone who is joining us online via our YouTube channel.

Officiating Minister: The Revd Robin Figg, Vicar

First reading: Emma Rucastle (*recorded at her home*)

Second reading: Daisy & Poppy Brantley (*recorded at their home*)

Third reading: Elizabeth Figg (*recorded at the Vicarage*)

Intercessions: Paul Figg (*recorded at the Vicarage*)

(Robin, Elizabeth and Paul are all resident in the Vicarage for the duration of the present crisis, so are fully compliant with the regulations both of the Government and the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.)

Music during the service

We'll Meet Again - sung by Dame Vera Lynn and Katherine Jenkins in aid of NHS Charities Together © A Decca Records Release; 2014 Universal Music Operations Limited © 2020 Universal Music Operations Limited. Available from www.amazon.co.uk. If you can afford to, please consider buying this song in support of our NHS

Praise to the Lord - sung by St Oswald's Church Choir

I will sing with the Spirit, *John Rutter*— sung by St Oswald's Church Choir

The National Anthem - recorded at St Paul's Cathedral in the presence of HM Queen Elizabeth II on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee

Believing | **Living** | **Sharing**

The people are welcomed.

Hymn Praise, my soul, the king of heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless:
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Praise him, praise him,
praise him, praise him,
praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte, based on Psalm 103

Weeping may linger for the night:

All **but joy comes with the morning.**

God has been our refuge and our strength:

All **a present help in time of trouble.**

Dear friends, we have come together on this day to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe, when the sounds of war fell silent on this continent.

We come together conscious of our need for God's forgiveness for the sin and the desire to dominate others that leads to conflict between people, and war between nations.

And as we remember the many soldiers, sailors, and airmen who gave their lives restraining evil and opposing tyranny, so we also come in thanksgiving for the years of peace that the nations of Europe have enjoyed since the Second World War. We gather joyfully today, as those who gathered on that first Victory day, glad of each other's company, and grateful for the laughter and love that follows times of sadness and loss.

But above all things, let us pray that God's will may be done on earth as in heaven, as we join our voices together and say:

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 forever.
Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Micah 4.1-4 *God's promised time of peace*

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Luke 15.18-24 *The welcoming joy of God*

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Your salvation is near to those who fear you,

All that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

All that glory may dwell in our land.

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**All Your salvation is near to those who fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

cf Psalms 84, 89

Reading

Happy?

A conversation with my grandmother

Trusting the promises of God, and with faith in God's mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Let us give thanks for the selfless and courageous service and sacrifice of
those who brought peace to Europe, and for the good example they have
given us;

let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for nations still devastated by war, for their people and their leaders,
and for those who suffer the effects or memories of past wars; for veterans,
for those who mourn, and for all innocent victims whose lives have been
shattered by the cruelty of others;

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us give thanks for those who work for peace and liberty throughout the
world, for our Armed Forces, and for all who strive to bring an end to injustice
and oppression;

let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for those in our own day who have grown weary or lost hope as a
result of violence or terror; for all refugees and displaced people, and for
those who seek to address the causes of discord and distrust;

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us give thanks for the reconciliation of former enemies, for the flourishing
of goodwill between them, and for the many blessings we enjoy as a result of
the sacrifices which have been made for peace;

let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We pray for the young people of our own day and for all who will shape the future of this nation, that they may be inspired by those who have gone before them to serve as they have been served;

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Anthem

I will sing with the Spirit *St Oswald's Church Choir*

An Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and all humankind:
that we may help, encourage and comfort others,
and support those working for the relief of the needy
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**All Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.
Amen.**

O Lord our God,
as we remember, teach us the ways of peace.
As we treasure memories, teach us to hope.
As we give thanks for the sacrifices of the past,
help us to make your future in this world,
until your kingdom comes.

All Amen.

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

A prayer for the Sovereign

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour of your name,
and the good of your Church and people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest;
to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth,
and all people, peace and concord;
and to us and all your servants, life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The National Anthem

Additional prayers for you to use privately

For the armed forces of the Crown

Heavenly Father,
we commend to your gracious care and keeping
all the men and women in our Armed Forces at home and abroad.
Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace;
strengthen them in their trials and temptations;
and give them courage to face the perils that beset them;
and help them to know that nothing can separate them from your love;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord God of Hosts,
stretch forth, we pray, your almighty arm
to strengthen and protect our service men and women.
Support them in times of conflict,
and in their rest and training keep them safe from all evil;
endue them with courage and loyalty;
and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Those Deployed on Active Service

Almighty God,
stretch forth your mighty arm
to strengthen and protect the armed forces:
grant that meeting danger with courage
and all occasions with discipline and loyalty,
they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace;
to the honour of your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord our God,
our sure stronghold,
hear the voice of our pleading
and deliver us from evil.
Strengthen us as we strive for the poor and oppressed,
and establish your justice in all the earth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



