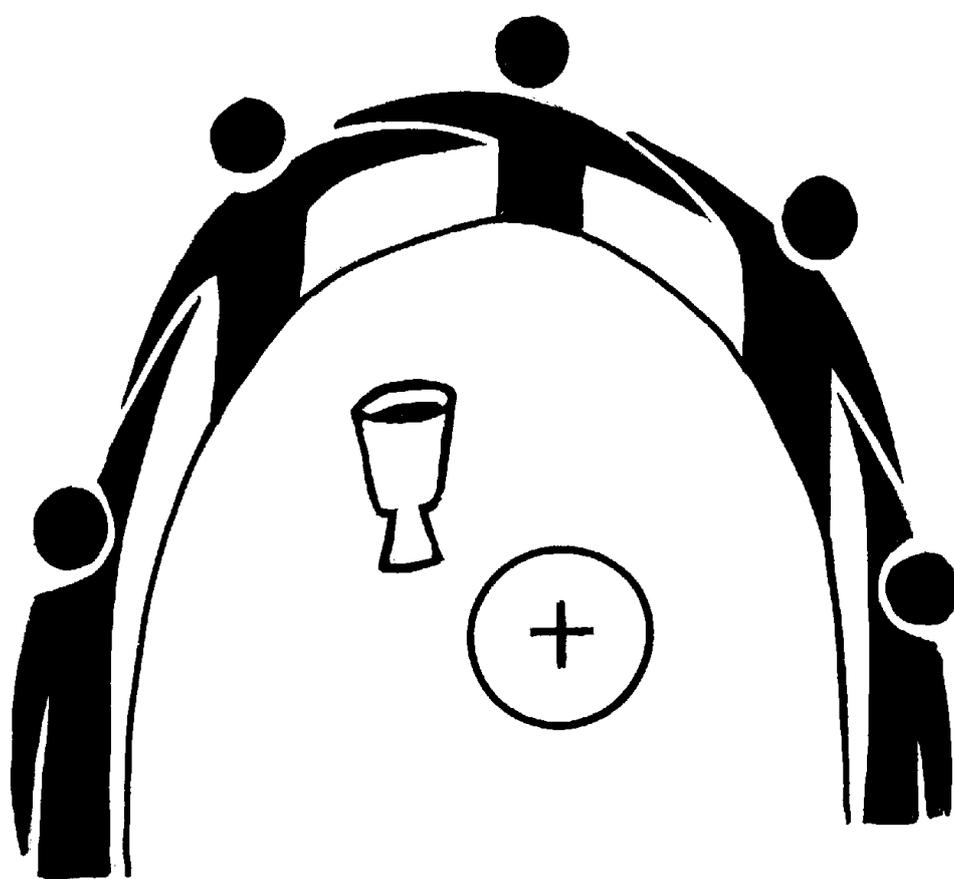


The United Benefice of
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

The Third Sunday before Advent



The Eucharist

(livestream Sunday 8th November)

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

Presiding Minister: The Revd Robin Figg, Vicar

First reading: Sue Dodwell (*recorded at home*)

Gospel reading: Jean Tunnicliffe Wilson (*recorded at home*)

Intercessions: Jill Burrow (*recorded at home*)

This is a service of Holy Communion. The term ‘Spiritual Communion’ has been used historically to describe the means of grace by which a person, prevented for some reason from sharing in a celebration of the Eucharist, nonetheless shares in the communion of Jesus Christ. The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building, but by the Body of Christ to which we belong. In making our communion spiritually we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, ‘I am the bread of life’.

Music before the service

Father hear the prayer we offer *Love M. Whitcomb Willis (1824-1908)*

Great is thy faithfulness *Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)*

Both sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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

The Gathering

The people are welcomed.

The Greeting

The presiding minister says

We meet in the name of the living God,
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister introduces the confession with these words

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world;
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
its evil distortions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
and our failure to seek and establish that peace
which God wills for all God's children

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory
of your kingdom.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The presiding minister pronounces the absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive us and free us from our sin,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Gloria

The following is said

**All 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

The presiding minister introduces a period of silent prayer

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading using the following words

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the sermon we keep a short time of quiet.

Let us now declare our faith in God.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

The presiding minister introduces the prayers with these words

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

The prayers include the response

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

and end with

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The presiding minister introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Music during the preparation: Blessed Bread Margaret Rizza (1929) - Sung by St Martin's Voices

At this point in our services in church we would receive a collection, the offering of our financial gifts in support of the mission & ministry of God's Church. Take a moment now to reflect prayerfully on your giving.

God of grace,
in our time of darkness
you bless us with gifts of light.
We bring our offerings to you -
our gifts at home, our gifts online -
and with them we offer our lives;
that they may be used to serve others,
and give you glory.

We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Prayer over the bread and wine

The presiding minister takes the bread and wine.

To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The presiding minister says

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.

The presiding minister praises God for God's mighty acts and all respond

**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.**

The presiding minister recalls the Last Supper and this acclamation is used

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond boldly

...for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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.**

The presiding minister breaks the consecrated bread.

As Christ breaks bread with us.

All he enfolds our story in his story.

Agnus Dei

The Agnus Dei is said

**All Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sin,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The presiding minister says the following invitation to communion

Jesus said, 'Come to me, all who are weary and whose load is heavy; I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and you will find rest for your souls'. *Matthew 11.28-29*

The presiding minister receives communion.

Those sharing the service from their homes are invited to give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with them now.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.**

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.**

**O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,**

love you more dearly,

and follow you more nearly,

day by day. Amen.

After the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

The presiding minister says the Post Communion prayer.

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The following prayer is said

**All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Hymn O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home

Isaac Watts (1674-1748). Sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Blessing and Dismissal

The presiding minister pronounces the blessing using the following words

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

May the God of our yesterdays
heal your memories;
may the God of our today
walk with you in this life;
may the God of our tomorrows
welcome you into his kingdom.

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

All Amen.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

Music after the service

I vow to thee my country *Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)*
sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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