

The United Benefice of
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

The Feast of John, Apostle & Evangelist



Patronal Festival Eucharist

(broadcast Sunday 27th December)

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: Sally-Ann Rothwell (*recorded at home*)

Sermon: The Revd Peter Mann (*recorded at home*)

Intercessions: Granville Tunncliffe Wilson (*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

Gaudete – Traditional. *Sung by St Oswald’s Church Choir*

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.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All and also with you.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister introduces the confession with these words

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus, you are the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you came not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the Saviour of the world.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The presiding minister pronounces the absolution

May almighty God have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sin and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus 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

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle
and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

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 John.

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

Rejoicing in the love and life of God made visible among us,
let us pray to Jesus, the only-begotten Son.

The prayers include the response

Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

and end with:

...that in your Father's house
we may come to the place
you have prepared for us.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.

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: Christ be with me Johann Pachelbel (1653 – 1706)
arr. Noel Rawsthorne (1929 – 2019). Sung by Poppy, Daisy, Emma and Alison of St
Oswald's Church Choir; organist Keith Worsman.*

The presiding minister takes the bread and wine.

Lord,
bless these gifts we present to you.
With John may we share in the hidden wisdom
of your eternal Word
which you reveal at this Eucharistic table.

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.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

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

Prayer after Communion

The presiding minister says the Post Communion prayer.

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that the Word made flesh
proclaimed by your apostle John
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,
ever abide and live within us:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 We have a gospel to proclaim

We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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The Blessing and Dismissal

The presiding minister pronounces the blessing using the following words

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Grace from the eternal Father be with you;
grace from the Word made flesh be with you;
grace from the Spirit of truth be with you;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

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

A Gaelic Blessing - *William Sharp (1855-1905)*
adapted by John Rutter (b1945). Sung by St Martin's Voices.

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