

The United Benefice of  
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

# The Epiphany of our Lord



# The Eucharist

(livestreamed Sunday 3rd January)

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: Alison Semple (*recorded at home*)

Gospel reading: Emma Rucastle (*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’.

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### **Music before the service**

Star in the East – *Reginald Heber (1783 – 1826)*

Sung by St Oswald’s Junior Choir with soloist Madeleine Freeman

What child is this? *William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) and others*

Sung by St Martin’s Voices

# ***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.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting  
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord be with you.

**All and also with you.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*A minister introduces the confession with these words*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus  
Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

*cf Titus 2.11-14*

God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations.

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.

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*

Grateful for the glory revealed to us through God made flesh, let us pray.

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in 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.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations

and believed in throughout the world. *cf 1 Timothy 3.16*

**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.**

## **Acclamations at the Presentation of the Gifts**

*The three figures of the magi in the crib are blessed with the traditional gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*

*At the offering of gold*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:

to you be praise and glory for ever!

As gold in the furnace is tried

and purified seven times in the fire,

so purify our hearts and minds

that we may be a royal priesthood  
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*At the offering of incense*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:  
to you be praise and glory for ever!

As our prayer rises up before you as incense,  
so may we be presented before you  
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands  
to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*At the offering of myrrh*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe:  
to you be praise and glory for ever!

As you give medicine to heal our sickness  
and the leaves of the tree of life  
for the healing of the nations,  
so anoint us with your healing power  
that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

**Sermon**

*After the sermon we keep a short time of quiet.*

**We affirm our faith**

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.

**We pray to God**

*The presiding minister introduces the prayers with these words*

Today the Magi knelt before our Saviour.  
Let us worship the Saviour with joy  
and make our prayer to his heavenly Father.

*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***

### **We share God's Peace**

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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there shall be no end.

*cf Isaiah 9.6,7*

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: The truth sent from above (traditional). Sung by St Oswald's Junior Choir with soloist Hannah Lawrence*

### **Prayer over the bread and wine**

*The presiding minister takes the bread and wine.*

Lord, accept your people's gifts,  
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,  
but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ,  
our light and our salvation.

**All Amen.**

*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

Believing the promises of God,  
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.**

## **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*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The presiding minister says the Post Communion prayer.*

Lord God,  
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:  
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light  
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,  
the Word made flesh, 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 three kings

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star:

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,  
gold I bring, to crown him again—  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign:

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a deity nigh:  
prayer and praising, all men raising,  
worship him, God most high:

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb:

Glorious now, behold him arise,  
King and God, and sacrifice!  
heaven sings alleluia,  
alleluia the earth replies:

*John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891). Sung by St Martin's Voices*

## Blessing and Dismissal

*The presiding minister pronounces the blessing using the following words*

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

May God,  
who led the Magi by the shining of a star  
to find the Christ, the Light from Light,  
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

May God,  
who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,  
give you a place with the saints in light  
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

*All* **Amen.**

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
shine in your hearts and fill your lives  
with his joy and peace.

*All* **Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

We have seen his glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.  
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**

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