

The United Benefice of
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

The Baptism of Christ



The Eucharist

(livestreamed Sunday 10th 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: Kate Waddington (*recorded at home*)

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

Intercessions: Alan Thompson (*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

Listen sweet dove – Grayston Ives - *George Herbert (1593-1633)*

Sung by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields

The sinless one to Jordan came - *George B Timms (1910-1997) based on Mark 1 vs 9-11 from English Praise (adapted) © Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.*

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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.

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.

Further words of introduction are said.

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 presiding minister introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray that we may be faithful to our baptism.

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.

This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased

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 Mark.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

After the sermon we keep a short time of quiet.

Thanksgiving for Holy Baptism

The presiding minister stands before the water and says

God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters,
bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit
move upon these waters.

Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ
in the freedom of your kingdom.

For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours,
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The prayer over the water is followed by this act of penitence and dedication.

God of truth,
you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us:
look in mercy on your people.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have broken the pledge of our baptism,
and failed to be your disciples.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Though we are saved by Christ
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have shown indifference to those in need
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember
your repeated forgiveness of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Today we rejoice and give thanks
because your Son humbled himself to be baptized in the Jordan.
Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism
for the remission of our sins.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Through water and Spirit
you give us new life as the people of God,
and pour out upon us the gift of your new covenant.

From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Almighty God,
in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.
May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The prayer concludes

‘Come,’ say the Spirit and the Bride.
‘Come forward, you who are thirsty,
receive the water of life,
the free gift to all who desire it.’

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The presiding minister introduces the prayers with these words

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,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We share God's Peace

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

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia. *cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

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.

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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.

Open the heavens, Lord our God,
and send your transforming Spirit
on us and on these gifts.
May we who are baptized into Christ
be ready to share this cup of suffering
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

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

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.**

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 of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
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 In a world where people walk in darkness

In a world where people walk in darkness,
let us turn our faces to the light,
to the light of God revealed in Jesus,
to the daystar scattering our night.

*For the light is stronger than the darkness
and the day will overcome the night,
though the shadows linger all around us,
let us turn our faces to the light.*

In a world where suffering of the helpless
casts a shadow all along the way,
let us bear the cross of Christ with gladness
and proclaim the dawning of the day.

Let us light a candle in the darkness,
in the face of death a sign of life;
as a sign of hope where all seemed hopeless,
as a sign of peace in place of strife.

Robert A Willis (b. 1947). Sung by St Martin's Voices

The presiding minister pronounces the blessing using the following words

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

May God,
who came upon the beloved Son
at his baptism in the river Jordan,
pour out his gifts on you
who have come to the water of new birth;
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 come to Christ, the living water.
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

Heaven on Earth - *John L Bell (b1949) G Maule (b1958)*
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