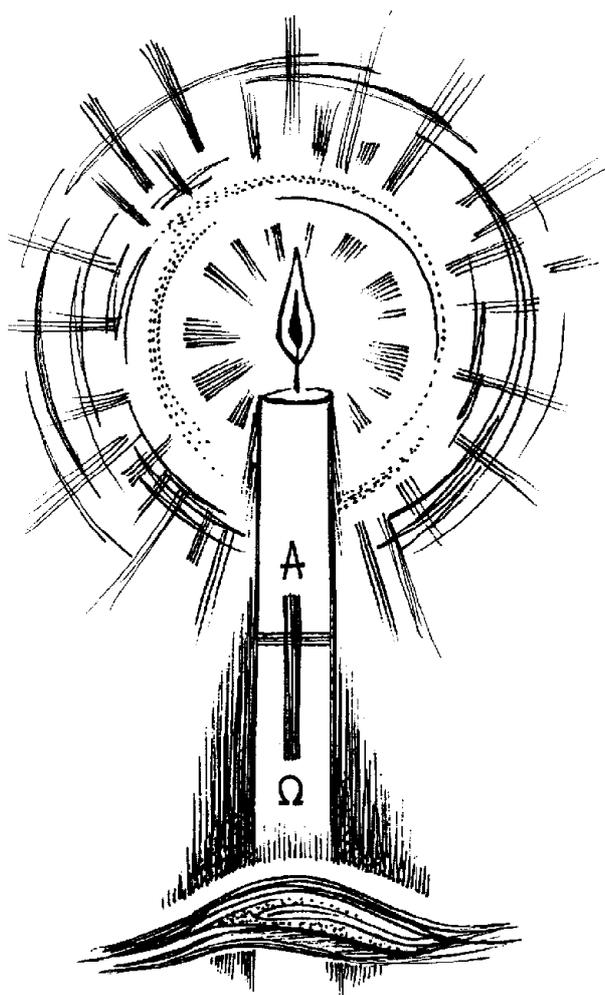


The United Benefice of
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

Easter



The Easter Liturgy

livestreamed on Saturday 11th April 2020

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: Joyce Tombs (*recorded at her home*)

Second reading: Paul Figg (*recorded at his home*)

Third reading: Sally-Ann Rothwell (*recorded at her home*)

Exultet: Steph Burford (*recorded at her home*)

NT reading: Elizabeth Figg

Gospel reading: Janet Thompson (*recorded at her home*)

Anthem during the preparation of the table: Now the green blade riseth *St Oswald's Church Choir*

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

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**

Lo, I am with you

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Walking in a garden

*St Oswald's Church Choir*

# ***The Vigil***

*The presiding minister introduces the Vigil of Old Testament readings.*

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how God saved God's people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent the Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work God has begun.

*A sequence of readings and prayers follows.*

## ***Theme: Renewal***

**1st Reading** Genesis 22.1-18 Abraham and Isaac

*A short silence is kept.*

God so loved the world  
**All that he gave his only Son.**

Almighty God,  
whose chosen servant Abraham  
faithfully obeyed your call  
and rejoiced in your promise  
that, in him, all the families of the earth should be blessed:  
give us a faith like his,  
that, in us, your promises may be fulfilled:  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**2nd Reading** Jeremiah 31.31-34 God promises a new heart

*A short silence is kept.*

God will write his law on our hearts.  
**All He will be our God and we will be his people.**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*All Amen.*

**3rd Reading** Ezekiel 47.1-12 The river of life

*A short silence is kept.*

If we drink the water that Christ gives

*All we will never thirst again.*

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*All Amen.*

## ***The Service of Light***

*The ministers go in silence to the outside door, carrying the unlit Easter candle. The new fire is kindled and the Easter Candle is blessed and lit.*

*The new Easter Candle is processed back inside and placed in its stand.*

### **The Exultet**

*The Exultet is proclaimed*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

*The presiding minister continues*

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.**

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who has saved us by his death,  
paid the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

For this is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery  
and leading her safely through the sea.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
restored to grace and holiness,  
and share the victory of Christ.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams  
you made even our sin a happy fault.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

Most blessed of all nights!  
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

Night truly blessed when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth  
and all creation reconciled to you.

**All Glory to you for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.  
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

**All Amen.**

## **The Easter Acclamation**

*The presiding minister says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*The lights are switched on, the candles on the table are lit.*

*Song: Alleluia Wild Goose Worship Group © 1999 GIA Publications Inc.*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*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 with the words*

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell.  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned,  
and the way to life stand open  
in our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

# ***The Liturgy of the Word***

## **New Testament 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 or other suitable words*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**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.**

## **Reflection**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

### **The Peace**

*The presiding minister introduces the Peace with these words*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

**All and also with you. Alleluia.**

### **Preparation of the Table**

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

*The presiding minister takes the bread and wine.*

*Anthem during preparation: Now the green blade riseth St Oswald's Church Choir*

*The following prayer is said*

Lord of life,  
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.  
As we are fed with the bread of heaven  
may we know your resurrection power;  
through Christ our risen Lord.

**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*

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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

...for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour has 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 for ever.  
Amen.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The presiding minister breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

*All* **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

## 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*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion prayer is said.*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy;  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The following prayer is said*

**All Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

**Hymn** Thine be the glory

1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *[Refrain]*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *[Refrain]*

Edmond Budry, trans. Richard Birch Hoyle

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The presiding minister says*

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gate of everlasting life.

**All Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All Amen.**

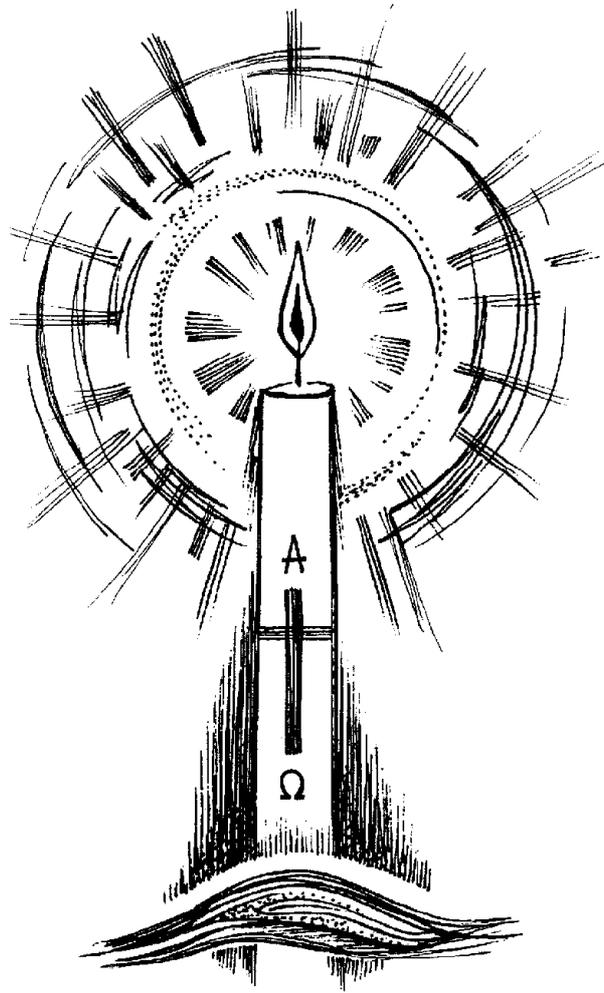
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within you,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*The ministers and people depart.*



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