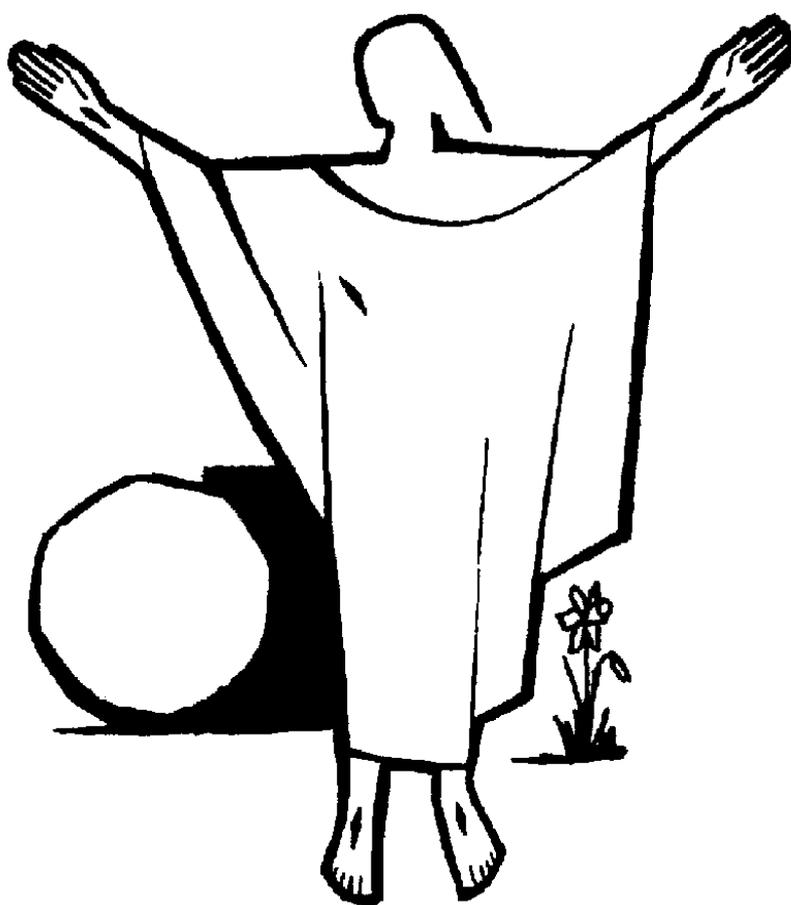


The United Benefice of  
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

# The Fourth Sunday of Easter



## The Eucharist

*(livestreamed Sunday 3rd May)*

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 her home*)

Gospel reading: Noeline Clarke (*recorded at her home*)

Intercessions: Angela Sewell (*recorded at her home*)

*(Robin, Elizabeth and Paul are all resident in the Vicarage for the duration of the present crisis, so 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**

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

*St Oswald’s Church Choir*

The Lord’s my shepherd (*Goodall*)

*St Oswald’s Church Choir, recorded 2012*

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

# ***The Gathering***

*The people are greeted informally.*

## **The Greeting**

*The presiding minister may say*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

*The presiding minister continues*

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

**All and also with you.**

*This acclamation follows*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*A minister introduces the confession with these words*

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart. *1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

You teach us to live generous lives, but we have lived for our own gain.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

You call us to speak of the kingdom, but we have preferred to remain silent.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

You invite us to be stewards of creation, but we have neglected our world.  
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 to be 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*

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**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.

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*

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.*

## **The Creed**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,**

**and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The presiding minister introduces the prayers with these words*

On this day that the Lord has made, let us give God the glory  
and pray for the people God has redeemed.

*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*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you'.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *John 20.19, 20*

The peace of the risen 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.*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life  
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.  
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

### **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 acclamations 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 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.*

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## 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*

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*

*Silence is kept.*

*The presiding minister says the Post Communion prayer.*

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**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***

**Hymn** Great is thy faithfulness *The choir of St Martin-in-the-Field © 2020*

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
*Chorus*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
*Chorus*

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## **Blessing and Dismissal**

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

The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;  
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

*The ministers and people depart.*

**Music after the service**

Celtic Alleluia: Sending Forth

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