

The United Benefice of  
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

# Ascension Day



## The Eucharist

*(livestreamed Thursday 21st 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: Emma Rucastle (*recorded at her home*)

Gospel reading: Alan Thompson (*recorded at his home*)

Intercessions: Angela Sewell (*recorded at her 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**

If ye Love Me  
*Brewer’s Apron*

I will sing with the spirit  
*St Oswald’s Church Choir*

### **Music during Clap for Carers**

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# ***The Gathering***

*The people are welcomed.*

*The following response is used*

God has gone up with a shout,  
**All the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.** *Psalm 47.5*

## **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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen

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

*The presiding minister introduces the service using these words.*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. We trust in his reign over all creation, and submit to his kingly yet loving rule.

*A minister says*

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven,  
Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

*The following is to be said*

**All** **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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*

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Risen Christ,  
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven;  
help us to seek and serve you,  
that we may join you at the Father's side,  
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,  
now and for ever.

**All** **Amen.**

# *The Liturgy of the Word*

**Reading**  
*Acts 1.4-11*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading**  
*Luke 24.44-end*

*An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading using the following words*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**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 Luke.

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

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Christ died for our sins**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he was buried;**

**he was raised to life on the third day**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The presiding minister introduces the prayers with these words*

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ,  
seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

*The prayers include the response*

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The prayers conclude*

...one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

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

### **The Peace**

*The presiding minister introduces the Peace with these words*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.'  
Alleluia.

*John 14.27-28*

The peace of the risen and ascended Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

*We exchange a sign of peace with those around us.*

## 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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*The presiding minister praises God for God's gifts using the following words*

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**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 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**

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,  
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.*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**All Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

**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*

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia!  
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.  
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.*

**All God our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

**Hymn** Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!  
Glorious to his native skies; alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals giv'n, alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits; alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Christ hast vanquished death and sin; alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

There we shall with thee remain, alleluia!  
Partners of thine endless reign; alleluia!  
There thy face unclouded see, alleluia!  
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee. Alleluia!

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823) and others .  
Sung by the choir of St Martin-in-the-fields CCLI 2193907*

**Reading**  
*Acts 1.12-14*

*No responses are used at the end of the reading.*

**Responsory**

As we wait in silence,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

## The Blessing

*The presiding minister pronounces the blessing*

God the Father,  
who has given to his Son the name above every name,  
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

God the Son,  
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,  
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

God the Holy Spirit,  
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,  
make you faithful servants of Christ our king.

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

**All Amen.**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit  
let us go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

*The ministers and people depart.*

### Music after the service

The Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah  
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