

The United Benefice of
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple



The Eucharist

(livestreamed Sunday 31st January)

ry warm welcome to everyone who is joining us “virtually” online via our YouTube channel.

Presiding Minister: The Revd Robin Figg, Vicar

First reading: Elizabeth Figg (*recorded at home*)

Gospel reading: Joyce Tombs (*recorded at home*)

Intercessions: Jane Lever (*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

Faithful vigil ended *Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926) from Luke 2 vs 29-32*

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In a world where people walk in darkness *Robert A Willis(b1947)*

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Sung by St Martin’s Voices

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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.

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

Introduction

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people.

As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory.

In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

Acclamation

A minister says

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

You gave us Jesus to be the light of the world;
he makes our darkness to be light.

All Blessed be God for ever.

As we bear your light,
may our lips never cease to sing your praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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

Let us pray that we know and share the light of Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

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 child is the light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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

Let us pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

The presiding minister introduces the confession with these words

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:
'I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness
but shall have the light of life.'
Let us therefore bring our sin into his light
and make our confession in penitence and faith.

cf John 8.12

The following prayer is said

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

The presiding minister pronounces the absolution with these words

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,

pardon and deliver us from all our sin,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We share God's Peace

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

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.78-79*

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: Like a candle flame Graham Kendrick (b1950). Sung by Rhian Burford, Madeleine Freeman, Hannah Lawrence and Martha Lawrence of St Oswald's Junior Choir

Prayer over the bread and wine

The presiding minister takes the bread and wine.

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

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.**

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, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus
when he comes to bring us eternal life;
for he 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.**

Notices

You are invited to light a candle at home in preparation for the Candlemas Procession.

Hymn Longing for light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stones.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

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The Candlemas Procession

The presiding minister says

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

All Blessed be God for ever.

Your light shines on us
and all people shall see your glory.

All Blessed be God for ever.

You gave us Jesus to be the light of the world;
he makes our darkness to be light.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Through the Holy Spirit your love burns within us,
bearing witness to your truth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

As we bear your light,
may our lips never cease to sing your praise.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Final Responory

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels;
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;
help us, like them, to trust your word.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;
may we be filled with the light of your love.

All Praise to Christ our light.

We stand near the place of new birth.

All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We turn from the crib to the cross.

All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We go to carry his light.

All **Let us shine with the light of your love.**

Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

Music after the service

Sent by the Lord am I *Jorge Maldonado (born 1942) © Jorge Maldonado*

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