

The United Benefice of  
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

# The Third Sunday of Lent



# The Eucharist

(livestream Sunday 7th March)

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: Noeline Clark (*recorded at home*)

Gospel reading: Jane Lever (*recorded at home*)

Sermon: Janet Thompson (*live in church*)

Intercessions: Angela Sewell (*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’.

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### **Music before the service**

Forgive our sins - *Rosamond E. Herklots (1905-1987) © Oxford University Press*

Just as I am, without one plea - *Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)*

Both 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.**

*A symbol of the Passion is placed at the Cross.*

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*A minister introduces the confession with these words*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

You call us to love you and serve you,  
but we choose to pursue our own interests.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

You come to us, revealing your power in humility,  
but we are proud of our own strength.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Your love breathes through the whole of creation,  
but we fail to notice and adore you.  
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 Collect**

*The presiding minister introduces a period of silent prayer*

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

*cf Psalm 95.3,8*

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*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 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**

Having heard and received God's word for us today,  
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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The presiding minister introduces the prayers with these words*

With confidence and trust, let us pray to the Lord.

*The prayers include the response*

Lord, in your mercy,

**All hear our prayer.**

*and end with*

Merciful Father,  
receive these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

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

### **The Peace**

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

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

*Romans 5.1,2*

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: Blessed Bread – Rizza (b1929) Sung by St Martin's Voices*

*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.*

God of our journey,  
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our 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*

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

Trusting in the compassion 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*

*The presiding minister says the Post Communion prayer.*

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations  
of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
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** The kingdom of God is justice and joy

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice.  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry glory to God all in all.

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Martin-in-the-Fields*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

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

The Lord be with you.

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

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always.

*All* **Amen.**

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**

Jesu, lover of my soul - *Charles Wesley (1707-1788)* Sung by St Martin's Voices

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