

The United Benefice of  
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

# The Fifth Sunday of Lent



# The Eucharist

(livestream Sunday 21st 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: Sue Dodwell (*recorded at home*)

Gospel reading: Emma Rucastle (*recorded at home*)

Intercessions: Elizabeth Figg (*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**

I come with joy, a child of God - *Brian Wren (b.1936)*

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God is here, as we his people - *Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

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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*

God shows his love for us in that,  
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sin in penitence and faith.

*cf Romans 5.8*

O God, you know my foolishness  
and my sins are not hidden from you:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Let not the flood overwhelm me nor the depths swallow me up;  
let not the pit shut its mouth upon me:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good;  
turn to me as your compassion is great:  
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*

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
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.  
Christ humbled himself and became obedient until death,  
even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name. *Philippians 2.8,9*

**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*

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession  
through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

*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*

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

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: Take this moment - John L Bell (born 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019) © 1989 WGRGS. Sung by a soloist from St Martin-in-the-Fields*

*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.*

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love.

**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.**

*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 Jesus Christ,

you have taught us

that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters

we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others

as you were the servant of all,

and gave up your life and died for us,

but are alive and reign, 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***

### *Notices*

**Hymn** There's a wideness in God's mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind,  
and the heart of the eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he would not own.

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There is plentiful redemption  
through the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the head.

There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.

*Second half of tune:*

If our love were but more simple  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Frederick William Faber (1814-1863) Sung by St Martin's Voices*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

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

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
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

Go Forth (*Rutter b. 1945*) *The Choir of St Oswald's Church, Warton*

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