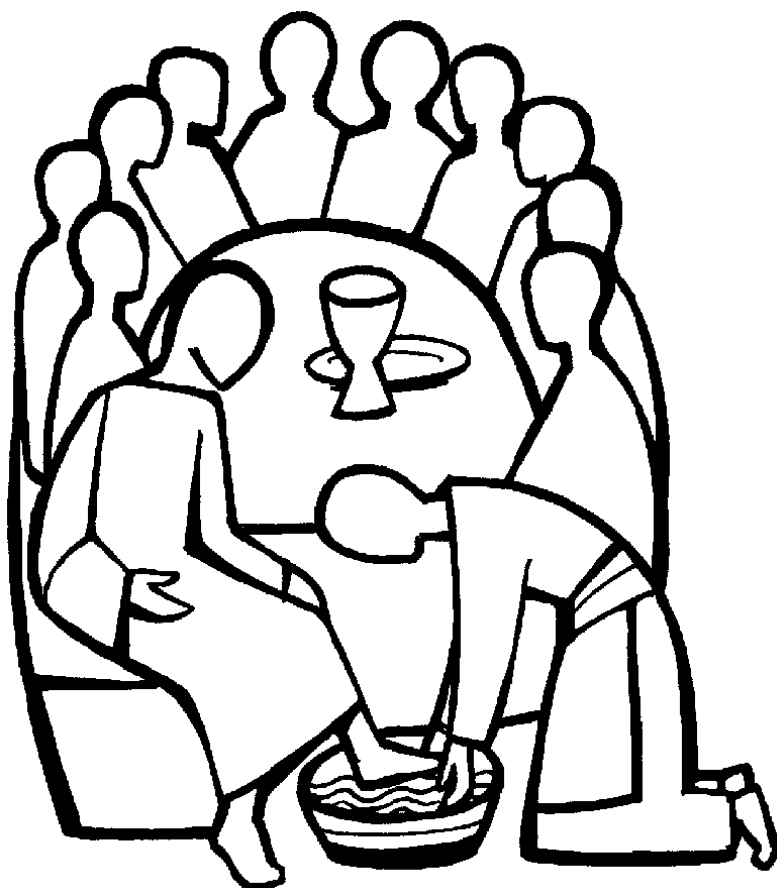


The United Benefice of  
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

# Maundy Thursday



## The Eucharist of the Last Supper

(livestream on Thursday 1st April)

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: Hannah Lawrence (*recorded at home*)

Gospel reading: Julia Harris (*recorded at home*)

Sermon: Annette MacKenzie

Intercessions: Robin Figg

Stripping of the altar: Alan Thompson (*recorded at home*)

Gospel of the Watch: Jane Parsons (*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**

Ave verum corpus – *W.A. Mozart (1756 – 1791) Eucharistic hymn (14th century),  
attr. Pope Innocent VI (d.1362)*

I give to you a new commandment - *Peter Nardone (b1965)*

*Both sung by St Martin’s Voices*

# ***The Gathering***

*The people are greeted informally.*

## **The Greeting**

*The presiding minister says*

In the name of the living God,  
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you,

**All and also with you.**

## **Prayers of Penitence**

*A minister introduces the confession with these words*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says:

‘If you love me, keep my commandments.’

‘Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.’

Let us confess to almighty God our sins against his love,  
and ask him to cleanse us.

*Silence is kept*

Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion  
blot out our offences.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Against you only have we sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Purge us from our sin and we shall be clean;  
wash us and we shall be whiter than snow.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*The presiding minister pronounces the absolution*

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

## The Gloria

*The Gloria 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 presiding minister introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*

Let us pray that we may love one another as Christ has loved us.

God our Father,  
your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end  
and drank the cup prepared for him;  
may we who share his table  
watch with him through the night of suffering  
and be faithful.

*All* **Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### **Reading**

*1 Corinthians 11.23-26*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 13.1-7, 31b-35*

*An acclamation heralds the reading*

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory.  
I give you a new commandment, says the Lord:  
Love one another as I have loved you.

*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 time of quiet.*

**The Washing of Feet**

*Jesus showed his love for his disciples by washing their feet at the Last Supper. He commanded them to do likewise.*

*As we remember this profound act offered by Jesus, we listen to: I heard the voice of Jesus calling – John L Bell (b1949) – Sung by a soloist from the Wild Goose Collective @2008 GIA Publications Inc.*

*The washing concludes with this 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*The presiding minister leads the prayers.*

In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father  
through Christ the Saviour of the world.

Father,  
on this, the night he was betrayed,  
your Son Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet.  
We commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

Lord, hear us.

*All* **and humble us.**

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.

We pray for the unity of your Church.

Lord, hear us

*All* **and unite us.**

On this night, he prayed for those who were to believe  
through his disciples' message.

We pray for the mission of your Church.

Lord, hear us

*All* **and renew our zeal.**

On this night, he commanded them to love,  
but suffered rejection himself.

We pray for the rejected and unloved.

Lord, hear us

*All* **and fill us with you love.**

On this night, he reminded his disciples  
that if the world hated them it hated him first.

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, hear us

*All* **and give us your peace.**

On this night, he accepted the cup of death  
and looked forward to the new wine of the kingdom.

We remember those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear us

*All* **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

Hear us, good Lord, and unite our prayers with those  
of all the saints around your throne.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

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

## **The Peace**

*The presiding minister introduces the Peace*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The presiding minister takes the bread and wine.*

*Anthem during preparation: A New Commandment – Richard Shephard (1949 – 2021). Sung by St Martin's Voices*

*The following prayers are said*

At the Eucharist we are with our crucified and risen Lord.  
We know that it was not only our ancestors,  
but we who were redeemed  
and brought forth from bondage to freedom,  
from mourning to feasting.  
We know that as he was with them in the upper room  
so our Lord is here with us now.

**All Until the kingdom of God comes  
let us celebrate this feast.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you bring forth bread from the earth.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of the universe,  
you create the fruit of the vine.

**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 the following 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

Standing at the foot of the cross,  
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 for ever.  
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.**

*The Agnus Dei is said*

**All Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin 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**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion prayer is said.*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
you have given us the memorial of your passion:  
grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
of your body and blood  
that we may know within ourselves  
and show forth in our lives  
the fruit of your redemption,  
for you are alive and reign, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

### **The Stripping of the Sanctuary**

*As a dramatic reminder of the stripping and dereliction of Christ before his crucifixion the holy table and sanctuary are stripped bare whilst Psalm 22 is read and lights extinguished.*

## ***The Watch of Prayer***

*All are invited to watch in silence with our Lord. The disciples in the garden were heavy-eyed with sleep, but Jesus asked them to 'watch with me one hour'.*

### **The Gospel of the Watch**

Matthew 26.30-end

*The Gospel of the Watch is read without ceremony.*

*A Watch is kept in silence.*

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