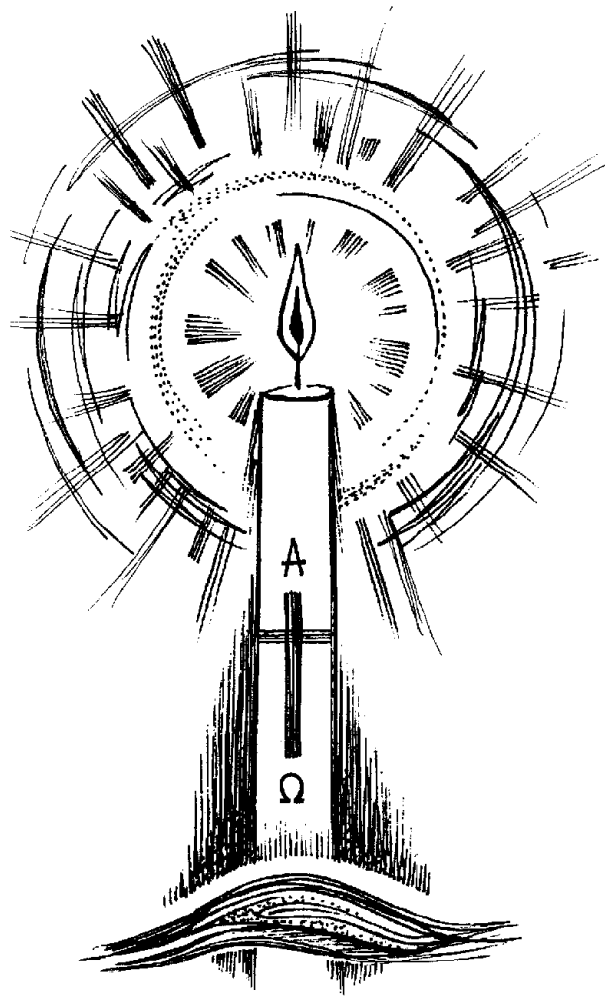


The United Benefice of
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

Easter



The Easter Liturgy

(livestream on Saturday 3rd April 2021)

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: Pam Bentley (*recorded at home*)

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

Third reading: Granville Tunnicliffe Wilson (*recorded at home*)

Exultet: Steph Burford (*recorded at home*)

NT reading: Sue Dodwell (*recorded at home*)

Gospel reading: Sally-Ann Rothwell (*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**

God so loved the world – *John Stainer (1840 – 1941)* Sung by St Martin’s Voices

Lo I am with you – *John I Bell (b1949)* Sung by Wild Goose Worship Group ©1999  
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# ***The Service of Light***

*The ministers gather in silence at the church door, with the unlit Easter candle.*

*The Easter Candle is blessed and lit.*

*The Easter Candle is processed back inside and placed in its stand.*

## **The Exultet**

*The Exultet is proclaimed*

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!  
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!  
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour,  
radiant in the brightness of your King!  
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!  
Darkness vanishes for ever!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in glory!  
The risen Saviour shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

*The presiding minister continues*

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.**

It is right and good that with hearts and minds and voices  
we should praise you, Father almighty, the unseen God,  
through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

who has saved us by his death,  
paid the price of Adam's sin,  
and reconciled us once again to you.

*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

For this is the Passover feast,  
when Christ, the true Lamb of God, is slain  
whose blood consecrates the homes of all the faithful.

*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when you first saved our ancestors,  
freeing Israel from her slavery  
and leading her safely through the sea.

*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when Jesus Christ vanquished hell,  
broke the chains of death  
and rose triumphant from the grave.

*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night when all who believe in him are freed from sin,  
restored to grace and holiness,  
and share the victory of Christ.

*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

This is the night that gave us back what we had lost;  
beyond our deepest dreams  
you made even our sin a happy fault.

*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

Most blessed of all nights!  
Evil and hatred are put to flight and sin is washed away,  
lost innocence regained, and mourning turned to joy.

*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

Night truly blessed when hatred is cast out,  
peace and justice find a home, and heaven is joined to earth  
and all creation reconciled to you.

*All* **Glory to you for ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, in this our Easter joy  
accept our sacrifice of praise, your Church's solemn offering.  
Grant that this Easter Candle may make our darkness light.

For Christ the morning star has risen in glory;  
Christ is risen from the dead and his flame of love still burns within us!  
Christ sheds his peaceful light on all the world!  
Christ lives and reigns for ever and ever!

*All* **Amen.**

## ***The Vigil***

*The presiding minister introduces the Vigil of Old Testament readings.*

As we await the risen Christ, let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, recalling how God saved God's people in ages past and in the fullness of time sent the Son to be our Redeemer; and let us pray that through this Easter celebration God may bring to perfection in each of us the saving work God has begun.

*A sequence of readings and prayers follows.*

### ***Theme: Freedom***

**1st Reading** Genesis 1.1 — 2.4a The creation

*A short silence is kept.*

Christ is the image of the unseen God;

*All* **through him all things were made.**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image.  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**2nd Reading** Isaiah 54.5-15 I will save you from all your afflictions

*A short silence is kept.*

Christ is the bridegroom:

**All The Church is his bride.**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race  
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take upon him our flesh  
and to suffer death upon the cross:  
grant that we may follow the example  
of his patience and humility  
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

**All Amen.**

**3rd Reading** Zephaniah 3.14-end Jerusalem praises God

*A short silence is kept.*

Where, O death, is your victory?

**All Where, O death, is your sting?**

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you:  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

*The presiding minister says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*The lights are switched on, the candles on the table are lit.*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*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 with the words*

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell.  
fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned,  
and the way to life stand open  
in our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*All* **Amen.**

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

### **New Testament 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 or other suitable words*

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

*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 Mark.

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

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **Sermon**



# ***The Renewal of Baptismal Vows***

## **The Renewal of Vows**

*The presiding minister addresses all those sharing this service*

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of his Church.

Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ, and our rejection of all that is evil.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**All I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**All I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sin that separate us from God and neighbour?

**All I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All I come to Christ.**

*The presiding minister says*

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the way.

## **The Profession of Faith**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**All I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,

we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith  
with all those who have been baptised in your name.

Keep us faithful to our baptism,

and so make us ready for that day

when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

*The presiding minister says*

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,  
that you may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**All Amen.**

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

## **The Peace**

*The presiding minister introduces the Peace with these words*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you

**All and also with you. Alleluia.**

## **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: Now the green blade riseth. John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958). Sung by St Oswald's Church Choir*

*The following prayer is said*

Lord of life,  
with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.  
As we are fed with the bread of heaven  
may we know your resurrection power;  
through Christ our risen 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*

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**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
as our Saviour has 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.*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**All Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

## 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*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore let us keep the feast. 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*

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion prayer is said.*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy;  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life;  
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***

**Hymn** Thine be the glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *[Refrain]*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *[Refrain]*

*Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle (1875-1939)*

## **The Blessing & Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*The presiding minister says*

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gate of everlasting life.

**All Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

**All Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

**All Amen.**

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

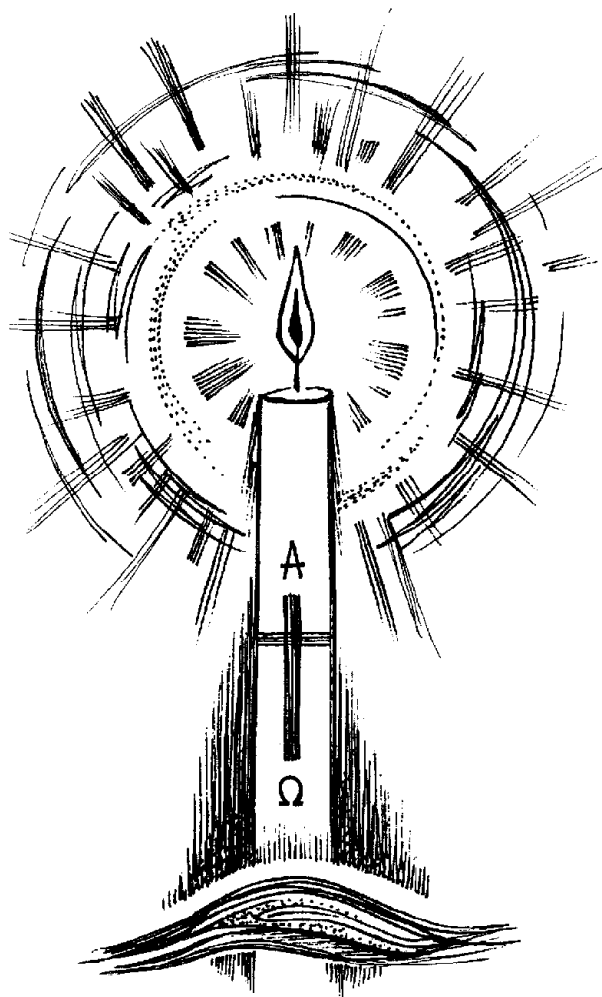
**All Amen.**

With the risen life of Christ within us,  
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**

This joyful Eastertide. *George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934),  
arr. Charles Wood. Sung by St Martin's Voices*



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