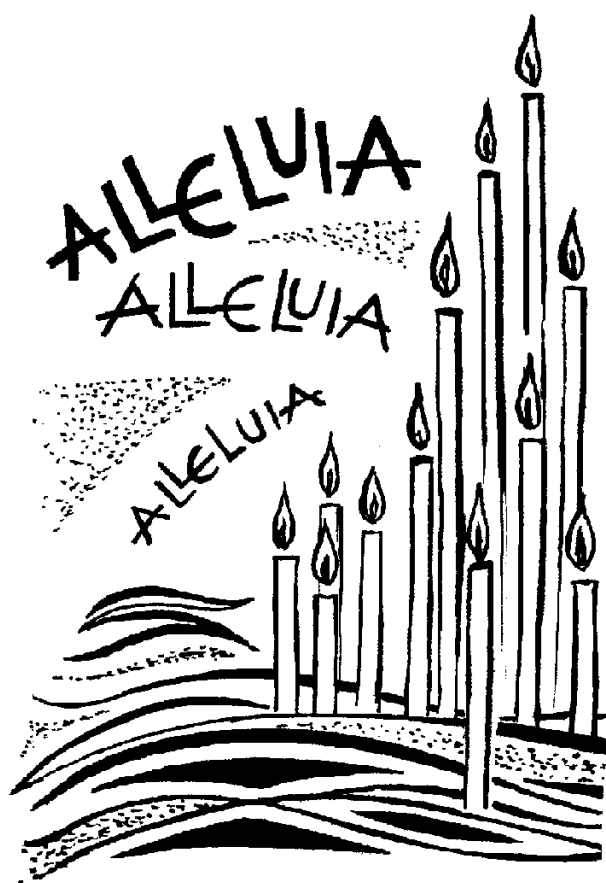


The United Benefice of
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

Easter Day



**Eucharist
with Renewal of
Baptismal Vows**

(livestream on Sunday 4th 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: Janet Thompson (*recorded at home*)

Gospel reading: Annette MacKenzie (*recorded at home*)

Sermon: The Revd Peter Mann

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’.

Music before the service

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem *Fulbert of Chartres (c.960-1028), John Mason Neale (1818-1866), Robert Campbell (1814-1868)*. Sung by St Oswald’s Church Choir
Hallelujah from ‘Messiah’ *G.F. Handel (1685-1759)*. Sung by St Martin’s Voices

The Gathering

The people are greeted informally.

Welcoming the Easter Candle

The presiding minister proclaims

Christ yesterday and today,
All **the beginning and the end,**
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to him,
and all ages;
All **to him be glory and power,**
through every age and for ever.
Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The presiding minister says

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light.

May we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The light of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All **he has given us new life and hope**
by raising Jesus from the dead. Alleluia.

God has claimed us as his own:
All **he has made us light to the world.**

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

Prayers of Penitence

The presiding minister invites us to confess our sins

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead,
we might walk in newness of life.

Let us receive new life in him
as we confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
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 presiding minister introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ for ever.

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

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.

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 the reader says

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.

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers include the response

Jesus, Lord of life

All in your mercy hear us.

and conclude

Jesus, risen Lord,
accept our prayers,
and be with us always.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The presiding minister introduces the Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they 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

The presiding minister invites the people to say the Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
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 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 saying

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.**

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

Prayer after Communion

The presiding minister says the Post Communion prayer.

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 The day of resurrection

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

*John of Damascus (c.675-749) translated John Mason Neale (1818-1866).
Sung by St Martin's Voices*

The Blessing

The presiding minister pronounces the blessing.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The presiding minister says

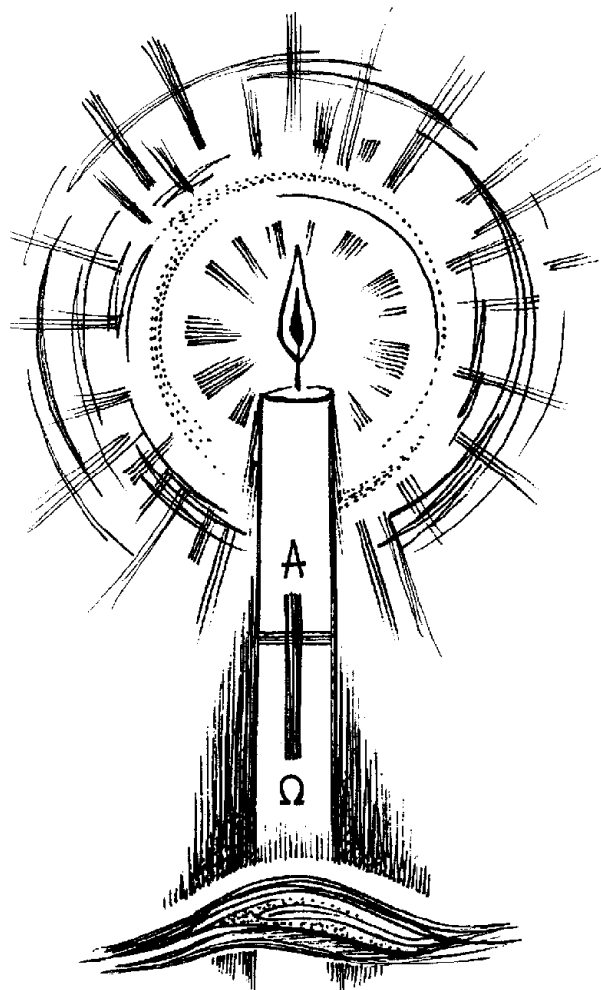
With the risen life of Christ within you,
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

The ministers and people depart.

Music after the service

*Thine be the Glory - Edmund L Budry (1854-1932),
translated by Richard B Hoyle (1875-1939) Sung by St Martin's Voices*



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