

The United Benefice of  
Warton and Borwick with Yealand

# Ascension Day



## The Eucharist

*(Please take this booklet away with you)*

# ***The Gathering***

*The people are greeted informally.*

*The following response is used*

God has gone up with a shout,  
**All the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.** *Psalm 47.5*

## **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 presiding minister greets the people*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you,

**All and also with you.**

*The presiding minister introduces the service using these words.*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

*At the end the reader says*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

*A minister says*

Seeing we have a great high priest who has passed through the heaven,  
Jesus the Son of God, let us offer him the praise worthy of his name.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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*

Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Risen Christ,  
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven;  
help us to seek and serve you,  
that we may join you at the Father's side,  
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,  
now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

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

**Reading**

*Ephesians 1.15-23*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 24.44-end*

*An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading using the following words*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.

Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. *cf Matthew 28.19,20*

*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 Luke.

*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

*After the sermon we keep a short time of quiet.*

## The Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The presiding minister introduces the prayers with these words*

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ,  
seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

*The prayers include the response*

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

The *prayers* conclude

...one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

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

## **The Peace**

*The presiding minister introduces the Peace with these words*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father.'  
Alleluia.

*John 14.27-28*

The peace of the risen and ascended Lord be always with you  
**All and also with you.**

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The presiding minister praises God for his gifts using the following words*

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 acclamations is said*

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**

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,  
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.*

Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.

**All Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

**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*

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia!  
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.  
Alleluia.**

*The presiding minister says*

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

*The presiding minister & people receive communion.*

*During the administration of communion, anyone who does not wish to receive communion is 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 our Father,  
you have raised our humanity in Christ  
and have fed us with the bread of heaven:  
mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings,  
we may set our hearts in the heavenly places;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*The following prayer is said.*

**All We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

## ***The Dismissal***

*The congregation moves outside into the churchyard. Please ensure you maintain social distancing from those not in your household or social bubble.*

**Hymn** Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia.

Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia!*  
to his throne above the skies; *Alleluia!*  
Christ the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia!*  
enters now the highest heaven. *Alleluia!*

Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,  
yet he loves the earth he leaves;  
though returning to his throne,  
calls the human race his own.

See, he lifts his hands above;  
see, he shows the prints of love:  
hark, his gracious lips bestow,  
blessings on his church below.

Lord, though parted from our sight,  
far above the starry height,  
grant our hearts may thither rise,  
seeking thee above the skies.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823) and others .*

**Reading**  
*Acts 1.12-14*

*No responses are used at the end of the reading.*

*Silence is kept.*

**Responsory**

As we wait in silence,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**All make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

*Silence is kept.*

## The Blessing

*The presiding minister pronounces the blessing*

God the Father,  
who has given to his Son the name above every name,  
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

**All Amen.**

God the Son,  
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,  
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

**All Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church,  
make you faithful servants of Christ our king.

**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.**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit  
let us go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*The ministers and people depart.*

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