

**Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love;
break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord,
that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.**



Rogation

Holy Communion

Information

Thank you for coming to worship with us here in the Benefice of Lower Wensleydale. We ask that you read this information before the service and follow the instructions given by the clergy and sidesmen during the service. The building and service have been prepared in a Covid secure manner for all our safety. The service may look and feel somewhat different to our normal expectations, we thank you for your understanding during this challenging time.

On Arrival

Please sit in the space allocated by the sidesman - this will be allocated on party size on the order of arrival and not necessarily where you would normally sit. Please proceed to your seating promptly not stopping to chat. Please use a face covering at all times. If you have an exemption please let us know and you will be directed to designated seating. Once seated, please complete the Test & Trace contact form.

During the Service

Please note that communal singing is not currently permitted within the building, however we are delighted that we are able to sing God's praise outdoors at the end of the service (weather permitting). The Peace will be shared only in words, not by shaking of hands or embracing.

During communion the president will receive in both kinds having spoken the words of distribution once for all communicants at the Altar. They will then come to pew and distribute the wafers into the hand without making contact. Once the priest has moved to the next pew please remove your mask and consume the wafer. To assist the president please hold your hands out if you wish to receive and hold this service book if you do not.

After the Service

The president will end the service and depart to the vestry. Please leave the church grounds promptly (the sidesmen will assist). Please take this service booklet home, but take any completed forms and used pens and place them in the box on the way out.



Introduction to the Season

Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food. The word "rogation" is from the Latin *rogare*, "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest. In medieval England the Rogation Days were observed with processions that began in the local church and proceeded to outline the boundaries of the parish, pausing occasionally for the recitation of prayers. Priests and cross-bearers led these long walks in the countryside. Accordingly, the English sometimes called the Rogation Days the "Walking Days" from the Old Anglo-Saxon name for the observance, *Gang Daegas*, meaning approximately "Day of Going About."

Welcome

A minister may give notices of upcoming services and events.

The congregation are welcomed to the service.

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

All and also with you.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: **Morning has broken**

Opening Prayer

M We come before you our God and Sustainer,
remembering that you are our Creator
and the source of all being.
Out of your love the universe was born.
From primordial darkness you put in place
all that is needed for growth
and saw that it was good.
You have put this world into our hands:
may we recognise your Spirit within it,
disturbing and challenging us to care for creation,
for the weak and the deprived.
Lord we remember that we are called by you
to nourish the earth and its diversity of life,
to share the gifts you have given, with one another
and with the poor of the world.

All Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Act of Penitence

M Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

After a short silence,

M Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

M Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources :
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

M Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty
with all of your children:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

P May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord .

All Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

P Let us pray

Silence is kept.

P Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and the sea should bear fruit in due season:

 bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,
 grant us a good harvest

 and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord .

All Amen.

Rogation Journey

M The first stopping place for our Rogation Journey is by some water.



Hymn: **The Lord is my shepherd**

John 7:37-39 (ESVUK)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The reader may say.

R This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

May we who have an abundance of water see it as a precious and scarce resource.

Help us to be mindful how much is consumed so that we can live in the way that we do:

guide us to use it sparingly,

and keep us mindful of those who suffer through drought, pollution and flood.

We ask in faith:

All We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

M The Second stopping place for our Rogation Journey is by crops growing in a field.



Mark 4:26-29 (ESVUK)

And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

The reader may say.

R This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Prayer

M Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and sea should bear fruit in due season, we ask you bless the labours of all those who work on land and sea.

Grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your care.

Lord you have ordered our life that we are dependent on one another prosper those engaged in commerce direct our minds and hands in the service of you and all with whom we live and work.

Grant O Lord that whatever gifts we have, they may be used to the full, for the enrichment of our lives together and for the coming of your kingdom.

We ask in faith:

All We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

M The Third stopping place for our Rogation Journey is by at a place to celebrate the wonders of creation.

Please sit for our reading.

Psalm 50:1-2, 10-11 (ESVUK)

The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun
to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.



Reflection

Prayer

Creator God, Jesus teaches us through the beauty and abundance of creation to put our trust in you for all things. We ask you now to bless our fields and gardens our hills and streams our rivers, lakes, reservoirs and seas that in all these things we might glimpse a reflection of your glory and your gracious love for each one of us. Bless, O Lord, the houses and farms and all the homes in this place.

Give us good health, purity of spirit, strength and humility, hospitality, a spirit of forgiveness and firm knowledge of our need to seek you in all things.

We ask in faith:

All We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

M The forth stopping place for our Rogation Journey is at a village Green.



Please stand for the Gospel Hymn.

Gospel - **Great is thy faithfulness**

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel,

R Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

John 15.1-9 (ESVUK)

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

At the end.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Reflection

Prayer

God our father, we give thanks for the gift
of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who was content to share the life of his village in Nazareth.
We ask you to bless the life of our villages
here in Lower Wensleydale.

We pray for all who live in this place, for all who work here,
for all who regard this place as home
and for all who simply pass through.

May your blessing rest upon us all
as we live together in your peace.

We ask in faith:

All We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

M Let us declare our faith
in 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.

cf 1 Corinthians 15.3-7

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel for prayer.

God the Father, your will for all people
is health and Salvation.

All We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life,
and might have it more abundantly.

All We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies
the temple of your presence.

***All* We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God,
in you we live and move and have our being.

***All* We praise and bless you, Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick,
injured or suffering life limiting conditions,
that they may be made whole.

***All* Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed
a knowledge of your will and
an awareness of your presence.

***All* Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

***All* Hear us, Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore to those
in distress soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

***All* Hear us, Lord of life.**

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance
and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

***All* Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death,
and uphold by the grace and consolation of
your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

***All* Hear us, Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,
in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

***All* Hear us, Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

***All* You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, Lord, is the well of life

***All* and in your light do we see light.**

Hear us, Lord of life:

***All* heal us, and make us whole.**

Amen.

The Peace

Please stand.

P By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which passes all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4.6,7

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.

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

All Amen.

Prayer B

The president says.

P The Lord be with you *(or)* The Lord is here.

All and also with you. **His Spirit is with us.**

P Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
Through him you have created us in your own image,
and made us stewards of your good creation.
Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation,
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth
in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,
and give voice to every creature under heaven,
for ever praising you and saying:

***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.

Please sit or kneel as we continue in prayer.

P Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me. □

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

P Christ is the bread of life:

All **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

P And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

P **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

M Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All. Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

P We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world..

All God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

P Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

P Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

P The body of Christ, given for you.

All **Amen**

P The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All **Amen**

The president will then receive communion in both kinds having spoken the words of distribution once for all communicants at the Altar. They will then come to each pew and distribute the wafers into the hand without making contact.

Communion Hymn - **There is a Redeemer**

M May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

After Communion

P God our creator,
you give seed for us to sow and bread for us to eat:
as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this eucharist,
so we ask you to give all your children their daily bread,
that the world may praise you for your goodness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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.

Dismissal

Please leave the building by pew number (following the Sidesman's instructions) as we gather outside to sing together God's Praise.

Closing Hymn - We Plough the fields with tractors

We plough the fields with tractors,
With drills we sow the land;
But growth is still the wondrous gift
Of God's almighty hand.
We add our fertilizers
To help the growing grain;
But for its full fruition,
It needs God's sun and rain.

*Ref. All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

With many new machines now
We do the work each day;
We reap the fields with combines,
We bale the new-mown hay.
But still it's God who gives us
Inventive skill and drives
Which lighten labour's drudgery
And give us better lives.

Refrain.

He only is the maker
Of galaxies and stars;
Of birds and beasts and flowers,
And any life on Mars.
Atomic powers obey him,
Yet still the birds are fed;
By him our prayer is answered:
Give us our daily bread

Refrain.

**We thank thee then, O Father,
For life so rich and good,
For seedtime and the harvest,
The wealth of daily food.
No gifts have we to offer
Such as thy love imparts,
But what thou most desirest:
Our humble thankful hearts.**

Final Blessing

P God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

All **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

All **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,
whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and 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.**

M Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

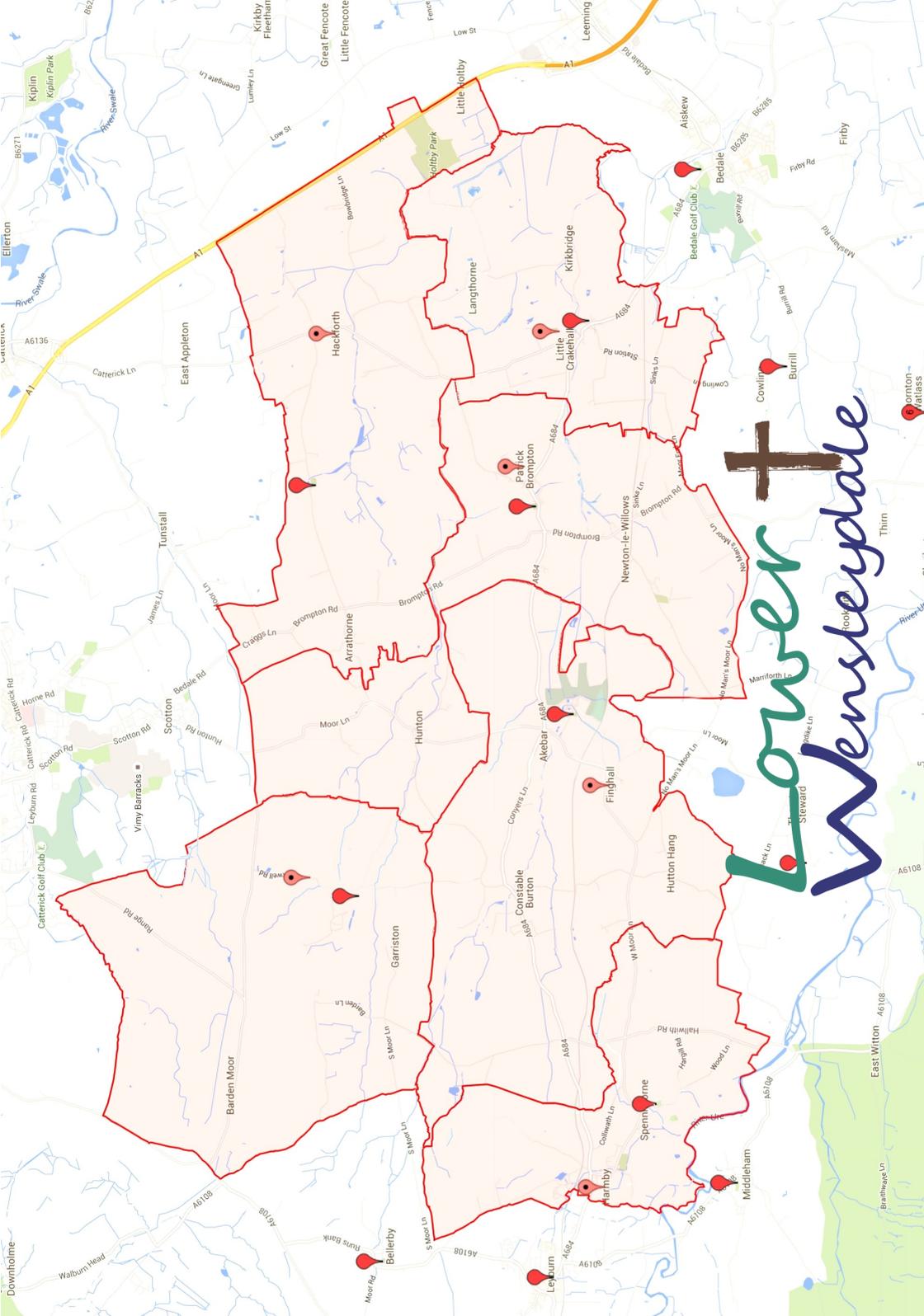
All Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

We apologise that we can not offer hospitality at the close of the service. Please do not linger to talk within the building or churchyard at the end of the service. If you need to talk to the president or a PCC member please do so by phone. We thank you for your understanding during this difficult time.

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