THE BREAKING OF BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

This is the table, not just of the church but of the Lord.
It has been made ready for those who would welcome him.
So come to this table, you who have much faith
and you would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been for a long time.
You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.
Come! It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

After communion we pray together:
God of truth, we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love
for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HYMN—HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US.

THE DISMISSAL

The death of Jesus draws near. Darkness falls. Anguish, betrayal, and mocking approaches.
We wait in hope for freedom, knowing that goodness and love never fail:
I am sure I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Yes I shall see the goodness of our God, hold firm, trust in the lord.

READING

During this reading the Sanctuary will be stripped and the lights will be extinguished.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

You are welcome to sit for a while.

THE INGLEBOROUGH TEAM

Maundy Thursday

During a time of lockdown and looking for freedom.

Together serving the Parishes of Bentham, Burton in Lonsdale, Chapel-le-Dale, Ingleton and Thornton in Lonsdale

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

HYMN—brother sister let me serve you

GREETING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Welcome as we gather in this ancient place:
house of prayer and welcome;
home to all who come.

Welcome Christ, as we journey through a pandemic,
looking to emerge into freedom.
You are the light to guide our way:
A light no darkness or disease can quench.

We welcome each other:
friend and stranger,
here and at home
saint and sinner
in all who gather in unity across the world this night.

CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to worship together and to remember Jesus' last supper, let us call to mind all our blessings and our need for Christ's mercy.

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

We identify with the isolation you faced in the desert, Lord; yet unlike you, we know that time and time again, we were tempted to despair;

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death
and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven and say
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord;
Holy is the Lord God almighty!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
Holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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.

THE LAST SUPPER

During communion music is played.

Kum ba yah

Someones' crying Lord…; Someone's dying Lord…; Someone's grieving…; Someone's praying Lord…; Come by here, my Lord… O Lord come by here…

At this Last Supper we are with our crucified and risen Lord.
We know that it was not only our ancestors, but we who were saved 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, church at home or in this building.

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

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
Y**ou embraced us as your children**
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;

We may well have hesitated, like Peter, at the thought of you washing one another's, still not quite seeing how you were turning the world upside down in the service of those you loved so dearly;

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

We identify with the disciples who were tired and weary afraid at your greatest hour of need, when you desired friendship and support the most;

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

We identify with Peter, who denied you three times over, despite having sworn to the contrary that he would never do such a thing;

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

We identify with those who hid away in great fear from threats about them;

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

While we know that this holy week is all about you, we still have a habit of making it all about us;

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

And yet, you came for precisely this reason, to seek and save the lost. Your mercy reaches to us now. And we receive your love.

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son
and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

HYMN

Please remain standing.

GOSPEL READING

Here the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you O Lord
At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ

REFLECTION

THE PEACE

Tonight we recall the disciples gathering in an upper room and Jesus, as a servant, washing their feet. They then shared their last supper together. This night we can neither wash each other's hands or feet, and neither can we eat together. We are not able to shake hands or embrace each other. So we hold each other—at home and here in a time of silence, remembering the 127,000 who have died in this country from the covid virus, those who have died without loved ones at their side, the 2.8million who have died worldwide. Knowing that we live in love, faith and hope.

Jesus says: ' Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you:
and also with you.

THE LAST SUPPER

COLLECT *a special prayer for today*
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. **Amen**

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Father, on this, the night of his last supper, your Son Jesus Christ went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. He asked his disciples to watch with him. We pray now, and commit ourselves to follow his example of love and service.

We sing:
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

On this night, he prayed for his disciples to be one.
We remember the Church in Sudan, their needs for schools, latrines, pastors and too often water and food. We thank you for their gifts of prayer, sharing, worship and their example of discipleship…

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

On this night,
He prayed for those who were to believe through their message.
We remember our communities locally...Chapel-le-Dale, Ingleton, Thornton, Burton and Bentham.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.

`On this night he commanded them to love,
but suffered isolation and rejection himself.
We remember the isolated, lonely, rejected and unloved and abused.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart.