

# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

**St Mary with St George and St John**

**A WELCOMING,  
INCLUSIVE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY,  
SERVING THE PEOPLE OF LANCASTER**



## **PRIORY EUCHARIST**

### **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**16 December 2018  
at 10.00 am**

*A very warm welcome to all our visitors, especially if you are visiting us for the first time. Please join us for refreshments after the service. The Welcome, including Notices and Banns of Marriage, takes place just before 10.00am and is followed by a short period of silence. For the very young there are books and entertainment packs and a rug with soft toys available in the Refectory*

President: The Revd Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Michael Fielding, Hon. Associate Minister  
Choir: Girls & ATB  
Setting: Mass for 4 Voices (Byrd)  
Reader: Manus and Douglas Hayne  
Intercessor: Lois Kirtley, Reader

12.15pm Baptism: Oscar Ze and Rosa Bella Norris-Meaney

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiating: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster

Sermon: Mrs Lois Kirtley

#### Services next Sunday 23 December—Advent 4

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Presiding: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Assistant Curate

10.00am Priory Eucharist

Presiding: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands

Sermon: The Revd Canon Prof. John Rodwell, Hon. Associate Priest

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

#### Monday 24 December—Christmas Eve

3.00pm Christingle with the Jazz Band and Children's Choir

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Presiding: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands

Concelebrating: The Revd Canon Prof. John Rodwell

Sermon: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah,

#### Tuesday 25 December—Christmas Day

8.00am Holy Communion

Presiding: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands

10.00am Priory Eucharist

Presiding: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner

Sermon: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands

#### Thursday 27 December—St John's Day

12.30pm Holy Communion

Presiding/Sermon: The Revd Keith Brockbank

## THE WELCOME and Notices – The Revd Canon Chris Newlands

**INTROIT:** A prayer of King Henry VI (Ley)

*Please join in the singing of the hymns and in saying the words in **bold** type.  
We stand at the entry of the ministers to sing the opening **HYMN** (495)*

**God is working his purpose out,**

*A C Ainger (1841-1919)*

*The priest greets the congregation:*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The junior members of our congregation gather at the chancel steps*

*Priest:* Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Advent Candle is lit by a parent and child*

It is our Christ, our Messiah, we watch for:  
**Christ the Light of the World!**

*The cross is held high and leads the children to their classes*

*The deacon invites us to confess our sins*

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**God of mercy,**

**we acknowledge that we are all sinners.**

**We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.**

**For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,**

**forgive us for all that is past,**

**and help us to live each day**

**in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE CHOIR SINGS THE KYRIE

*Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us,  
Lord have mercy upon us.*

*The priest pronounces the*

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins that we may  
behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to  
prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards  
of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your  
way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the  
just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found  
an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with  
the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit for*

## THE FIRST READING

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah*

*(Zephaniah 3.14-20)*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## HYMN (499)

**Thy Kingdom come, O God,**

Lewis Hensley 1824-1905

## THE SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians*

*(Philippians 4.4-7)*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:*

*Cantor:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

*Deacon:* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*(Luke 3.7-18)*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

**SERMON** The Revd Michael Fielding, Hon. Associate Minister

## **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*These responses may be used*

*Leader:* Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*All stand for*

## THE PEACE

God will speak peace to his people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you**

*Deacon:* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## THE OFFERTORY *The Gifts are brought to the Altar.*

*The collection is taken as the hymn is sung*

## HYMN (9)

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,**

*Charles Wesley 1707-1788*

*The priest prepares the bread and wine*

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one,

so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine;  
she has set her table.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

*Please remain standing, if you feel able, until after we have recited the Lord's Prayer together and seen the bread broken before us.*

### **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** *(remain standing)*

The Lord be with you                    **and also with you**  
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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and singing:

### **THE CHOIR SINGS THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS**

*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.*

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory. On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he

reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory. As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight. Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

*(each in our own language)*

**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.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE 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.**

*Please kneel or sit as*

## **THE CHOIR SINGS THE AGNUS DEI**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

*The priest invites the congregation to receive communion*

**We do not presume to come to this your table,  
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table.**

**But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ**



and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation proceeds to receive communion*

## **THE GIVING OF COMMUNION**

*All Christians who are members in good standing of their own denominations are invited to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer to receive a Blessing, please bring this order of service with you. If you require a gluten free wafer please bring a green card which you can find near the entrance to the church.*

*During the Communion the choir sings the anthem:*

Take my life and let it be- Gillthorpe

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move, at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine; take my heart: it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

*and then, still sitting, we sing*

**HYMN (11) O come, O come, Emmanuel!**

*Cologne 1710,*

*based on the ancient Advent Antiphons  
tr. TA Lacey (1853-1931) and others*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now  
and for ever.

**Amen.**

## **FINAL HYMN (LP22)**

**Make way, make way,**

*Graham Kendrick (b.1950)*

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*The priest gives*

## **THE BLESSING**

May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you, now and always.

**Amen.**

*Deacon:* As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Organ Voluntary:* Wachet auf (Karg-Elert)

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