

# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

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

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



## **PRIORY EUCHARIST**

**7 January 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 Canon John Roff, Hon. Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Canon Prof. John Rodwell, Hon. Associate Priest  
Choir: Full Choir  
Setting: Spatzenmesse—(Mozart)  
Readers: Rachel-Ann Powers; Alice Granger  
Intercessor: Miriam Eastham



We welcome back the Choir and the Junior Church this morning after the break.  
Junior Church classes will resume this morning.

Services next Sunday 14 January 2018—Epiphany 2

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Presiding: The Revd Steve Evans, Hon. Associate Priest  
  
10.00am Priory Eucharist  
Presiding: The Revd Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster  
Sermon: The Revd Canon John Roff, Hon. Associate Priest  
  
6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Officiating: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest  
Sermon: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Reader

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK  
IS SPONSORED BY  
BEVERLEY ROBERTS AND FAMILY  
IN MEMORY OF BRIAN,  
A MUCH LOVED HUSBAND AND FATHER  
  
AND BY  
BETTY WILD  
TO CELEBRATE JAMES GEOFFREY AND BETTY'S BIRTHDAY,  
ALL ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

## **THE WELCOME and Notices** – The Revd Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster

*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** (47)*

### **As with gladness men of old**

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*

*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 and after a prayer they go to their classes.*

*The deacon invites us to confess our sins*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us, forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The priest pronounces the **WORDS OF ABSOLUTION***

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE CHOIR SINGS THE GLORIA**

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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 COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, 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 Isaiah*

*(Isaiah 60.1-6)*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

## HYMN (48)

**Bethlehem, a noble city,**

*Latin, Prudentius (348-410)*

*Tr Edward Caswall (1814-78)*

*Please sit for ...*

## THE SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians*

*(Ephesians 3.1-12)*

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very

least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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**

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and  
believed in throughout the world.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*Deacon:*       The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

*Deacon:*       Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*Matthew 2.1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

**SERMON** The Revd Canon Professor John Rodwell, *Associate Priest*

## 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**

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his  
government and of peace there shall be no end.  
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 (49 ) is sung.*

**Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,**

*Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

*The priest prepares the bread and wine:*

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous; accept the offering of your Church and grant that Christ may shine in us to the praise and glory of your name.

**Amen.**

*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

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**

And now we give you thanks because, in the incarnation of the Word, a new light has dawned upon the world, that all the nations may be brought out of darkness to see the radiance of your glory. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

## THE CHOIR SINGS THE SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*Deacon:* Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

*(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*

'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord; 'whoever comes to me will



never hunger; whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

## 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: Here is the little door – Howells*

*Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift! We need not wander more but enter with our gift; Our gift of finest gold, Gold that was never bought nor sold; Myrrh to be strewn about His Bed; Incense in clouds about His Head; All for the Child that stirs not in His sleep, But holy slumber holds with ass and sheep. Bend low about His Bed: for each He has a gift; See how His eyes awake, lift up your hands, oh lift! For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword (Defend with it Thy little Lord!) For incense, smoke of battle red, Myrrh for the honoured happy dead; Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet, Touched by such tiny hands and oh such tiny feet.*

Words by Frances Chesterton

*and then, still sitting, we sing*

## HYMN (52)

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;**

*J.S.B. Monsell 1811-1875*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## HYMN (28)

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,**

*Christina Rossetti (1830-94)*

*The priest gives*

## THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*Deacon:* Our Eucharist is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

*Voluntary:* Epilogue on 'Dix' (Harris)

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