

# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

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

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



**PRIORY EUCHARIST**  
**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

**13 May 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 Tim Girling, Hon. Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest  
Choir: Girls and ATB  
Setting: Lancaster Priory Mass (Gillthorpe)  
Reader: Andrea Howson  
Intercessor: Miriam Eastham

*If you contribute to the Priory through the committed Giving Scheme, please take a yellow card, which you can find near the entrance to the church, to put into the collection Plate.*

11.30am Mayor's Day Service  
Officiant: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Assistant Curate  
6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Officiant: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Michael Fielding, Hon. Associate Minister

Services next Sunday 20 May, Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Officiant: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest  
10.00am Priory Eucharist  
Presiding/  
Sermon: The Revd Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster  
6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Officiant: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner  
Sermon: Professor Richard Carter, Reader

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK  
IS SPONSORED BY MARY DAVIS  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
IVY (BROWN) BRETTELL  
FROM ALL HER FAMILY**

## THE WELCOME and Notices -

*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** (338)*

### **At the name of Jesus**

*Caroline Noel (1817-77)*

*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.**

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

*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*

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that  
we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you,  
our God. Amen.**

## **WE ALL SING THE KYRIE**

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**, Christ have mercy, **Christ have mercy**,  
Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy**.

*The priest pronounces the*

## **WORDS OF ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his

kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE CHOIR SINGS THE GLORIA**

*The Congregation are invited to join in with the Refrain:*

**Gloria 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.*

**Gloria to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

*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.*

**Gloria to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
in the glory of God the Father.*

**Gloria to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 reading.*

## **THE READING**

*A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1.15-17;21-26)*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast

lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

### **HYMN (443) Rejoice! the Lord is King!**

#### **THE GOSPEL**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:*

*Cantor:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

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

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*(John 17.6-9)*

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

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

**SERMON** The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

**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

*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 has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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 (332)**

**All hail the power of Jesu's name;**

*The priest prepares the bread and wine.*

*The congregation responds to each petition:*

**Blessed be 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

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**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. He is the one who has gone before us, who calls us to be united in prayer as were his disciples in the upper room while they awaited his promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost. Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

## WE ALL SING 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*Deacon:* This is the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**  
Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your

kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
And bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Believing the promises of God, 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.**

## **WE ALL SING THE AGNUS DEI**

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.

*The priest invites the congregation to receive communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

## **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: If ye love me (Tallis)*  
*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,*  
*and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide*  
*with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.*

*and then, still sitting, we sing **HYMN** (351)*

**Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,**

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has  
sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his  
kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to  
live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please stand for the hymn*

**HYMN** (LP15)

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,**

*The priest gives*

## **THE BLESSING**

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the  
word and works of God; 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**

*Organ Voluntary:* March on a theme of Handel (Guilmant)

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