

# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

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

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



**PRIORY EUCHARIST**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**25 February 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 Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster  
Sermon: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest  
Choir: Girls and ATB  
Setting: Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria)  
Readers: John and Christine Dickinson  
Intercessor: David Redmore  
  
6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Officiating: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Assistant Curate  
Sermon: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Reader

Sunday 4 March—Lent 3

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Presiding: The Revd Gareth Beresford-Jones  
  
10.00am Priory Eucharist  
Presiding: The Vicar  
Sermon: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner  
  
6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Officiating: The Revd Anderson Jeremiah  
Sermon: Professor Richard Carter

Sunday 11 March—Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion  
Presiding: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner  
  
10.00am All Age Eucharist  
Presiding: The Vicar  
Sermon: The Vicar  
  
12.15pm Baptism—Lilly Barr  
  
6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Officiating: The Vicar  
Sermon: The Revd Keith Brockbank

## **THE WELCOME and Notices**—The Revd Chris Newlands

*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** (LP 15)*

**Christ triumphant, ever reigning,**

*Michael Seward (B. 1932)*

*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*

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**We confess to God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
through our own grievous fault.**

**Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.**

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us,  
forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and bring us to life everlasting;  
through Jesus 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, that  
you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be  
cleansed from all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your  
truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all  
those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that  
they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and  
follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, 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 Genesis*

*(Gen 17.1-7;15-16)*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

## **HYMN**

**New every morning is the love**

*(238)*

*John Keble (17.92-1866)*

## **THE SECOND READING**

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

*(Romans 4. 13-end)*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as

righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

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

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*(Mark 8.31-38)*

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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

**SERMON:** The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, 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

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 (364 t.408) ) is sung.*

**God is Love: let heav'n adore him;**

*Timothy Rees*

*(1874-1939)*

*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 and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

## **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.*

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:* Christ is the bread of life:

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

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.**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust 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**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*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: Lord for thy tender mercy's sake (Farrant/Hilton)*

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk with a perfect  
heart before Thee now and ever more. Amen*

## HYMN (385)

**Jesu, the very thought of thee**

*tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand for the final hymn ...*

## HYMN (339)

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,**

*tr: Mary Byrne 1880-1931  
versified Eleanor Hull 1860-1935*

*The priest gives*

## THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves,  
take up your cross, and follow him;  
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: Ecce tempus idoneum (Tallis)*

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