

# LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER TRINITY

8 October 2017  
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 Canon Prof. John Rodwell, Hon. Associate Priest  
Choir: Girls and ATB  
Setting: Mass of St Cedd - Nardone  
Readers: Awena Carter, Matthew Davies  
Intercessor: Jim Garbett

This evening  
at 6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Officiant: The Vicar  
Preacher: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Assistant Curate

Services next Sunday 15 October—Trinity 18

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
Celebrant: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Assistant Curate  
10.00am Priory Eucharist  
Presiding: The Revd Canon Prof. John Rodwell, Hon. Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest  
6.30pm Choral Evensong  
Officiant: The Revd Jill Novell, Associate Priest  
Preacher: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Reader

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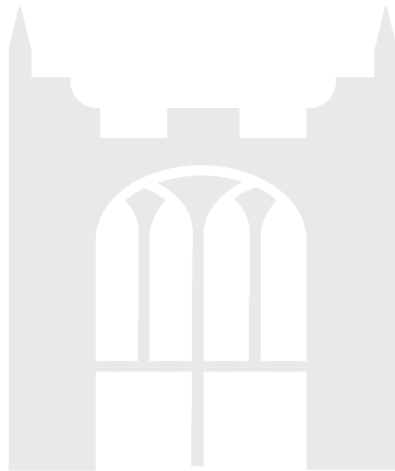
**IN REMEMBRANCE OF MY HUSBAND ARTHUR'S**

**BIRTHDAY ON 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**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.*

**HYMN** (272)

**All for Jesus, all for Jesus!**



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*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 Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. 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 love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

### **WE ALL SING 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, 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**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless  
till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us  
to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall  
see you 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 5.1-7)*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

**HYMN** (366)

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## THE SECOND READING

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

*(Phil. 3.4b-14)*

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God 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**

This is my Son, the Beloved: listen to him **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 21.33-end)*

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s

doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.  
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** The Revd Canon Professor John Rodwell, Hon. 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.**

*Please stand for ...*

## THE PEACE

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.

As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

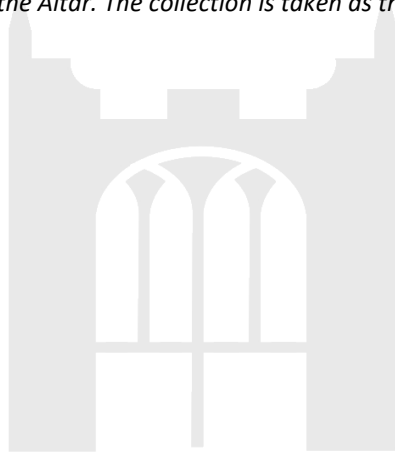
The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you**

*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 (86)** is sung.*



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*The priest prepares the bread and wine*

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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**

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.

Deacon: This is the mystery of faith.

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

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.**

Seeking the salvation of the world, 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*

‘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: 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 (HON.39)**

**As the deer pants for the water**



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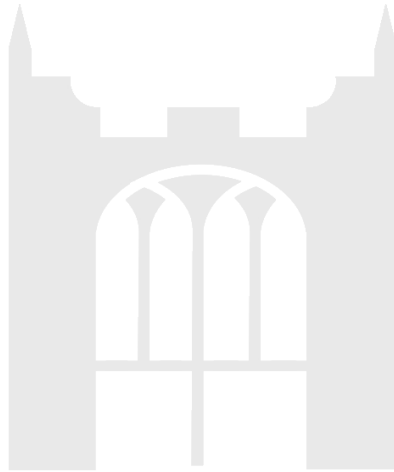
## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

**HYMN** (HON.148)

**From heaven you came, helpless babe,**



*The priest gives*

**THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Organ Voluntary:* Postlude on Song 1 - Thiman

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