

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Giving thanks for the riches of Creation

**30 September 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 Prof John Rodwell, Hon. Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Assistant Curate
Choir: Girls & ATB
Setting Spatzenmesse (Mozart)
Readers: Sally Bushell; Dylan Bushell
Intercessor: Hermione Roff

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6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiating: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner
Sermon: The Revd Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster

Services next week—Sunday 7 October - Trinity 19

10.00am All Age Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

THE TRADCRAFT STALL WILL BE IN CHURCH THIS MORNING.
PLEASE GIVE THEM YOUR SUPPORT.

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK
IS SPONSORED BY
BARBARA AND STEPHEN GARDNER
TO CELEBRATE THE MARRIAGE OF JAMES AND VICKY
ON 22 SEPTEMBER -
WITH MANY CONGRATULATIONS**

THE WELCOME and Notices –

Children join the welcomers at the church door to give each person some small sprig of wild fruit - hawthorn, rowan berries etc.

*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** (263)*

All creatures of our God and King,

St Francis of Assisi 1182-1226

Tr William Draper 1855-1933

THE GREETING

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 earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

The world and we that dwell therein.

GATHERING OF THE YOUNG CHURCH

When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you must set aside the first fruits of all the produce of the soil. Pray then that the Lord of the harvest will send forth workers into his harvest.

The president calls up the members of the Young Church and they go off with a harvest blessing.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

our God blesses us with the fruits of the harvest. Let us call to mind carelessness of Creation, our wastefulness of his plenty and our forgetfulness of those who have less.

CONFESSION

God has blessed us with plenty, but still his children go hungry.

Lord have mercy.

God has blessed us with plenty, but still the poor cry for justice.

Christ have mercy.

God has blessed us with plenty, but still we oppress our fellow creatures.

Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

The Lord who visits the earth and waters it, refresh you with his grace; the Lord who stills the noise of the seas, bring peace to your soul; the Lord who crowns the year with his goodness, give you the harvest of his love; and absolve you from all your offences, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **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

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 Joel

(Joel 2: 21-27)

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

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

HYMN (HON 138/CP254)

For the fruits of his creation

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to Timothy (1 Timothy 6, 6-10)

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

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

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

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

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord. (Matthew 6.25-33)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

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

SERMON The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Assistant Curate

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: Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest, that he will bring to
fruition all that he has made.
Lord of all the earth.

Response: **Hear us, that your harvest may be complete.**

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

Please stand for

THE PEACE

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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

Gifts of each kind are brought up by members of the congregation after each of

the invitations and laid around the front of the altar

Let us bring forward fruits of the harvest
gifts that God has made and sun and rain have nurtured.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the fields
the grains, the grasses and the roots

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of orchards and gardens
fruit and vegetables and blooms

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the woods and waysides
timber, fruit and flowers.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the seas, fish and seafood.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the bread and the wine, harvest of grain and grape,
to nourish us with the Body and Blood of our Saviour, given and
shed for the life of the world.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise him, all creatures here below,

Praise him above, ye heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*The Gifts are brought to the Altar. The collection is taken as the hymn is sung.
The congregation adds the sprigs of fruit to the offertory plates along with their alms
which are then taken up and blessed as usual.*

HYMN (285)

For the beauty of the earth,

F.S. Pierpoint 1835-1917

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Priest gives thanks for the bread and wine:

*Please make the response: **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 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, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you have made the heavens and the earth, all times and seasons obeying your laws. You formed us in your image, gave us the fellowship of other creatures and the bounty of your making for humankind to share. In the fullness of time you sent to us your Son, the first fruits of your Creation, to make us anew in his own life, death and rising again. In the power of the Spirit, with all the heavenly host, we give voice to all that you have made, singing the endless 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.

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.
**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

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

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: All things bright and beautiful (Rutter) and then the Benedicite

O all you works of the Lord, bless the Lord: praise God and magnify him for ever. Sun and moon, stars of heaven, light and dark, day and night: Bless the Lord. Rain, dews and falling snows, scorching wind and bitter cold: Bless the Lord. Lightning and clouds, seas and mountains, Spring and rivers: Bless the Lord. All that swims in the waters and flies in the air: Bless the Lord. All that grows in the ground, all creatures that walk on the earth: Bless the Lord. All peoples of the world: Bless the Lord, praise God and magnify God for ever.

and then, still sitting, we sing

HYMN (274)

Author of life divine

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Creator, you give seed to sow and bread for us to eat: as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this Eucharist, so we ask that all may share in the gifts of your creation, and all creatures praise you for your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please stand

FINAL HYMN (HON130 t: Ode to Joy)

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,

The Priest gives the Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing on you and all that he has made, that you may use the gifts of his Creation to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you, now and 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: Allegro in F (Mozart)

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**Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.
Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain.**

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**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children,
praise the Lord, all people, praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days!**

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)