

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 BEFORE ADVENT

**19 November 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 Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest
Choir: Girls and ATB
Setting: Leighton in D/Nardone
Reader: Andrea Howson, George Howson
Intercessor: Sue Clark

Choral Evensong at 6.30pm

Officiant: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest
Sermon: Professor Richard Carter, Reader
Choir: Boys and ATB



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

The Traidcraft Stall will be available this morning, before and after the 10am Eucharist.

Services next Sunday 26 November— Christ the King

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Presiding: The Revd Steve Evans, Hon. Associate Priest
10.00am Priory Eucharist
Presiding: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Dr Rebecca Anderson, Assistant Curate
6.30pm Choral Evensong
Officiant: The Vicar
Sermon: Mrs Lois Kirtley

OLIVE BRANCH - Please donate food items in the bin at the back of church. Thank you.



**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK
IS SPONSORED BY
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TO CELEBRATE BRIDGET'S
50TH BIRTHDAY**



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** (18)*

Ye servants of the Lord,



LANCASTER PRIORY

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

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.

We are not worthy to be called your children.

We turn to you again.

**Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead**

but now have life through 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**

God our Father forgive you your sins and bring you to the fellowship of his table with his saints for ever. **Amen.**

ALL SING THE GLORIA (*Nardone*)

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, Amen.

THE COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 Zephaniah (Zephaniah 1.7,12-18)

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

HYMN (70)

Lord Jesus, think on me,



Tr. AW Chatfield (1808-96)

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 5.1-11)

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

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 25.14-30)

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and
complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our 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 (140)

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

Brian Foley (1919-2000)

The priest prepares the bread and wine

With this bread that we bring

we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring

we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,

we shall remember Jesus.

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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever 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.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in

remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Deacon: This is the mystery of faith

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace ... Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, 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.

Looking for the coming of his kingdom, 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

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: God be in my head – Rutter

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;

God be at my end, and in my departing.

and then, still sitting, we sing

HYMN (306)

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands

Syrian, 4th century

Tr CW Humphreys (1840-1921)

And Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Good and gracious God,
thank you for calling us to be members of your Church,
and for giving us the resources to provide for ourselves
and for those around us.
Help us to learn to be giving and generous,
as You are - above all,
so that your love is made known in our generation,
through this Priory parish.
In your great name we pray. Amen.

Please stand for the final hymn

HYMN (398 T.395)

'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord to thee;

Henry Montague Butler (1833-1918)

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Deacon:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Amen.

Organ Voluntary: Fanfare - Mathias.

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