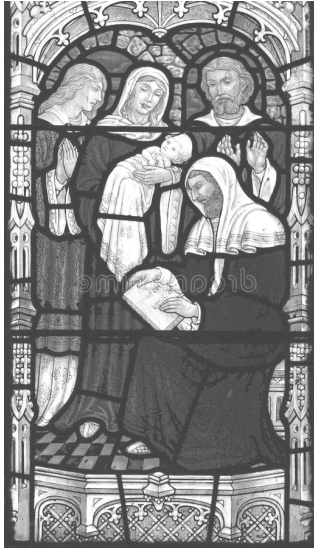


LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**24 June 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) /Thorne Gloria
Readers: Dawn Cheetham, Sue Clark
Intercessor: Barbara Bland

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.

12.15pm Baptism of Poppy Grace Daley
6.30pm Choral Evensong
Officiating: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Assistant Curate
Sermon: The Vicar

The Fairtrade Stall will be available this morning

Services next week—Sunday 1 July - The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am Holy Communion
Officiating: The Revd Steve Evans, Hon. Associate Priest
10.00am All Age Eucharist with Baptism
Presiding: The Vicar
The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner,
Followed by the Choir picnic
6.30pm Choral Evensong
Officiating: The Vicar
Sermon: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon. Associate Priest

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK
IS SPONSORED BY
BETTY WILD
IN REMEMBRANCE OF
JULIA'S BIRTHDAY**

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 (12)

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

*Charles Coffin 1676-1749
tr: John Chandler 1808-1876*

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:

John the Baptist proclaimed,

‘Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

Let us turn to the Lord in penitence and faith
and humbly confess our sin.

**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.**

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

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and

strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ALL SING THE GLORIA (Mass of Saint Thomas – Thorne)

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.
For you alone are the Holy one, you alone are the Highest,
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance: lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example, constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake; 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 40.1-11)

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of

our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

HYMN (480)

In Christ there is no east or west,

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 13.14b-26)

Then Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John, however, left them and returned to Jerusalem; but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

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

You, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. *Luke 1.76*
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord

(Luke 1. 57-end)

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed.

Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel. 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 prayers.**
Leader: Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the salvation of all people.
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

All stand for

THE PEACE

The Lord God of Israel has come and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
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 table.*

HYMN *is sung.*

Lo, in the wilderness a voice

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

The priest prepares the bread and wine

God of our salvation, as we praise you for your servant John the Baptist, accept all we bring to you this day, and free us to worship you without fear, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our 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

near It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Among those born of women you marked out John the Baptist with your special favour as the one who prepared the way before your Son. His birth brought great rejoicing; even in the womb he leapt for joy, so was our salvation. Alone of all the prophets, John hailed the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. He baptized Jesus, the author of baptism, in waters made holy by the one baptized. By shedding his blood he gave his last and greatest witness to your Son. And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host we proclaim your glory and join in their unending 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.*

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.

praised When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he
this is my blood you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you;
and for many for the of the new covenant, which is shed for you
you drink it, in forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as
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.

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.**

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

Christ has gathered his people around the earth to feast at his table. Come, for this is a table where all are invited, and all are welcome.

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:

This is the record of John (Gibbons)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

and then, still sitting, we sing

HYMN (LP19)

For the healing of the nations,

Fred Kaan b.1929 –2009

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world:
grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN **Let all mortal flesh keep silence**

(295) *r: Gerard Moultrie 1829-1885*

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

Through the tender compassion of our God may the dawn from on high break upon you and guide your feet into the way of peace. 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: Toccata on 'Placare Christe servulis' (Dupré)

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