

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



**PRIORY EUCHARIST
WITH BAPTISM**

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

**11 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 Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Assistant Curate
Sermon: The Revd Canon Prof. John Rodwell, Hon. Associate Priest
Choir: Girls and ATB
Setting: Lancaster Mass (Truslove)
Readers: Miriam Eastham; Tim Jenkinson Intercessor: Gill Jenkinson
6.30pm Choral Evensong
Officiating: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Tim Evans, Hon. Associate Priest

Ash Wednesday

12.30pm Holy Communion with Healing
7.30pm Holy Communion with Ashes
Presiding: The Revd Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster
Sermon: The Revd Dr Rebecca Aechtner, Assistant Curate

Sunday 18 February—Lent 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Presiding: The Revd Tim Evans, Hon. Associate Priest
10.00am Priory Eucharist
Presiding: The Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah, Associate Priest
Sermon: The Vicar
6.30pm Choral Evensong
Officiating: The Vicar Sermon: Professor Richard Carter, Reader

**THE TRAIDCRAFT
STALL WILL BE IN
CHURCH THIS
MORNING**



**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK IS SPONSORED BY
AWENA CARTER TO CELEBRATE
50 YEARS SINCE RICHARD WAS ADMITTED AS A READER,
WHILST HE WAS A PHD STUDENT AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH WALES, BANGOR**

**And by DAWN, MARK AND RICHARD CHEETHAM
IN MEMORY OF ELEANOR GRACE,
A VERY PRECIOUS DAUGHTER AND SISTER,
10 FEBRUARY 1999, LOVED ALWAYS.**

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 (296)

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
G H Bourne (1840-1925)

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 deacon invites us to confess our sins

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and
sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence,
through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in
newness of life to the glory of your name.
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.**

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

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 Second Book of Kings

(2 Kings 2.1-12)

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

Please stand for the

HYMN (343)

Bright the vision that delighted

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians
6)

(2 Cor 4.3-6)

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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 Mark
Glory to you, O Lord

(Mark 9.2-9)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

SERMON The Revd Canon Prof. John Rodwell, Hon. Associate Priest

*We now follow the **Order of Service sheet for Baptism**
for the Baptism of: Kaia Amaris Swarnabhumi*

and then, later, as the procession returns from the font we kneel or sit for the

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

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace on earth to all on whom his favour rests.
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** (336) is sung.*

Angel voices ever singing

Francis Pott 1832-1909

The priest prepares the bread and wine.

*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.

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.

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.*

The priest invites the congregation to receive communion

This is my body, given for you. Come. Take. Eat.

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: Cantate Domino (Pitoni)

Cantate Domino canticum novum, Laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum

*Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum. Et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.
Sing to the Lord a new canticle: let his praise be in the church of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be
joyful in their king.*

and then, still sitting, we sing ...

HYMN (392)

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FINAL HYMN (494 T.413)

Christ is the world's true light,

G.W. Briggs (1875 - 1959)

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: Our Eucharist is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Organ Voluntary: Basse de trompette & Dialogue (Couperin).

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