

LANCASTER PRIORY

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A WELCOMING,
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SERVING THE PEOPLE OF LANCASTER



First Sunday *of* Advent

PRIORY EUCHARIST

ADVENT SUNDAY

29 November 2020
at 10.00 am

President: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster
Sermon: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon. Associate Priest
Choir Setting: Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria)
Readers: Kaarina Leong, Jonas Leong-Smith
Intercessor: Sue Clark
Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist
Organ Introit: Veni Emmanuel (Rebecca te Velde)
Offertory: Prelude on 'Come thou long-expected Jesus' (Ashley Grote)
Final Voluntary: Prelude on 'Wachet auf' (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

4.00pm Family Eucharist—live streamed
President & Sermon The Vicar

6.30pm Advent Carols—Broadcast service from Lancaster Churches

Services next Sunday 6 December—Advent 2

10.00am Priory Eucharist
Presiding:
Sermon:

6.30pm Choral Evensong
Officiant: The Vicar

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THE WELCOME and Notices – The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster

*Please join in saying the words in **bold** type.*

Introit: *The Advent Prose*

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 President says:

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, on which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

The candle is lit:

It is our Christ, our Messiah, we watch for:
Christ the Light of the World!

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**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

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 COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 64.1-9)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM 80.1-8

Show the light of your countenance, O Lord God of Hosts, and we shall be saved.

*Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,
before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.*

*Stir up your mighty strength
and come to our salvation.
Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.*

*O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of tears;
you give them abundance of tears to drink.*

*You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

Show the light of your countenance, O Lord God of Hosts, and we shall be saved.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 1.3-9)

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, alleluia, alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia, 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 13.24-37)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

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

SERMON The Revd Keith Brockbank

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 all stand for ...

THE PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall
break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death 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 the Altar.

The priest prepares the bread and wine

As this bread was scattered and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house; she has mixed her wine;
she has set her table.

Glory to you, O 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 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 and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and *singing*:

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.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

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: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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.**

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 COMMUNION

As an Act of Spiritual Communion, you may wish to give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with you now by saying this prayer:

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

During the Communion the choir sings the anthem: O radiant dawn (MacMillan)

*O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come,
Shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.*

*Isaiah had prophesied, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a
great light: upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.'
Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God, make us watchful
and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness
from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he
comes 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: Our Eucharist is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen.

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:
**Gwendolen Boyd-Wasson, Esme Bradbury, Matt Clark,
Vona Corbet, Ian Corbet, Bron England, Wendy Foster,
Stephen Gardner, Anne Goulding, Michael Greenhalgh,
Christine Heywood, Marilyn Kenny, Joan Pinches,
Brenda Storrie, Richard Thompson, and Gordon Tyson.**

6.30 pm

ADVENT CAROLS

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