

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 April 2020

at 10.00 am

A very warm welcome to everyone who is joining us “virtually” through our Facebook page.

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster
Cantor: Jacob Clark
Reader: Dr David Cheung
Music: Missa Kyrie rex splendens

(NB: Fr Chris, David, and Jacob are all resident in the Priory Vicarage for the duration of the present crisis, so we are fully compliant with the regulations both of The Government and the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.)

A Prayer to use during this present crisis.

*Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us
from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.*

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:

**Liam Aspden, Esme Bradbury,
Vona Corbet, Ian Corbet, Bron England, Wendy Foster,
Anne Goulding, Michael Greenhalgh, Christine Heywood,
Violet Houghrain, Brooke Hunter, Marilyn Kenny, Joan Pinches,
The Revd John Reeves, Richard Thompson, and Gordon Tyson.**

And the faithful departed:

Robert Arthur Brown, Harry Asbury, Alan Bateson

The Priory is taking a big hit from a drop in visitor income, venue income, and service collections.

If your income is keeping up, please consider using the barcode to make a donation to the work of the Priory.

We share a great sense of thanksgiving for all that God is inspiring around us in these difficult times.



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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.

Cantor The Holy City (Stephen Adams)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the
breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in
all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the
eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his
will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the
blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

THE WELCOME and Notices –

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

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.**
Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The priest invites us to confess our sins

Jesus said: 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny
themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who
want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my
sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**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 KYRIE

*Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.*

The priest pronounces the

WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to
himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus
Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy
Spirit to shed abroad his love among us. By the ministry of
reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon
and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and
evermore.
Amen.

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, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:14a, 36-41)

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him. The snares of death encompassed me ; the pains of hell took hold of me; by grief and sorrow was I held.

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.

Remember us Lord in your heavenly kingdom, as we your children unite our prayers with your Son. *(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

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

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

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.*

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.

Priest: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord: 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.' Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me. Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter

(1 Peter 1:17-23)

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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**
Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

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

Priest: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 24:13-35)

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are

you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Vicar

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you

Priest: 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 as The Cantor sings:

Lauda, anima mea Dominum: laudabo Dominum in vita mea: psallam Deo meo,
quamdiu ero, alleluia!

*Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto
my God while I have being, alleluia.*

The priest prepares the bread and wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once
dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and
wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.
Amen.