

# LANCASTER PRIORY

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



## **PRIORY EUCHARIST ROGATION SUNDAY**

*Asking for the good of Creation*

**17 May 2020**

**at 10.00 am**

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

*It is a great delight to return to our spiritual home of Lancaster Priory for our service today.*

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster  
Reader: Dr David Cheung

***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.**

## THE WELCOME and Notices – The Revd Canon Chris Newlands

*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 deacon invites us to confess our sins*

The love of God knows no bounds, calling to life all that there is,  
inviting all to share in the new life in Christ.

**Almighty God,  
Lord of mountain heights and depths of earth,  
who laid the foundations of the world  
and ordained the moving of the seas:  
Forgive us our wounding of your land,  
Forgive us our bondage of your creatures,  
Forgive us when we take an other's share of your gifts,  
so that all you have made may hear the liberty  
proclaimed by Jesus Christ,  
in the power of the Spirit, Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

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

*The priest pronounces the*

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,  
source of all wisdom and power,  
make you grateful for the gifts of earth,  
careful in the marks you make,  
mindful of the needs of all;  
and forgive you all your sins,  
through Jesus Christ,  
whose sacrifice reveals the cost of your creative love  
and offers redemption for all that you have made. **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

God our Redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sit for*

## THE FIRST READING

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

*(Acts 17.22-31)*

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world

judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

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

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM 66**

**Response: O be joyful in the Lord all the earth, sing the glory of his name.**

Bless our God, O ye peoples, make the voice of his praise to be heard, who holds our souls in life and suffers not our feet to slip. R/

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens on our backs. You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of liberty. R/

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. I called out to him with my mouth and his praised was on my tongue. If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me. R/

**O be joyful in the Lord all the earth, sing the glory of his name.**

## **THE SECOND READING**

*A reading from the first letter of Peter*

*(1 Pet 3.13-end)*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

God has spoken to us through his Son,  
through whom he created the worlds.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*(John 14.15-21)*

'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

'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.**

*And then we sit or kneel for*

## **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**

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding will guide your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you**  
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:*

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church,  
the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## 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, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you have created the heavens and the earth and formed us in your own image. In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word, who laid down his life for our salvation and rose from the grave, the first fruits of your creation. You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit to give new life to our mortal bodies and renew the face of the earth. Therefore with all the heavenly hosts, we give voice to everything that you have made, and sing the eternal hymn of praise:

## 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**

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:*

This is the mystery of faith

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

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.**

As God's children, and heirs with Christ, we cry in the Spirit: 'Abba', Father.

*(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 for*

## **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 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.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The priest gives*

## THE BLESSING

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing on you and all that he has made, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you, now and always.  
**Amen.**

*Deacon:* Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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for all that God is inspiring around us  
in these difficult times.**

