

# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

**St Mary with St George and St John**

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



**FESTIVAL EUCHARIST  
EASTER DAY**

**12 April 2020**

*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:

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

## THE WELCOME and Notices -

*Please join in the singing of the hymns and 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!**

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are people chosen from our generation to be witnesses to the great Covenant of Love between God and humanity. This covenant is sealed in the blood of God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ. He is the one who laid down His life to reconcile human beings with all creation. Our journey this past Holy Week has led us to understand more fully the true nature of love, God's love for us. And so today we respond with thanksgiving, wonder and awe.

*The deacon invites us to confess our sins*

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and  
confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**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 Cantor sings*

*Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison*

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us,

Lord have mercy upon us.

*The priest pronounces the*

## **WORDS OF ABSOLUTION**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Cantor sings Gloria in excelsis*

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**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

**Amen.**

*Please sit for*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles*

*(Acts 10.34-43)*

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**O, give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

Joyful shouts of salvation sound from the tents of the righteous: The right hand of the Lord does mighty deed; the right hand of the Lord raises up; the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.

I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord; This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

O will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. Come, Lord, now send us prosperity.

**O, give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

## THE SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians*

*(Col 3. 1-4)*

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord,  
and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**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 John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*(John 20.1-18)*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

## **SERMON**

### **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 were they glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you**

## **THE OFFERTORY** *The Gifts are brought to the Altar.*

*The Cantor sings:*

*Terra tremuit et quievit: Dum resurgeret in iudicio Deus. Alleluia.*

The earth trembled, and was still: When God arose to judgement. Alleluia.

*The priest prepares the bread and wine*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.  
**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, 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:

*Cantor*

## **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.

Great 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.**

Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, we say:

*(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*

*Cantor*        **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.

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.

*Cantor:*        Rise, heart, thy Lord is risen (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten  
Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have  
delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily  
to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen  
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

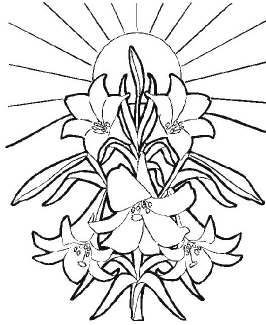
**Amen.**

*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.**

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



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and service collections.**

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

