

# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

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

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



**PRIORY EUCHARIST**

**PENTECOST**

**31 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 be in our spiritual home of Lancaster Priory for today’s service.*

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster  
Reader: Dr David Cheung  
Organist: Tom Edney, Duchy of Lancaster Senior Organ Scholar

Music before the service: Psalm Prelude (Set 1:2) Herbert Howells  
Organ Voluntary: Fanfare William Matthias

***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, Stephen Gardner,  
Anne Goulding, Michael Greenhalgh, Christine Heywood,  
Violet Houghrain, Brooke Hunter, Marilyn Kenny, Joan Pinches,  
The Revd John Reeves, Richard Thompson, Gordon Tyson  
and Stephen Gardner.**

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

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

*The priest greets the people*

In the name of the Father  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
And the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The priest introduces the service.*

Jesus Christ, whom we worship, is our risen, ascended Lord.  
And we have walked with him through his journey of love.  
We have faced the agony of his suffering and death on a cross.  
We have rejoiced at his bursting free from the bonds of death.  
We have enjoyed his risen presence among us  
And his revelation of himself through the breaking of bread.  
We have seen his return to the throne  
before which every knee shall bow  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.  
And now, with the followers of his own time,  
we await the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, his gift to his people,  
Through whom we make Christ known to the world.

As we wait in silence,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your word,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we worship you in majesty,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your refreshing  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your renewing,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your equipping,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

As we long for your empowering,  
**fill us with your Spirit.**

*Silence is kept*

*The priest invites us to confess our sins*

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

**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 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, 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 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, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
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 2.1-21)*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Reader:** For the word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORIAL CANTICLE

**Response: The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

I will take you from the nations,  
and gather you from all the countries. R/

I will sprinkle clean water on you  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses. R/

A new heart I will give you,  
And put a new spirit within you. R/

You shall be my people.  
And I will be your God. R/

**Response: The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.**

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## THE SECOND READING

*A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12.3b-13)*

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**  
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*Priest:* The Lord be with you. **And also with you**  
*Priest:* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*(John 20.19-23)*

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

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

## **THE 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.**

*And then we sit or kneel for*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*These responses may be used*

*Leader:* Lord, come to bless us  
**And fill us with your Spirit. .**

*Leader:* Generous God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit on your Messiah at the River Jordan,  
And upon the disciples in the upper room:  
In your mercy, fill us with your Spirit.

**All** **Hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind**  
**To serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

*All stand for*

## **THE PEACE**

We are baptized into Christ: let us live in the Spirit of Christ.  
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:*

*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.**

*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, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. This day we give you thanks because in fulfilment of your promise you pour out your Spirit upon us, filling us with your gifts, leading us into all truth, and uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith. Your Spirit gives us grace to call you Father, to proclaim your gospel to all nations and to serve you as a royal priesthood. Therefore we join our voices with angels and archangels, and with all those in whom the Spirit dwells, to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and singing:

## **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:* Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.**

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*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

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Priest:* Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.  
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.  
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.  
Strong and weak, women and men, tell out your word;  
The young receive visions, the old receive dreams.  
With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of love.  
Amid the birth pangs of the new creation  
The way of light is made known.  
Source of freedom, giver of life,  
Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All** **Blessed be God for ever.**

*Please light your candle now.*

*Priest:* For fifty days we have celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over the powers of sin and death. We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power of that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us. As part of God's Church here in Lancaster. I call on you to live out what you proclaim.  
Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you dare to walk together into God's future, entrusting him to be your guide?

**All** **By the Spirit's power, we will.**

*Priest* Will you dare to serve one another and grow together in love?  
**We will.**

*Priest* Will you dare to share your riches in common and minister to each other in need?  
**We will.**

*Priest* Will you dare to pray for each other until your hearts beat with the longings of God?  
**We will.**

*Priest* Will you dare to carry the light of Christ into the world's dark places?  
**We will.**

## THE BLESSING

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created, breathe into you the life he gives.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin when the eternal Son came among us make you joyful in the service of the Lord.

**Amen.**

May the Spirit, who set the world on fire upon the day of Pentecost  
Bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.

**Amen.**

And the Blessing of God almighty,  
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
Be among you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
go in the light and peace of Christ, Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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.

