# LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



# PRIORY EUCHARIST THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

16 August 2020

at 10.00 am

It is very good to be back worshipping together in Lancaster Priory, after an unprecedented break in our pattern of worship. However, we do understand that there will be many of our church family who will not yet feel able to worship with us in church—though they will continue to join us as we live-stream the service as we have done for the last months.

We are also much constrained in what we are able to do to ensure the safety of all who are present in the Priory today.

It is mandatory to wear face masks as you enter and leave the Priory. You will be guided to your seats by a steward, and we ask you to take your seat in the pew to which you are guided. (We will be filling the church starting at the front.)

Unfortunately, singing is not yet permitted, so there will be no hymns, though we are able to appreciate the organ music. The collection plate will be at the back of Church or you can make an electronic payment, or join our Planned Giving Scheme.

Holy Communion will be given (only in one kind) at the chancel step, please follow the direction of the stewards, and keep social distancing as you line up and return to your seat via the side aisles.

At the end of the service, please await the directions of the stewards, as we will be leaving church starting with the back rows first. (Please indicate if you wish to stay to the end of the organ voluntary.)

If you wish to chat with people, please do so outside the Priory, respecting the wearing of face-masks and social distancing.

We understand that this may seem tiresome, however we need to ensure the safety of our congregation members, we are grateful for your patience as we work through these challenging times together as the people of God in this place.

President The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster

Sermon: The Revd Michael Fielding

Readers: Rachel-Ann Powers, Malachi Powers

Intercessor: Andrew Nicholson

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Introit: Andante in G (Elfrida Andrée)

Offertory: Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir (Johann Krebs)

Final: Postlude on 'Love of the Father' (Charles Stanford)

11.30am Eucharist (no sermon): The Vicar

#### Services next Sunday 23 August—Trinity 11

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: The Revd Gary Bowness

10.00am Priory Eucharist

Presiding: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster

Sermon: The Revd Gary Bowness

11.30am Eucharist (no sermon): The Vicar

#### 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.

The priest invites us to confess our sins

Jesus said to his apostles, 'You are my friends if you obey my commands.'

Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

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 Lord 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

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 56.1,6-8)

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

For the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM 67**

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. R/

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. R/

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him. R/

Response: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

#### THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans (Romans 11.1-2a,29-32) I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

For the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

# THE GOSPEL

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, alleluia

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Deacon: The Lord be with you. And also with you

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

(Matthew 15.(10-20)21-28)

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered,

'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

# **SERMON** The Revd Michael Fielding

#### 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

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who

were far off and those who were near.

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

The congregation responds to each petition: Blessed be 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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image. Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him

to your right hand on high. Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

#### 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.

# 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.

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

(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.

#### 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 sing of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sing of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sing of the world, grant us peace.

The priest invites the congregation to receive communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

#### THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

All Christians who are members in good standing of their own denominations are invited to receive Holy Communion (only the Bread). Please follow directions from the stewards and maintain social distancing as you line up. Holy Communion is received from the priest at the chancel step, as the communion wafer is placed on

your palm. If you would prefer to receive a Blessing, please bring this order of service with you. If you require a gluten free wafer please bring a green card which you can find near the entrance to the church.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest gives the Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; 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 peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

Glory, thanks and praise to God. Amen.

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



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





