

# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

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

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



## **PRIORY EUCHARIST**

### **THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**13 September 2020  
at 10.00 am**

*A very warm welcome to all our visitors, especially if you are visiting us for the first time. 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 in 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.*

*Unfortunately, singing is not yet permitted, so there will be no hymns, though we are able to appreciate the organ—and now the choral 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 wait, as we will be leaving church starting with the back rows first. (unless you wish to stay to the end of the organ voluntary.)*

*Due to the new restrictions please do not socialise after the service.*

*We continue to do all we can to ensure the safety of our congregation members, and 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 Ven. David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster

Choir Setting: Merbecke

Readers: Kaarina Leong, Jonas Leong-Smith

Intercessor: Sue Clark

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist and Alex Peters

Introit: Wenn wir in höchsten Nöthen sein (Bach)

Offertory: Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten (Bach)

Final Voluntary: Processional (Mathias)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Vicar

Sermon: The Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Burnley

Services next Sunday 20 September—Trinity 15

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: The Vicar

10.00am Priory Eucharist

Presiding: The Vicar

Sermon: The Revd Canon Thomas Woodhouse, QHC, Chaplain of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: 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 deacon invites us to confess our sins*

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight and chosen what displeased him. Yet as a mother comforts her child, so shall the Lord himself comfort us. So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

**Lord God,**

**we have sinned against you;**

**we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us**

**and restore to us the joy of your salvation;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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 **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 CHOIR SINGS THE GLORIA

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,*

*We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,*

*O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For thou art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the Most High, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen*

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in 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.**

## THE FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

*(Gen.50. 15-21)*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

## PSALM 103 The Lord has compassion on his children

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
He will not always accuse us,  
neither will he keep his anger for ever.*

*He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.*

*As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he set our sins from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.*

### **The Lord has compassion on his children**

*Please sit for*

## **THE SECOND READING**

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans*

*(Romans 14. 1-12)*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to 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, alleluia, alleluia**

This is he who proclaims the love of God

**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 Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord**

*(Matt. 18.21-35)*

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.' For this reason the kingdom of heaven may

be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

**SERMON:** The Ven. David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster

## **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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.  
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.  
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 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.**

*(Please remain standing, if you feel able, until after we have recited the Lord's Prayer together and seen the bread broken before us)*

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

## THE CHOIR SINGS THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of hosts,  
Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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:

*Deacon:* Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power**



**be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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.**

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 CHOIR SINGS THE AGNUS DEI**

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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.*

*During the Communion the choir sings the anthem: My eyes for beauty pine (Howells)*  
*My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace : No other care nor*  
*hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.*  
*One splendour thence is shed From all the stars above : 'Tis named when*  
*God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*  
*And every gentle heart, That burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that*  
*mirror part Of that celestial fire.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The priest gives the Blessing*

May God give to you and to all those you love his comfort and his peace,  
his light and his joy, in this world and the next;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and 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,  
Violet Houghrain, Brooke Hunter, Marilyn Kenny, Joan Pinches,  
Brenda Storrie, Richard Thompson, and Gordon Tyson.**



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**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.**



**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK  
IS SPONSORED BY  
STEPHEN & BARBARA GARDNER  
TO CELEBRATE  
MATTHEW'S BIRTHDAY TODAY**

**6.30 pm**

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**OFFICIANT: The Vicar**

**SERMON: The Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Burnley**

**PSALM: 105.1-15**

**RESPONSES: Gillthorpe**

**CANTICLES: Walmisley In D Minor**

**HYMN: 248ii (O Strength and Stay)**

**ANTHEM: Like as the hart (Howells)**

**VOLUNTARY: Master Tallis's Testament (Howells)**

