

# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

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

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



## **PRIORY EUCHARIST**

### **THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**20 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 Revd Canon Thomas Woodhouse, QHC, Chaplain of the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy

Boys Choir Choir Setting: New English Folk Mass (Thorne Gloria)

Readers: Dawn Cheetham, Pauline Fielding

Intercessor: Andrew Nicholson

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Introit: Movement in A flat (Elisabeth Stirling)

Offertory: Danse (from Mariales) (Naji Hakim)

Final Voluntary: Postlude on 'Salzburg' (June Nixon)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Vicar

Services next Sunday 27 September—Trinity 16

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: The Vicar

10.00am Priory Eucharist

Presiding: The Vicar

Sermon: Mrs Lois Kirtley

4.00pm Ordination

President & Sermon: The Bishop of Blackburn

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*

*Deacon:* A voice cries out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’ So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**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 CHOIR SINGS THE KYRIE**

*Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy*

*Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy*

*Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy*

*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 CHOIR SINGS THE GLORIA (Mass of Saint Thomas – Thorne)**

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.*

*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. Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.*

*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.*

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.*

*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.  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.*

## **THE COLLECT**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
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.**

*Please sit for*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah*

*(Jonah.3.10-4,end)*

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

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

## PSALM 145

*I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.*

*I will exalt you, O God my King,  
And bless your name for ever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you  
And praise your name for ever and ever.  
Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;  
His greatness is beyond all searching out.*

*One generation shall praise your works to another  
And declare your mighty acts.  
They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,  
And I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

*They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts,  
And I will also tell of your greatness.  
They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness  
And joyfully sing of your righteousness.*

*The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
Long-suffering and of great goodness.  
The Lord is loving to everyone  
And his mercy is over all his creatures.*

*I will bless you and praise you for ever, O God my King.*

## THE SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (Philippians. 1.21-end)*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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**  
Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.  
**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 20. 1-16)*

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

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

**SERMON** The Revd Canon Thomas Woodhouse, QHC, Chaplain of the Queen’s Chapel of the Savoy

## 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**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away; the new has come.

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*

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ  
our 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**

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. And now we give you thanks because you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in him. 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, 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*

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:* This 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. **Amen.**

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.**

## **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*

## **THE CHOIR SINGS 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*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## 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:

A prayer of St Richard of Chichester (White)

*Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
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:* Our Eucharist is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. 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.**

**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  
KEN GALE  
IN MEMORY OF MY BELOVED JONATHAN**

**6.30 pm**

**OFFICIANT: The Vicar**

**CANTICLES: Wood in D**

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

**PSALM: 119.121-128**

**RESPONSES: Clucas**

**HYMN: 244 (Glory to Thee, my God, this night)**

**ANTHEM: Behold, the tabernacle of God (Harris)**

**VOLUNTARY: Postlude on an old Irish church melody (Stanford)**

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