

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY**

5 July 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: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Introit: Prélude (Louis Vierne)

Offertory: Meditation on 'Adoro te devote' (Adrian Self)

Final: Prelude & Fugue in C (J.S. Bach)

After the service there will be Coffee (or sherry, or prosecco*) and Cake, and a chance to catch up with others, in a Zoom Coffee Morning. All are welcome to come and take part. You need to have Zoom installed on your computer, smartphone, or tablet, with a working camera and microphone. It will be an opportunity to see each others faces, and have virtual chat, at least! Please email me in advance if you would like to participate: chris@lancasterpriory.org

***Please provide your own drinks and cake!**

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, Gwendolen Boyd-Wasson, Esme Bradbury, 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,
The Revd John Reeves, Brenda Storrie, Richard Thompson,
and Gordon Tyson.**

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK
IS SPONSORED BY JACKIE GARNETT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSEPH STORRIE & SYLVIA GARNETT**

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

Father eternal,

Giver of light and grace,

We have sinned against you and against our neighbour,

In what we have thought,

in what we have said and done,

Through ignorance, through weakness,

through our own deliberate fault.

We have wounded your love

and marred your image in us.

We are sorry and ashamed,

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 lead us out from darkness

To walk as children of light.

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, 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 Zechariah

(Zech. 9: 9-12)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 86

Response: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

Incline your ear O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.
Preserve my life for I am faithful; save your servant for I put my trust in you. R/

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you O Lord, I lift up my soul. R/

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, and listen to the voice of my supplication. R/

In the day of my distress I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you O Lord, nor any works like yours. R/

All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wonderful things; you alone are God. R/

Response: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

(Rom. 7.15-25a)

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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

THE GOSPEL

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Minister: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Minister: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

(Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end)

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’ At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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

SERMON The Revd Michael Fielding (Hon. Associate Minister)

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

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.

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

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **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, 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.

Priest:

This 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.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
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.
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 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

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. All are invited and all are welcome. Come, for the meal is ready!
Amen.

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

Eternal God, comfort all the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest : Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise to God. **Amen.**

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK
IS ALSO SPONSORED
BY STEPHEN & BARBARA GARDNER
TO CELEBRATE AVA'S FIRST BIRTHDAY
ON 27 JUNE**

**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.**



