

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST

MOTHERING SUNDAY

**22 March 2020
at 10.00 am**

A very warm welcome to all our visitors, especially if you are visiting us for the first time. Please join us for refreshments after the service. The Welcome, including Notices and Banns of Marriage, takes place just before 10.00am and is followed by a short period of silence. For the very young there are books and entertainment packs and a rug with soft toys available in the Refectory.

Presiding & Sermon: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster

**THE SERVICE SHEET TODAY IS
SPONSORED BY
MARY DAVIS AND FAMILY
IN LOVING MEMORY OF GRAHAM,
A MUCH LOVED HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDAD**

THE WELCOME and Notices -

*Please join in the singing of the hymns and in saying the words in **bold** type. We stand at the entry of the ministers to sing the opening **HYMN***

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hand swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Jack Winslow 1882-1974

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 junior members of our congregation gather at the chancel steps and after a prayer they go to their classes.

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'
Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others
and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Silence for reflection

THE CHOIR SING THE KYRIE

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The priest pronounces

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 COLLECT

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit for

THE READING

A reading from the Book of Colossians

(Colossians 3.12-17)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

The response is sung by a cantor;

We all sing the response; The response is sung between the verses, where indicated.

PSALM 127 (*Mothering Sunday*)

RESPONSE

Philip Moore



- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.
- 2 Unless the Lord keeps the city,
the guard keeps watch in vain. **Response**
- 3 It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early
and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep. **Response**
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord
and the fruit of the womb is his gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
so are the children of one's youth. **Response**
- 6 Happy are those who have their quiver full of them:
they shall not be put to shame
when they dispute with their enemies in the gate. **Response**

THE GOSPEL

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

And also with you

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

Glory to you, O Lord

(John 19. 25b-27)

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the
people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Priest: As children of a loving God who always listens to our cries,
let us pray to our Father in heaven.

These responses may be used

Leader: God of love
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**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'
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 collection is taken as the hymn is sung.

HYMN (185)

- Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting bread.
2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through.
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.
3. Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.
4. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.
- George Bourne Timms (1910-1997)*

The priest prepares the bread and wine

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 priest prepares the bread and wine

With this bread that we bring

We shall remember Jesus

With this wine that we bring

We shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

THE CHOIR 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.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the Highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story:

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send you Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

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.**

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 SING 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.**

COMMUNION

During the Communion the choir sings the anthem: For the beauty of the earth—Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies, For the love
which from our birth Over and around us lies: Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour Of the day and
of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of
light: Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth,
and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild: Lord of all, to thee we
raise, this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our
race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds
of heav'n. Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our joyful hymn of praise.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us
in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the
household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Children and adults say together:

**Thank you God for the love of our mothers
and those who care for us:
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gifts of flowers are distributed to mothers and to significant carers who are present.

HYMN (336)

**Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.**

**2. Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can see,
can it be that thou regardest
our poor hymnody.
can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
yea, we can.**

**3. For, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.**

**4. In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.**

**5. Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.**

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

God, who gave birth to all creation, bless you; God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless you;

God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless you.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon: Our Eucharist is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen

Organ Voluntary: Tuba Tune (Lang)

