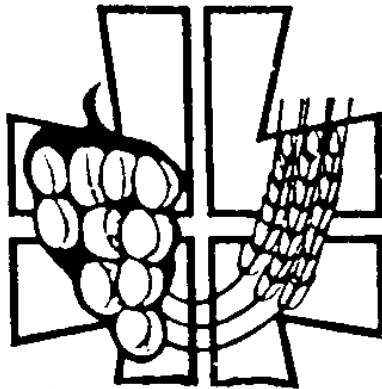


LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST

**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY
AFTER TRINITY**

30 August 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 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.)

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

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 John Roff

Readers: Tom Barnish, David Lewis

Intercessor: Lois Kirtley

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Introit: Fantasy on 'Jesus bids us shine' (Leighton)

Offertory: Pastorale on 'Hereford' (Adrian Self)

Final: Toccatina in F (Dietrich Buxtehude)

11.30am Eucharist (no sermon): The Revd Canon John Roff

Services next Sunday 6 September—Trinity 13 Patronal Festival

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: The Revd Steve Evans

10.00am Priory Eucharist

Presiding: The Vicar

Sermon: The Revd Canon Paul Warren

6.30pm Evensong: 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

As we prepare to listen to God's word, we ask forgiveness for all that
has been amiss in our lives and in the world.

**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

O God, our Creator, we come to you asking for the gift of repentance.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, our Redeemer, we come to you asking for the gift of
forgiveness.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

O Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier, we come to you asking for the gift of
wholeness.

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 sin, 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Jeremiah

(Jer 15.15-21)

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on my account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall

serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 26

Response: Redeem me, and be merciful to me, O Lord.

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind. R/

For your love is before my eyes; I have walked in your truth.

I have not joined the company of the false, nor consorted with the deceitful. R/

I hate the gathering of evildoers and I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go about your altar. R/

To make heard the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the place of your habitation and the place where your glory abides. R/

Response: Redeem me, and be merciful to me, O Lord.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

(Rom 12.9-21)

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Jesus proclaimed, 'Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

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 16.21-28)

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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

SERMON The Revd Canon John Roff

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

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have
been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.
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 life, Saviour of the poor, receive with these gifts, gratitude for
your goodness, penitence for our pride and dedication to your service
in 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

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and singing:

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 God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory. As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the

body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight. Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, 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

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

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 all mercy,

in this Eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing:

grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that

healing to this broken world,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,

that you may reign with him in glory;

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,
The Revd John Reeves, Brenda Storrie, Richard Thompson,
and Gordon Tyson.**

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK
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We share a great sense of thanksgiving for all that God is inspiring around us in these difficult times.



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