

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S CREATION

HARVEST THANKSGIVING & A BLESSING OF PETS

Giving thanks for the riches of Creation

**4 October 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 Anna Walker

Choir Setting: Mass of St Cedd (Nardone)

Reader: Barbara Gardner Intercessor: Tim Jenkinson

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Introit: Prelude on 'All things bright and beautiful' (Robert Smith)

Offertory: Sheep may safely graze (J.S. Bach)

Final Voluntary: All creatures of our God and King (James Mansfield)

12.15pm Baptism of Harry Matias Morrison

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Vicar

Services next Sunday 11 October—Trinity 18

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Celebrant: The Revd Steve Evans

10.00am Priory Eucharist

Presiding: The Vicar

Sermon: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness

4.00pm Family Eucharist

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 GREETING

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 earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

The world and we that dwell therein.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

God blesses us with the fruits of the harvest. Let us call to mind our carelessness of Creation, our wastefulness of his plenty and our forgetfulness of those who have less.

CONFESSION

God has blessed us with plenty, but still his children go hungry.

Lord have mercy.

God has blessed us with plenty, but still the poor cry for justice.

Christ have mercy.

God has blessed us with plenty, but still we oppress our fellow creatures.

Lord have mercy.

THE CHOIR SING THE KYRIE

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

The Lord who visits the earth and waters it, refresh you with his grace; the Lord who stills the noise of the seas, bring peace to your soul; the Lord who crowns the year with his goodness, give you the harvest of his love; and absolve you from all your offences, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE CHOIR SINGS 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, 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

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 READING

A reading from the Book Genesis

(Genesis 1:26-31)

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

PSALM 148

Praise the Lord from the heav'ns and praise him in the heights.

(Alleluia.)

1. Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels;

praise him, all his host.

*2. Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you stars of light.
Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.*

*3. Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
He made them fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass
away.*

*4. Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;*

*5. Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing;*

Praise the Lord from the heav'ns and praise him in the heights.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Luke 12: 16-27)

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of

you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

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

SERMON The Revd Anna Walker

THE BLESSING OF THE PETS

Please follow the direction of the sidespeople to bring your pets to be blessed.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family

In heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith,

and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us

with power from on high.

We believe in one God;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These responses may be used

Leader: Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest, that he will bring to
fruition all that he has made.

Lord of all the earth.

Response: **Hear us, that your harvest may be complete.**

Leader: Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand for

THE PEACE

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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

Gifts of each kind are brought up by members of the congregation after each of the invitations and laid around the altar rails.

Let us bring forward fruits of the harvest
gifts that God has made and sun and rain have nurtured.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the fields
the grains, the grasses and the roots

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of orchards and gardens
fruit and vegetables and blooms

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the woods and waysides
timber, fruit and flowers.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the seas, fish and seafood.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the bread and the wine, harvest of grain and grape,
to nourish us with the Body and Blood of our Saviour, given and
shed for the life of the world.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Gifts are brought to the Altar.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Priest gives thanks for the bread and wine:

*Please make the response: **Blessed be God for ever***

(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 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, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you have made the heavens and the earth, all times and seasons obeying your laws. You formed us in your image, gave us the fellowship of other creatures and the bounty of your making for humankind to share. In the fullness of time you sent to us your Son, the first fruits of your Creation, to make us anew in his own life, death and rising again. In the power of the Spirit, with all the heavenly host, we give voice to all that you have made, singing the endless hymn of praise ...

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.*

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.

Deacon Great 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.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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 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

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. The altar rail can be accessed without steps via the aisle next to the organ. 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: Look at the world (Rutter)

*Look at the world, everything all around us,
Look at the world and marvel every day.
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders,
So many miracles along our way.*

*Praise to thee, O Lord for all creation.
Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,
All things come of thee.*

*Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower.
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain.
Look at the hills; look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain.*

*Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer,
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Everything grows, everything has a season,
'til it is gathered to the Father's fold:*

*Every good gift, all that we need and cherish,
Comes from the Lord, in token of his love.
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty.
His is the earth and his the heavens above.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Creator, you give seed to sow and bread for us to eat: as you have blessed the fruit of our labour in this Eucharist, so we ask that all may share in the gifts of your creation, and all creatures praise you for your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Priest gives the Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing on you and all that he has made, that you may use the gifts of his Creation to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you, now and 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, Marilyn Kenny, Joan Pinches,
Brenda Storrie, Richard Thompson, and Gordon Tyson.**

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK
IS SPONSORED BY STEPHEN & BARBARA GARDNER
TO CELEBRATE NICHOLAS' FIRST BIRTHDAY
ON 11 OCTOBER**

6.30 pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

OFFICIANT: The Vicar

PSALM: 136

RESPONSES: Gillthorpe

CANTICLES: Aston in F

HYMN: 366 (God of mercy, God of grace)

ANTHEM: All praise to Thee in light arrayed (Tarney)

VOLUNTARY: Ich dank dir, lieber Herre (Karg-Elert)

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.



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