

LANCASTER PRIORY

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



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

8 NOVEMBER 2020

with contributions from

**The Lord Shuttleworth KG, KCVO
HM Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire**

**The Rt Worshipful Cllr Malcolm Thomas
Mayor of Lancaster**

**County Councillor Susie Charles
The Chairman of Lancashire County Council**

**The Very Revd Steven Pearson,
Dean of St Peter's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Lancaster**

The service is led by The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster, with The Revd Deacon Anna Walker, (Priory Ordinand) and our Ecumenical guest: The Very Revd Steven Pearson, Dean of Lancaster RC Cathedral.

As the Priory Choir sings the Hymn, the Mayor of Lancaster and the Chairman of Lancashire County Council are escorted to their seats in the Nave.

The Standard of the Ripley St Thomas RAF Cadets is received at the High Altar of the Chapel of Ripley St Thomas CE Academy.

HYMN

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His Name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom Heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

Words: William Kethe (d.1594)

Arrangement: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Vicar We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and in faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may together live in freedom, justice, and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

And in this time of global pandemic we commit ourselves to do all we can to protect the most vulnerable in our society, and to reach out to all who are isolated, and suffering from isolation and loneliness. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, among them, doctors, nurses, carers, and key workers who continued to work despite personal risk.

But now let us remember before God, and commit to his safe keeping those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

Remain standing

Choir **Holy is the True Light** (*Music by William Harris*)

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!

During the anthem, wreaths are laid on the shrines in the Regimental Chapel by:

*The Mayor of Lancaster,
The Chairman of Lancashire County Council,
Captain Robin Ashcroft.*

A wreath is laid by a Cadet at the Roll of Honour in Ripley CE Academy

*Binyon's lines are read by Captain Robin Ashcroft
(Chair, King's Own Royal Regiment Museum Trust)*

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them.

All **We will remember them.**

The bugler sounds Last Post and Two Minutes' Silence is kept.

The bugler then sounds Reveille.

Vicar Ever-living God,
 we remember those
 whom you have gathered from the storm of war
 into the peace of your presence;
 may that same peace calm our fears,
 bring justice to all peoples,
 and establish harmony among the nations,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACT OF PENITENCE

led by The Revd Anna Walker

Minister Let us confess to God
 the sins and shortcomings of the world;
 its pride, its selfishness, its greed;
 its evil divisions and hatreds.
 Let us confess our share in what is wrong,
 and our failure to seek and establish that peace
 which God wills for his children.

All **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.**

Vicar 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.**

READING

Isaiah 4.1-3

Read by County Councillor Susie Charles,
Chairman of Lancashire County Council

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

The choir sings the Hymn:

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Saviour whose almighty word
the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm, amid its rage, didst sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Sacred Spirit who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace;
O hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoever they go;
and ever let there rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Words: William Whiting

READING

Matthew 5.1-12

Read by The Lord Shuttleworth KG, KCVO
HM Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' "

For the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

Greater Love (*Music by John Ireland*)

Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
That we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
Ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
That ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath call'd you out of darkness into his marvellous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto to God,
which is your reasonable service.

THE SERMON

The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster

THE PRAYERS

*Prayers to remember those who have died for their country in war are led by
The Dean of Lancaster Roman Catholic Cathedral, The Very Revd Steven Pearson*

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace: for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by, and known to God;

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

For all the members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends, and all who pray for their safe return.

May God give peace.

All **God give peace.**

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you
those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes
above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace
to pray for those who would wish us harm.
As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.

Amen.

*Prayers to remember doctors and nurses and key workers, are led by
RGN Debbie Smith, Clinical Site Manager, Royal Lancaster Infirmary.*

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, and those who have responded to the call to care for them, doctors, nurses, and carers; some of whom have lost their lives through their selfless devotion to those in their care; each one held in the palm of God's hand.

May God give peace.

God give peace.

For all who work in the Emergency Services, responding to urgent need and bringing healing to those who are suffering, and comfort to those who are afraid.

May God give peace.

God give peace.

For all key workers who have maintained essential services, going over and above all that was expected of them, to ensure that family life in people's homes, and activities in the workplace may continue.

May God give peace.

God give peace.

GOD our Father,
we praise your holy name
for all who lived and died in the service of others
and are now at rest in Christ.
Their example has encouraged us,
their witness has inspired us,
and the memory of them makes us glad today.

For them all we thank you,
we honour and we worship you,
as they do now by your grace and in your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All **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.**

All join together to say the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

RESPONDING IN HOPE AND COMMITMENT

led by The Revd Canon Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.
Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All **We will.**

Will you seek to bring healing to the suffering?

All **We will.**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All **We will.**

Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,
and live lives of justice, courage, and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen.**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arranged by Gordon Jacob

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Duke,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us.
God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen!

THE BLESSING

The Vicar of Lancaster

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the Queen,
the Commonwealth, and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all God's servants,
life everlasting;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

After the Blessing

*The Vicar accompanies the Mayor
and Chairman of the County Council
as they leave the Priory.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nimrod (Edward Elgar)

The Lancaster Priory Choral Scholars
were directed by Don Gillthorpe, BMus, PGCE
(Lancaster Priory Director of Music)

Organist
Ian Pattinson FRCO
(Priory Organist)

Bugler
Sam Virdie
(Ripley St Thomas CE Academy)

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.

