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# LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



## BAPTISM OF CHRIST

## PRIORY EUCHARIST

10 January 2021  
10.00am

*A very warm welcome to everyone who is joining us “virtually” through our Facebook page.*

*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 Tim Evans  
Readers: Kaarina Leong, Jonas Leong Smith  
Intercessor: Gill Jenkinson  
Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist  
Introit: Pastorate on ‘Hereford’ (Self)  
Offertory: Ave verum (Gounod)  
Final Voluntary Postlude on ‘Winchester New’ (Tambling)  
6.30pm Said Evening Prayer (BCP)  
Officiant: The Vicar

Services next Sunday 17 January —Epiphany 2

10.00am Priory Eucharist  
6.30pm Said Evening Prayer

**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.*

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK  
IS SPONSORED BY  
BARRY AND BERYL ROBERTSHAW  
IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR  
50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:*

**Gwendolen Boyd-Wasson, Esme Bradbury, Matt Clark, Vona Corbet, Ian Corbet,  
Bron England, Wendy Foster, Stephen Gardner, Anne Goulding, Michael  
Greenhalgh, Christine Heywood, Marilyn Kenny, Joan Pinches, Brenda Storrie,  
Richard Thompson, and Gordon Tyson.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PRIORY PEOPLE PRAYER:

**Good and gracious God**  
**thank you for calling us to be members of your Church,**  
**and for giving us the resources to provide for ourselves**  
**and for those around us.**  
**Help us learn to be giving and generous**  
**as You are - above all,**  
**so that your love is made known**  
**in our generation,**  
**through this Priory parish.**  
**In your great Name we pray. Amen**

## *The priest gives* THE BLESSING

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; 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**



Giving Back : Looking Forward

**THE WELCOME and Notices** – The Revd Chris Newlands, Vicar of Lancaster  
*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*

Because God was merciful, he saved us through the water of rebirth  
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.  
But through sin we have fallen away from your baptism.  
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises  
by confessing our sins in penitence.

**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

**Lord have mercy upon us, Christ 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. L**

**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

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
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 FIRST READING

*A reading from the Book of Genesis*

*(Genesis 1.1-5)*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

## PSALM 29

**May the Lord bless his people with peace.**

*Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.*

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

*(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*

'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord; 'whoever comes to me will never hunger; whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

## THE GIVING OF 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.

as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

## 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.**

*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.*

*The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

*The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare;  
In his temple all cry, 'Glory!'*

*The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

**May the Lord bless his people with peace.**

## THE SECOND READING

*A reading from the the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 19.1-7)*

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

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**

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

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

*Deacon:* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

(Mark 1.4-11)

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

**SERMON** The Revd Tim Evans

### **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**

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.  
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:*

Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,  
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;  
may we be willing to share his baptism, ready to share his cup  
and strengthened to serve him for ever. **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**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed