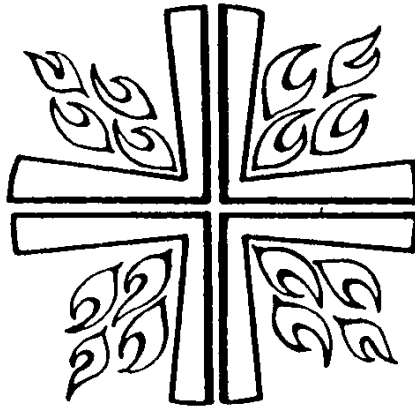


LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



**THE SUNDAY NEXT
BEFORE LENT**

PRIORY EUCHARIST

**14 February 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 Paul Warren, Hon. Associate Priest

Sermon: The Revd Michael Fielding, Hon. Associate Minister

Readers: Nigel Stewart, Pauline Fielding

Intercessor: Lois Kirtley

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Introit: Prélude à deux choeurs (Corrette)

Offertory: K' A Mura (Fela Sowande)

Final Voluntary: Postlude in D minor (Stanford)

Cantor: Charlotte Beck

Mass setting: Mass of St Cedd (Nardone)

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Officiant: The Revd Anna Walker, Deacon in Training

17 February Ash Wednesday

7.30pm Priory Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

President: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon. Associate Priest

Sermon: The Revd Canon John Roff, Hon. Associate Priest

Services next Sunday 21 February—Lent 1

10.00am Priory Eucharist

President: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness, Hon. Associate Priest

Sermon: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon. Associate Priest

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Officiant: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister

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 WELCOME and Notices -

*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

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of
Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**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 CANTOR SINGS THE KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy upon us Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us Christ, have mercy upon us
Lord, 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 CANTOR SINGS THE GLORIA

*Gloria 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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; 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 Second Book of Kings

(2 Kings 2.1-12)

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

PSALM 50

Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

*The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken
and called the world from the rising sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;
our God comes and will not keep silence.*

*Consuming fire goes out before him
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.
He calls the heaven above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:*

*'Gather to me my faithful,
who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.'
Let the heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.*

Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (2Cor 4.3-6)

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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, alleluia, alleluia**
This is my Son, the Beloved: listen to him
Alleluia, 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 9.2-9)

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

SERMON The Revd Michael Fielding

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to all on whom his favour rests.

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

*The congregation responds to each petition: **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 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 CANTOR 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*

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 [*N and*] 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.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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 as

THE CANTOR 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

This is my body, given for you. Come. Take. Eat.

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.

During the Communion the cantor sings the anthem: Panis Angelicus (Franck)

Panis angelicus

Fit panis hominum;

Dat panis coelicus

Figuris terminum:

O res mirabilis!

Manducat Dominum

Pauper, servus et humilis.

The bread of the angels

becomes the bread of mortals;

the bread of heaven

puts an end to prefigurations.

O wondrous thing!

the poor, the slave and the humble

feed on their Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The priest gives **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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**

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In this period until a new vicar is appointed, the churchwardens will try to address any concerns you may have.
You can contact them by emailing:
office@lancasterpriory.org or ring 01524 65338.

In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:
**John Altham, David Blackwell, 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, Cindy Rigney, Brenda Storrie,
Richard Thompson, Gordon Tyson
and Janis Whitlock**
And those recently departed:
David Girling
Please pray for his family

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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