

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



LENT

PRIORY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

21 February 2021
at 10.00 am

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 Dr Gary Bowness, Hon. Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon. Associate Priest
Readers: Miriam Jenkinson, David Lewis
Intercessor: Sue Clark

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist
Introit: Christe du Lamm Gottes (Bach)
Offertory: Prelude on 'St Peter' (Hylton Stewart)
Final Voluntary: Variations on 'Heinlein' (Higgs)
Cantor: Margaret Pattinson
Mass setting: Westmorland Mass (Pattinson)

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
 Officiant: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister

Services next Sunday 28 February—Lent 2

10.00am Priory Eucharist
President The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon. Associate Priest
6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
 Officiant: Canon Christine Mulineaux, 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 –The Revd Dr Gary Bowness

*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

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**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, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy, 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 sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

(Gen 9.8-17)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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

THE CANTOR SINGS PSALM 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.*

*Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.*

*Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O lord, according to your steadfast love.*

*Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

(1 Pet 3.18-22)

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

THE GOSPEL

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.
**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

The Lord is a great God,
O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.
**Praise to you, O Christ,
King of eternal glory.**

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 1.9-15)

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.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Revd Canon Paul Warren

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**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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 wisdom, may the light of your eternal Word, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, lead us in holiness and guide us to glory; we ask this in his name. **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

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever 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, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

Deacon: Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through 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.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, as we pray in the words you gave 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Please kneel or sit

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

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord :

By his mercy we come to you O Lord

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: Ave Verum (Mozart)

*Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum immolatum
in Cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit et sanguine, Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary,
Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for mankind,
Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood,
Be for us a foretaste In the test of death.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of
your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The priest gives **THE BLESSING**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up
your cross, and follow him; 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 this period until a new vicar is appointed, the churchwardens
(Pauline Fielding & Andrew Nicholson)
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:
Dorothy Weir McCracken
Please pray for her 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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