

# LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



**PRIORY EUCHARIST**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

28 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 Canon John Roff, Hon Associate Priest  
Sermon:        The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon. Associate Priest  
Readers:       Kaarina Leong, Evelyn Leong-Smith  
Intercessor:   Tim Jenkinson  
  
Organist:      Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist  
Introit:        Prelude on 'Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier' (Reger)  
Offertory:      Prelude on 'Jesu meine Freude' (Bach)  
Final Voluntary: Ach Gott, wie manches Herzeleid  
                    (Shepherd/Whitehead/Byram-Wigfield)  
Cantor:        Sarah Jillian Cox  
Mass setting: *Mass for solo voice and organ* (Bednall)  
  
6.30pm        Evening Prayer (BCP)  
                    Officiant: Canon Christine Mullineaux, Licensed Lay Minister

Services next Sunday 7 March—Lent 3

10.00am      Priory Eucharist  
President      The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon Associate Priest  
Sermon:        The Revd Dr Gary Bowness, 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**—The Revd Canon John Roff

*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*

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**We confess to God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
through our own grievous fault.**

**Wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.**

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us,  
forgive us all our sins and deliver us from all evil,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and bring us to life everlasting;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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**

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, that  
you may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, and be  
cleansed from all your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your  
truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all  
those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that  
they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and  
follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, 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 17.1-7;15-16)*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

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

## **THE CANTOR SINGS PSALM 22**

***My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

*Praise the Lord, you that fear him;*

*O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.*

*For he has not despised,*

*nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;*

*neither has he hidden his face from them;*

*but when they cried to him he heard them.*

*From you comes my praise in the great congregation;*

*I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.*

*The poor shall eat and be satisfied;*

*those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.*

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,*

*and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.*

*For the kingdom is the Lord's*

*and he rules over the nations.*

*How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship,*

*or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?*

*He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him;*

*this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.*

*They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn,  
declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.*

***My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

## THE SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans*

*(Romans 4. 13-end)*

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

**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 8.31-38)*

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake,

and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

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

**SERMON:** The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon. Associate Priest

## **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**

God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

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**

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*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*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.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith and trust 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

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

*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*

'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.

*During the Communion the cantor sings the anthem: Forty days, and forty nights*

*Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild; forty days and  
forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled:  
Sunbeams scorching all the day; chilly dew-drops nightly shed; prowling  
beasts about thy way; stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.  
Let thine endurance share, and awhile from joys abstain,  
With thee watching unto prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain.  
And if Satan, vexing sore, flesh or spirit should assail, thou, his vanquisher  
before, grant we may not faint or fail.  
So shall we have peace divine; holier gladness ours shall be; round us too  
shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.  
Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear, ever constant by thy side; that with thee we  
may appear at the eternal Eastertide.*

G.H. Smyttan 1822-1870  
and Francis Pott 1832-1909

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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**

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK IS SPONSORED BY  
CHRISTINE AND JOHN DICKINSON  
TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF THEIR FOURTH GRANDCHILD  
SAMUEL ALEXANDER JOHN**

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:*

**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 and Gordon Tyson**

*And those recently departed:*

**John Altham, Dorothy Weir McCracken and Janis Whitlock**  
*Please pray for their families*

**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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