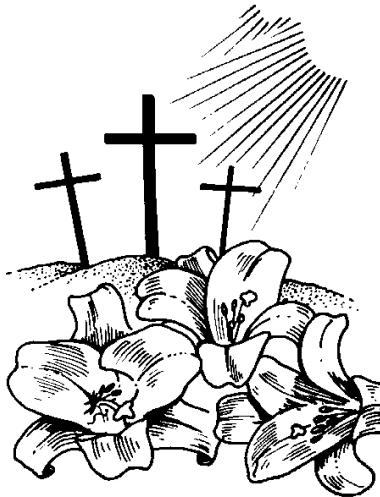


# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

**St Mary with St George and St John**

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



**FESTIVAL EUCHARIST**

**EASTER DAY**

**4 April 2021**

**at 10.00 am**

*A very warm welcome to all our visitors, especially if you are visiting us for the first time. There will be many of our church family who will not yet feel able to worship with us in church—though they continue to join us on the live-stream . To ensure the safety of all who are present in the Priory it is still mandatory to wear face masks unless exempt for medical reasons. You will be guided to your seat by a steward, and we ask you to take your seat in the pew to which you are guided.*

*Unfortunately, as singing is not yet permitted there will be no hymns, though we are able to appreciate the organ and now the solo cantor. The collection plate will be at the back of Church or you can make an electronic payment, or join our Planned Giving Scheme.*

*Holy Communion will be given (only in one kind) at the chancel step, please follow the direction of the stewards, and keep social distancing as you line up and return via the side aisles to your seat .*

*At the end of the service, please wait, as we will be leaving church starting with the back rows first. (unless you wish to stay to the end of the organ voluntary.)*

*Current restrictions mean we are still not allowed to socialise after the service.*

*We are grateful for your patience as we work through this challenging time 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:       Jonas Leong Smith, David Lewis  
Intercessor:   Sue Clark  
Organist:      Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist  
Introit:        Improvisation  
Offertory:      Prelude on 'The Day of Resurrection' (Powell)  
Final Voluntary: Toccata (Widor)  
Choir:          Choral Scholars  
Choir setting: *Lancaster Priory Mass* (Gillthorpe)  
6.30pm        Festal Evensong (BCP)  
Officiant:      The Revd Carol Backhouse, Vicar of Christchurch Lancaster

#### Services next Sunday 11 April—Easter 2

8.00am        Holy Communion  
President:      The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon. Associate Priest  
10.00am       Priory Eucharist  
President       The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon. Associate Priest  
Sermon:        The Revd Dr Gary Bowness, Hon. Associate Priest  
6.30pm        Choral Evensong (BCP)  
Officiant:      The Revd Anna Walker, Ordinand in Training

## THE WELCOME and Notices -

*Please join in saying the words in **bold** type.*

*The clergy gather at the back of the church and greets the congregation*

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Christ yesterday and today,

**The beginning and the end,**

Alpha and Omega,

all time belongs to him,

and all ages;

**to him be glory and power, through every age for ever. Amen**

*The Paschal Candle is marked as the priest says:*

By his holy and glorious wounds

may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

**Amen.**

*The Paschal Candle is lit as the priest says:*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The clergy, with the Paschal Candle, process to the front of the church stopping three times saying:*

The light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

*After placing the Paschal Candle in its stand, the priest says:*

Alleluia. Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

*A fanfare is sounded, bells rung, cymbals clashed, a loud noise is made! The Paschal Candle is censed.*

## THE CHOIR SING 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. 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

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

**Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

*A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles*

*(Acts 10.34-43)*

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

## THE CANTOR SINGS PSALM 118.14-24

**O, give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

Joyful shouts of salvation  
sound from the tents of the righteous:  
The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;  
the right hand of the Lord raises up;  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.

I shall not die, but live  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely,

but has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord;  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.

Come, Lord, now send us now prosperity.

**O, give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

## **THE SECOND READING**

*A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15.1-11)*

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord,  
and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.  
**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 John  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*(John 20.1-18)*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' 'Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

**SERMON** The Revd Michael Fielding

## **THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Standing at the font, the priest says:*

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life within the family of the church. Now that we have completed our observance of Lent, we renew the promises made at our baptism, affirming our allegiance to Christ.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his glorious light.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**I submit to Christ.**

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth, and the light?

**I come to Christ.**

May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you strength to continue in the way. **Amen.**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead**  
Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect I your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be rooted and grounded in love and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.  
**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**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.  
Alleluia.

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 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

## **THE CHOIR SING 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:* Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world**

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.**

Raised again with Christ in the power of the Spirit, we say:  
*(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*

## THE CHOIR SING 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*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

*All Christians who are members in good standing of their own denominations are invited to receive Holy Communion (only the Bread). Please follow directions from the stewards and maintain social distancing as you line up. Holy Communion is received from the priest at the chancel step, as the communion wafer is placed on your palm. If you would prefer to receive a Blessing, please bring this order of service with you. If you require a gluten free wafer please bring a green card which you can find near the entrance to the church.*

During the Communion the choir sing the anthem:

*Easter from Five mystical songs (Robert Vaughan Williams)*

*Rise, heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise,  
without delays,  
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise  
With him may'st rise:  
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,  
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.  
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part  
With all thy art.  
The cross taught all wood to resound his name,  
Who bore the same.  
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key  
Is best to celebrate this most high day.*

*Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song  
Pleasant and long:  
Or since all music is but three parts vied,  
And multiplied;  
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,  
And make up our defects with his sweet art.*

## **EASTER HYMN**

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, *Alleluia*,  
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia*,  
who did once upon the cross, *Alleluia*,  
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia*.

Hymns of praise then let us sing *Alleluia*,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia*,  
who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia*,  
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.

But the pains that he endured *Alleluia*,  
our salvation have procured; *Alleluia*,  
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia*,  
where the angels ever sing *Alleluia*.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE EASTER EGGS ARE BLESSED**

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.  
You bring joy into the world through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus. Bless these gifts which you have given to us so generously, for you are the source of all we have. Fill our hearts with Easter joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The priest gives*

## **THE BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*Deacon:* Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*The Easter Eggs will be distributed outside after the service.*

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

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

*And those recently departed: Nina Davies and Michael Hansen*

*Please pray for their families*

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](mailto:office@lancasterpriory.org) or ring 01524  
65338.



***Easter Lilies have been donated in memory of:***

Inge Bastian, Jennifer Brassington, Vincent and Ivy (Brettell) Brown,  
Philip Carter, Meryl Clark, Nellie and Arthur Cordingley,  
Maureen Daniels-Laing, Graham Davis, Vera and Howard Davis,  
Evelyn Dickinson, George Dickinson, Joseph Donaldson Storrie,  
Martin Endriss, Antonia Folta, Jamie Foote, Alf and Annie Gardner,  
David Gardner, Jim Garbett, Jack Garnett, Sylvia Garnett,  
Bob and Bunty Gray, Kathleen and Arthur Greenwood,  
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Marjorie Mullineaux, Margaret Nicholson, Mollie Nicholson,  
Reuben Nicholson, Mark Riley, Emrys and Jemima Roberts,  
Hayley Sandifer, Edward Peter Saunders, Millicent Shepherd,  
William Shepherd, Trevor and Pamela Thomas, Anne Denise Thompson,  
Susan Vernon, Mildred Walker, Dorothy Whiteside, Dorothy Wilson,  
George Wilson, Kathleen and Edgar Williams, Owain Wright.

6.30 pm

**FESTAL EVENSONG**

4 April

**OFFICIANT :** The Revd Carol Backhouse

**PSALM:** 66.1-11

**RESPONSES:** Rose

**CANTICLES:** Dyson in D

**ANTHEM:** Antiphon from Five mystical songs (Ralph Vaughan Williams)

**HYMN:** *Thine be the glory*

**TE DEUM:** *Stanford in B flat*

**VOLUNTARY:** Processional (Mathias) played by Alex Peters



## **A Prayer during the Vacancy at Lancaster Priory**

**Almighty God,  
in the company of your saints,  
in the footsteps of those who have worshipped here before us,  
we, your pilgrim people of Lancaster Priory  
wait upon your Spirit in calling a priest to your service here.  
Bless our Patrons and Patronage Committee,  
our PCC and all concerned for this appointment.  
With those who feel drawn to serve you in this place,  
help us to discern your purpose,  
nourish our hopes for our new life together,  
prepare us afresh for witness to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**



**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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