

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



CHILDREN'S EUCHARIST

EASTER DAY

4 April 2021

at 4.00pm



The Priest welcomes the congregation and we join in to say:

**In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The priest introduces today's service, and we pray together:

**Loving God, on this Easter Day we come together as
your people, to thank you for giving us your Son Jesus
and welcoming us into the family of your Church.
Accept our praises and guide our worship today,
Help us to love you more, and each other for your
sake.
We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen**

*We remember the past week and ask God to forgive us for what we
have done wrong.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Reader On this Easter Day, let us remember that because Jesus
has risen to life, sin has lost its power to keep us away
from God. So let us have a moment of quiet to tell God
we are sorry for the wrong things we have thought, said
and done.

(Pause to reflect and say sorry to God in our own way)

Reader Heavenly Father, thank you that you forgive us when we are sorry and welcome us as your friends.

ABSOLUTION

Priest We are the people whom God loves, and God loves to forgive.
So hear God's word. You are forgiven.
Amen.

TODAY'S SPECIAL PRAYER

Priest Loving God, help us to hear your promise of your love for us and a share in the new life Jesus came to bring.
We ask this for Jesus' sake. **Amen**

TODAY'S READING John 20 verses 11-18

The Talk

Reader We stand to say what we believe.

Reader (Explains how to say the Creed with actions)

ALL **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

THE PEACE

We offer one another a sign of peace.

This could be a wave, a bow or an elbow bump with those nearest to you

THE CELEBRATION

We offer the gifts of bread and wine to God.

Reader We offer these small gifts to our great God
Like children approaching a loving parent
Crudely wrapped in love
And decorated with our worship
God smiles and says "It's just what I always wanted!"
Receive these gifts, loving God
And by your divine power,
Turn them into joy
For the sake of your kingdom. Amen

Priest 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 always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,
loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us and the whole universe and filled your
world with light.
You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour,
Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our
sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and say together:

**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.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

The stone is rolled away: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
The tomb is empty: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Jesus is alive: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Jesus is here: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us
that we may love one another,

work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 COMMUNION

All who are in good standing with their own Christian denomination are welcome to receive communion today. In a few weeks' time, we will be welcoming those who have completed the preparation course to join us. All are welcome to receive a blessing.

We say Thank You to God for this great gift

**Lord Jesus,
Thank you for promising to be with us always.
Help us to remember that the first people to know
that you rose from the tomb were ordinary people
like us.
Give us courage to believe and tell others, as Mary
did, this Easter and always.
Amen**

The Priest sends us out with God's special blessing.

Joyful violin music to exit, including The Lord of the Dance.



	<p>The Priory is taking a big hit from a drop in visitor income, venue income, and service collections.</p> <p>If your income is keeping up, please consider using the barcode to make a donation to the work of the Priory.</p> <p>We share a great sense of thanksgiving for all that God is inspiring around us in these difficult times.</p>
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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.



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.**

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