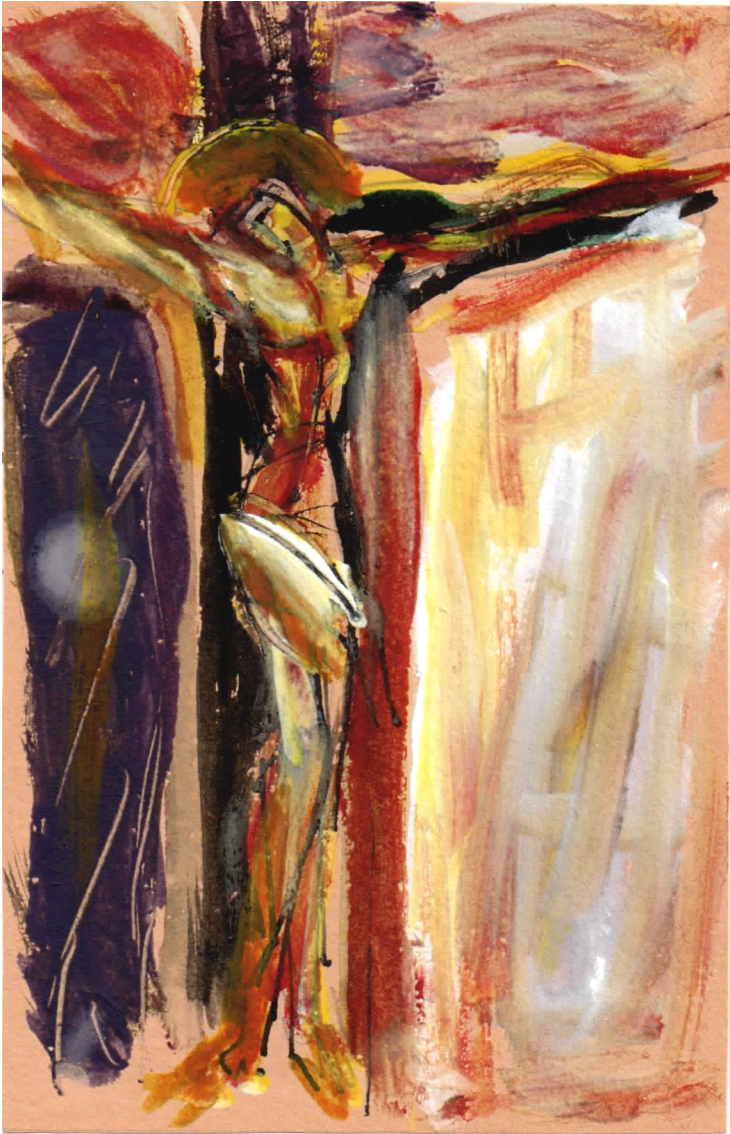


LANCASTER PRIORY



THE LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY 2021

We gather on Good Friday, the most solemn of days in the Christian year, as we recall the moment of Jesus' Crucifixion outside the walls of Jerusalem.

On this day, we receive the Holy Sacrament from the previous evening, as this is the one day in the year when we do not celebrate the Holy Communion.

As part of the service we are invited to venerate the cross: a simple sign of our love for our crucified Lord and Saviour.

Silence is a significant part of our observance of Good Friday, and we focus our thoughts on Jesus, as he dies on the cross.

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

Sermon: The Revd Anna Walker

Cantor: Sarah Cox

Music: *Stabat Mater* (Vivaldi)

Readers: Pauline Fielding, Joop Brouwer

Intercessor: Michael Fielding

The cover painting of the Crucifixion is by a contemporary Romanian artist, painted just after the Romanian Revolution, whose own understanding of the Passion of Jesus is informed by his own experience of persecution and suffering during the Communist regime of Nicolae Ceauşescu. Do meditate on it in your prayers today.

Throughout our service today we will hear music from the Stabat Mater of Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), written for solo alto in the context of Vivaldi's role as music master at the Ospedale della Pietà in Venice, a convent, orphanage and school for girls. The text of the Stabat Mater is a 13th Century meditation on the death of Christ, from the point of view of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as she stands at the foot of the cross.

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

Please stand as the Cantor and Clergy enter in silence:

All may kneel for a time of silent prayer.

All stand for the Collect

Almighty Father,
look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up to the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen.

*Stabat mater dolorosa
luxta crucem lacrimosa
Dum pendebat Filius.*

*The grieving mother
stood weeping by the cross
where her Son was hanging.*

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52.13-53-end

*Cuius animam gementem
contristatam et dolentem
pertransivit gladius*

*Through her weeping soul
compassionate and grieving
a sword passed.*

The New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10.16-25

*O quam tristis et afflicta
Fuit illa benedicta
Mater unigeniti
Quae moerebat et dolebat,
Pia Mater, dum videbat
Nati poenas incliti.
Quis est homo qui non fleret,
Matrem Christi si videret
In tanto supplicio?*

*O how sad and afflicted
was the blessed Mother
of the Only-Begotten
who mourned and grieved,
seeing and bearing the torment
of her glorious child.
Who is it that would not weep,
seeing Christ's Mother
in such agony?*

All stand.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

The Passion Gospel John 18.1 - 19

This is the Passion of the Lord (*no response is made*)

The Sermon

The Revd Anna Walker

The Proclamation of the Cross

*Quis non posset contristari,
Christi Matrem contemplari
Dolentem cum Filio?*

*Who could not feel compassion
on beholding the Holy Mother
suffering with her Son?*

*A wooden cross is brought into the church and placed in the sight of the people.
This response is used three times:*

The cross of Christ.

The cross on which the Saviour of the world was hung.

As the cross is placed at the front of the nave, we say;

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Christ was manifested in the body
vindicated in the spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
glorified in the highest heaven.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

This is the wood of the cross,
on which hung the Saviour of the world.

Come, let us worship.

O Saviour of the world,
Who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us,
Save us and help us, we humbly pray.

The congregation is invited to venerate the cross, as Eja Mater is sung by the cantor:

*Pro peccatis suae gentis
Vidit Iesum in tormentis,
Et flagellis subditum.*

*Vidit suum dulcem Natum
morientem desolatum
dum emisit spiritum*

*For the sake of his peoples' sins,
she saw Jesus tormented,
and subjected to whips.*

*She saw her sweet child
dying, abandoned
as he gave up his spirit.*

The Prayers of Intercession

God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him.
Therefore we pray to our heavenly Father
for all people everywhere according to their needs.

Each section ends with the response:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

and a prayer to which we respond
Amen.

The consecrated elements are placed upon the altar.

<i>Eja Mater, fons amoris</i>	<i>O Mother, fountain of love,</i>
<i>me sentire vim doloris</i>	<i>make me feel the power of sorrow,</i>
<i>fac, ut tecum lugeam.</i>	<i>that I may grieve with you.</i>

The Lord's Prayer

Standing at the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The celebrant and people receive communion. These words are used.

The body of Christ, broken for you.

Amen

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

*Fac ut ardeat cor meum
in amando Christum Deum
ut sibi complaceam*

*May my heart burn
in love for Christ my God
to thy praise and glory.*

Amen

When all have received communion, the cantor sings the Hymn

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

We remain standing for the final prayer and Gospel Reading.

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.**

The Final Gospel is read

John 19.38-42

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus.

Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body.

Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds.

They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews.

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid.

And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The clergy and cantor depart in silence.



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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.



HOLY WEEK AT LANCASTER PRIORY 2021

Theme: Holy Week & Isolation

Because of the pandemic we have all experienced some isolation these past months, and some of us great loneliness. We hope to use these experiences to enter into the minds of some of those known to be close to Jesus, that we might understand better the meaning of Holy Week. And by sharing each day together we hope the Priory family will be better able to celebrate the joy and wonder of Easter Day. The meditative services will be streamed to help us walk together through the week, and then, later in the evening, the service of Compline will follow.

Good Friday	2.00pm	Solemn Liturgy
Easter Eve	7.30pm	Holy Week and Isolation (6) NICODEMUS Keith Brockbank *
Easter Day		Greeting Jesus, Rabouni, the Gardner
	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Festal Eucharist Preacher Michael Fielding
	4.00pm	Children and Families Eucharist
	6.30pm	Festal Evensong *

* Indicates services which will be live streamed only, via our Facebook page (you don't have to join Facebook)

For all services with public worship please prebook via our website

www.lancasterpriory.org

Public services will also be streamed - more details 01524 65338



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.