

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7 March 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 Keith Brockbank, Hon Associate Priest

Sermon: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness, Hon. Associate Priest

Readers: Peter Hopwood, Rod Aveyard

Intercessor: Hilary Howood

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Introit: Improvisation on 'Crimond' (June Nixon)

Offertory: Prelude on 'Song 13' (Rebecca Groom te Velde)

Final Voluntary: Chorale Paraphrase on 'Attende Domini' (Jeanne Demessieux)

Cantor: Don Gillthorpe

Mass setting: Missa Deus Genitor alme (Plainsong)

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Officiant: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister

Services next Sunday 14 March—Mothering Sunday

10.00am Priory Eucharist

President The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon Associate Priest

Sermon: The Revd Anna Walker, Deacon in Training

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Officiant: The Revd Carol Backhouse, Vicar of Christ Church, Lancaster

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 Keith Brockbank

*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

You then, who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from this day forward in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God.

**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 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

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 most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Exodus

(Ex 20.1-17)

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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

THE CANTOR SINGS PSALM 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

*The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the simple.*

*The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure
and gives light to the eyes.*

*The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey,
dripping from the honeycomb.*

*By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often they offend?
O cleanse me from my secret faults!*

*Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins
lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled,
and innocent of great offence.*

*Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1Cor 1.18-25)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 John
Glory to you, O Lord

(John 2.13-22)

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Revd Dr Gary Bowness

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

God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, 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*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again. Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

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.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; 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.**

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us,

so we are bold to 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 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

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 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: The call from Five mystical songs (Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958)

Come, my way, my truth, my life: Such a way as gives us breath; Such a truth as ends all strife, Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: Such a light as shows a feast, Such a feast as mends in length, Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: Such a joy as none can move, Such a love as none can part, Such a heart as joys in love.

Words by George Herbert (1593–1632)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:

**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, Joan Pinches, Cindy Rigney, Brenda Storrie,
Richard Thompson and Gordon Tyson**

And those recently departed:

John Altham, Matt Clark 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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