

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



EUCCHARIST

PASSION SUNDAY THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**21 March 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 Tim Evans, Hon Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Canon John Roff, Hon Associate Priest
Readers: Rachel-Ann Powers, Malachi Powers
Intercessor: Gill Jenkinson
Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist
Introit: Prelude on 'Glory be to Jesus' (Hurford)
Offertory: Prelude on the Passion Chorale (Bach)
Final Voluntary: Prelude on 'When I survey' (Leighton)
Cantor: Charlotte Beck
Choir setting: Leighton In D
6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
 Officiant: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon. Associate Priest

Services next Sunday 28 March—Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion
President: The Revd Steve Evans, Hon. Associate Priest
10.00am Priory Eucharist
President Archdeacon David Picken
Sermon: The Revd Tim Evans
6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
Officiant: The Revd Anna Walker, Deacon in Training

THE WELCOME and Notices – The Revd Tim Evans

*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

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our
sins in penitence and faith.

Lord God,

**we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.**

We are sorry and repent.

Have mercy on us according to your love.

Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.

**Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
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

The God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

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 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**

(Jeremiah 31.31-34)

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Please stand as

THE CANTOR SINGS PSALM 51 1.13

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

*Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I acknowledge my faults and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
So that you are justified in your sentence
and righteous in your judgement.*

*I have been wicked even from my birth,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
Behold, you desire truth deep within me
and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.*

*Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.*

*Turn your face from my sins
and blot out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.
Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit.*

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

THE SECOND READING

(Heb. 5.5-10)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’; as he says also in another place, ‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.

Cantor: Many of those standing by saw what Jesus did, and they believed in him.
 Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Deacon: The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

(John 12. 20-33)

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

SERMON The Revd Canon John Roff, 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 has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us, and as a pledge of what is to come has given us the Spirit to dwell in our 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 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 and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. He is the victim who dies no more, the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever, our advocate in heaven to plead our cause, exalting us there to join with angels and archangels, 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.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

(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 said, 'This is my body, given for you.' Come. Take. Eat.

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 cantor sings the anthem: My song is love unknown

My song is love unknown, my Saviour's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be. O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne, salvation to bestow; but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know. But O, my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way, and his sweet praises sing; resounding all the day hosannas to their King. Then 'Crucify!' is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done? what makes this rage and spite? he made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! yet they at these themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

In life, no house no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heaven was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing; no story so divine; never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine! This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman 1624-1683

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; 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.

Thanks be to God.

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

*And those recently departed: Matt Clark and Nina Davies
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 or ring 01524 65338.

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK
IS SPONSORED BY
STEPHEN AND BARBARA GARDNER
TO CELEBRATE JAMES' BIRTHDAY TODAY**

**AND ALSO SPONSORED BY
MARY DAVIS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF GRAHAM DAVIS
AS MUCH LOVED HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDAD**

6.30 pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

21 March

OFFICIANT : The Rev Keith Brockbank

PSALM: 34. 1-10

RESPONSES: Ayleward

CANTICLES: *Short Service* (Gibbons) ANTHEM: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells)

HYMN: Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended? (62alt)

VOLUNTARY: Prelude on 'Herzliebster Jesu' (Brahms)

Opportunity for confession in Holy Week

If you would like to take the opportunity in Lent to search your life and seek absolution for your sins, we are offering the sacrament of reconciliation at Lancaster Priory on Wednesday 31st March 2021 between 1.50pm and 3.50 pm in the Thomas à Becket Chapel. Please email office@lancasterpriory.org to request an appointment with a priest.

Through our lives we learn to deceive ourselves in various ways, but Jesus who is the Truth, the Way and the Life calls us to look at our lives in all honesty. Because of the Father's love and desire for us to be reconciled with him, we dare to come to the light. It is only after we own and name our thoughts, words, deeds or patterns of behaviour which are sinful that we can be truly liberated from them. Jesus entrusted a ministry of forgiveness to his Church towards all those who are truly penitent. Confessing our sins to the priest and being assured of forgiveness can be a significant step on our journey towards the fullness of life and the joy of Easter.

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.





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.

Palm Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Priory Eucharist Archdeacon of Lancaster, David Picken
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer and Holy Week and Isolation (1) MARY John Roff *
Holy Monday	7.30pm	Holy Week and Isolation (2) JUDAS ISCARIOT John Rodwell *
	9.00pm	Compline *
Holy Tuesday	10.30am	Chrism Mass
	7.30pm	Holy Week and Isolation (3) JESUS Richard Carter *
	9.00pm	Compline *
Holy Wednesday	1.30-3.20pm	Confessions
	7.30pm	Holy Week and Isolation (4) JOHN THE BELOVED Lois Kirtley *
	9.00pm	Compline *
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Liturgy of the Last Supper including Holy Week and Isolation (5) SIMON PETER Brenda Harding
	9 – 11.30pm	The Watch
	11.30pm	Tenebrae
Good Friday	11.00am	Stations of the Cross * including material suitable for families
	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