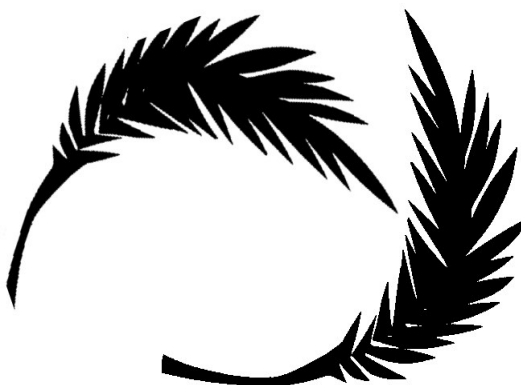


LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST

PALM SUNDAY

**28 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 Venerable David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster
Sermon:	The Revd Tim Evans, Hon Associate Priest
Readers:	Sally Bushell
Intercessor:	Sue Clark
Organist:	Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist
Introit:	Prelude on 'All glory, laud and honour' (Reger)
Offertory:	Prelude on 'Hosanna Filio David' (Demessieux)
Final Voluntary:	Postlude on 'Ride on, ride on in majesty' (Tambling)
Cantor:	Kaarina Leong
Choir setting:	New English Folk Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
Officiant: The Revd Anna Walker, Deacon in Training

Please see back page for full details of Holy Week

Services next Sunday 4 April—Easter Day

8.00am	Holy Communion
President:	The Revd Dr Gary Bowness, Hon. Associate Priest
10.00am	Priory Eucharist
President	The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon. Associate Priest
Sermon:	The Revd Michael Fielding, Hon. Associate Minister
6.30pm	Festal Evensong
Officiant:	The Revd Carol Backhouse, Vicar of Christchurch Lancaster

THE WELCOME and Notices – The Venerable David Picken, Archdeacon of Lancaster
*Please join in saying the words in **bold** type.*

Priest: The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

The people hold aloft their palms.

Priest: God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and die, + bless these palms + and let them be a sign of his victory. Grant that we who bear them in his name may reach the happiness of the new and everlasting Jerusalem by faithfully following him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is now read.

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

(Mark 11.1-11)

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Priest : Let us go forth in peace, praising Jesus our Messiah as did the crowds who welcomed him into Jerusalem.

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

The Cantor sings the **INTROIT** *The Prophetic Anthem (NEH 510)*

*O Jerusalem, look toward the East and behold: lift up thine eyes,
O Jerusalem, and behold the power of thy King!*

Priest: Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

(Philippians 2.5-11)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

THE CANTOR SINGS PSALM 31.9-16

I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

*Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, my soul and my body also.
For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.*

*I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbours,*

*an object of dread to my acquaintances;
when they see me in the street they flee from me.
I am forgotten like one that is dead, out of mind;
I have become like a broken vessel.*

*For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is on ev'ry side;
they scheme together against me, and plot to take my life.
But my trust is in you, O Lord. I have said 'You are my God.*

*'My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
'Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and save me for your mercy's sake.'*
I trust in you, O Lord, for you are my God.

THE GOSPEL

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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Cantor: Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and given him the name that is above every name.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Priest : The Lord be with you

and also with you.

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Mark 15, 1 - 39)

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish

me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?’ They shouted back, ‘Crucify him!’ Pilate asked them, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Crucify him!’ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, ‘The King of the Jews.’ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!’ In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.’ Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?’ which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘Listen, he is calling for Elijah.’ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.’ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’

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

SERMON The Revd Tim Evans, 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

We are with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who make laws, interpret them, and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure,
or sorrow, feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

**Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

All stand for

THE PEACE

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you

Priest: 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 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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.

Priest: 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

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: Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.

Amen.

May Christ,
who accepted the cup of sacrifice in obedience to the Father's will,
keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

Amen.

May the Spirit,
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
that we may share his glory,
set your minds on life and peace.

Amen.

Priest: Go in peace.
Proclaim the Word made flesh.
Glory, thanks and praise to God.

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 and Gordon Tyson**

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 or ring 01524 65338.

6.30 pm

Evening Prayer and Holy Week and Isolation (1) MARY

OFFICIANT : The Revd Anna Walker SERMON: The Revd Canon John Roff

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

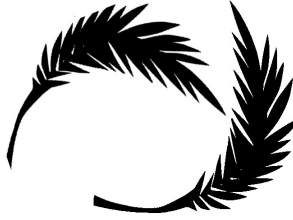
Because of the pandemic we have all experienced some isolation these past months, and some of us great loneliness. We hope to use these experiences to enter into the minds of some of those known to be close to Jesus, that we might understand better the meaning of Holy Week. And by sharing each day together 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	7.30pm	Holy Week and Isolation (3) JESUS Richard Carter *
	9.00pm	Compline *
Holy Wednesday	10.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	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



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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