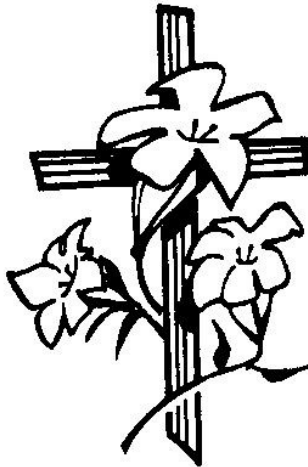


# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

**St Mary with St George and St John**

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



**PRIORY EUCHARIST  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**18 April 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.*

*Please use the pews marked green and respect social distancing regulations when you take your seat.*

*Unfortunately, as singing is not yet permitted there will be no hymns, though we are able to appreciate the organ and the choir. 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.*

*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 Canon John Roff, Hon Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon Associate Priest  
Readers: Dawn Cheetham, Bella Leong-Smith  
Intercessor: Sue Clark  
Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist  
Introit: *Erstanden ist der heilige Christ* (Walther)  
Offertory: *Adagio in C* (Mozart)  
Final Voluntary: *Saraband (for the morning of Easter)* (Howells)  
played by Alex Peters  
Choir setting: *Spatzenmesse* (Mozart)  
6.30pm Choral Evensong with prayers for HRH Prince Philip  
Officiant: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister

#### Services next Sunday 25 April—Easter 4

8.00am Holy Communion  
President: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon Associate Priest  
10.00am Priory Eucharist  
President: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Anna Walker, Ordinand in Training  
11.30am Baptism  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)  
Officiant: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon Associate Priest

*The priest greets the congregation:*

## **THE WELCOME and Notices –**

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

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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*The deacon invites us to confess our sins*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE CHOIR SING THE KYRIE**

*Lord have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us,  
Lord have mercy upon us.*

*The priest pronounces the*

## **WORDS OF ABSOLUTION**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## THE CHOIR SING THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 the Acts of the Apostles* (Acts 3.12-19)

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

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

## THE CHOIR SING PSALM 4

***It is you, O Lord who make me dwell in safety***

*Answer me when I call,  
O God of my righteousness;  
you set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.*

*How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;  
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?  
But know that the Lord has shown me his marvellous kindness;  
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.*

*Stand in awe, and sin not;  
commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.  
Offer the sacrifices of righteousness  
and put your trust in the Lord.*

*There are many that say,  
'Who will show us any good?'  
Lord, lift up the light of your countenance upon us.*

*You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when their corn and wine and oil increase.  
In peace I will lie down and sleep,  
for it is you Lord, only, who make me dwell in safety.*

***It is you, O Lord who make me dwell in safety***

*Please sit for*

### **THE SECOND READING**

*A reading from the First Letter of John*

*(1 John 3.1-7)*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

## THE GOSPEL

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:*

*Cantor:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**  
Jesus spoke to his disciples and said,  
'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

*Deacon:* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*(Luke 24.36b-48)*

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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

**SERMON** The Revd Canon Paul Warren

## 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**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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.*

*The congregation responds to each petition:*

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

## THE CHOIR SINGS THE SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*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:*

This 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.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray: *(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 CHOIR 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 choir sings the anthem: Ave verum corpus (Mozart)

*Ave, verum corpus  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum immolatum  
in Cruce pro homine,  
Cujus latus perforatum  
unda fluxit et sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.*

*Hail, true body  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the Cross for mankind,  
Whose pierced side overflowed  
with water and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste  
In the test of death.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The priest gives* **THE BLESSING**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**6.30 pm**

**CHORAL EVENSONG WITH PRAYERS FOR HRH PRINCE PHILIP**

**OFFICIANTS: Mrs Lois Kirtley and Canon Christine Mullineaux, Licensed Lay Ministers**

*In your prayers, please remember those who are sick:*

**David Blackwell, Gwendolen Boyd-Wasson,  
Esme Bradbury, Vona Corbet, Ian Corbet, 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: **Betty Wild***

*Please pray for her family.*

The Spiritual Growth Group will meet online once a week on Wednesdays at 7 pm for a prayerful spiritual exercise and a time of sharing. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to take part, please email [spiritualgrowth@lancasterpriory.org](mailto:spiritualgrowth@lancasterpriory.org).

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](mailto: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.**



**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 QR code 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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