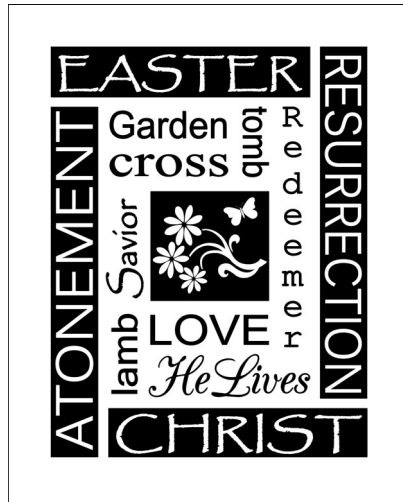


LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25 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 Paul Warren, Hon Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Anna Walker, Ordinand in Training
Readers: Barbara Gardner, Rod Aveyard
Intercessor: Lois Kirtley
Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist
Introit: Wir danken dir, Herr Jesus Christ (Buxtehude)
Offertory: Pastorale ('The Lord is my shepherd') (Whitlock)
Final Voluntary: Menuet-Gothique (Boëllmann)
Choir setting: Little Organ Mass (Haydn)

11.30am Baptism of Harper Elizabeth Armitage
Officiant: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon. Associate Priest
6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
Officiant: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon Associate Priest

Services next Sunday 2 May—Easter 5

8.00am Holy Communion
President: The Revd Tim Evans, Hon. Associate Priest
10.00am Priory Eucharist
President: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness, Hon. Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon Associate Priest
11.30am Baptism
4.00pm Family Service
6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
Officiant: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister

THE WELCOME and Notices

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

We stand at the entry of the ministers.

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

Jesus is the Good Shepherd: we are sinners:

let us call to mind the times when we have failed to hear his voice
and not followed where he has led.

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 SINGS 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 God of love and power forgive you and free you from

your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,

and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CHOIR SINGS 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 God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4.5-12)

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

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

THE CHOIR SINGS PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of John

(1 John 3.16-24)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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 10.11-18)

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know

the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Revd Anna Walker

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**

Blessed be Christ, the Prince of Peace.
He breaks down the walls that divide us.
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 life, Saviour of the poor,
receive with these gifts gratitude for your goodness,
penitence for our pride and dedication
to your service in Jesus Christ our 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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works
echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you
made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us
breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the
powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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.*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother
tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your
own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained
steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of
Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than
death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Deacon:

This is the mystery of faith

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

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among 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

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 (Byrd)

*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

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

25 April

OFFICIANT : The Revd Keith Brockbank

PSALM: 81.8-16

RESPONSES: Clucas

CANTICLES: Howells Gloucester

ANTHEM: Geistliches Lied (Brahms)

HYMN: Light of the minds that know him

VOLUNTARY: Herzlich tut mich erfreuen (Brahms)

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, Anne Oppenheim, Joan Pinches,
Brenda Storrie, Richard Thompson and Gordon Tyson.**

And those recently departed:

Michael Oppenheim

Please pray for his family.

The **APCM** will be held on Sunday 30th May at 11.15 a.m. in the Priory . All invited to attend . If you are interested in becoming a member of the PCC please complete the nomination form at the back of the church and hand to either the Churchwardens or the PCC Secretary, Margaret Saunders. These will be available from Sunday 2nd May.

Enquirers' Course—The group meets online once a week on Thursdays at 7.30 pm to explore questions of the Christian faith, and new members are welcome. Material is from the Pilgrim Course. Participation can be part of adults preparing for baptism or confirmation at the Priory. For details, please contact the office (office@lancasterpriory.org).

The Spiritual Growth Group will meet online once a week on Wednesdays at 7pm 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.

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.



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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