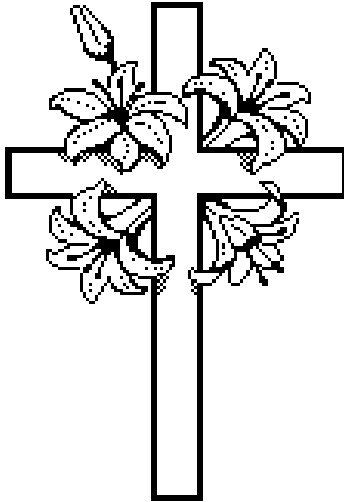


LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George, and St John

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



A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR EASTER

SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2021

at 6.30 pm

Organ music before the service will be played by **Mr Ian Pattinson** (Priory Organist)

Organ music before the service: 'The Resurrection of Jesus on the Third Day'
(David Hegarty)

Organ Voluntary: Procession on 'At the Lamb's High Feast' (June Nixon)

The Choir is directed by **Mr Don Gillthorpe**, Director of Music

The service is led by **The Revd Anna Walker**, Ordinand in Training

The Priory Choir carries on the long tradition of English church music. The choral services at the Priory offer something special to those who find music helps them experience the realm of the spirit.

Why not come to find out for yourself?

A collection will be taken at the back of church. If you pay tax, please place your collection in a yellow envelope (available at the back of Church). Put your full name, address and signature on the envelope and put this on the plate at the collection. The amount you give is entirely confidential.



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.

IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF A FIRE, PLEASE NOTE THE EMERGENCY EXITS ARE SITUATED IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE PRIORY CHURCH

**You are most welcome to this evening's service.
Sadly, congregational singing is not permitted,
so please refrain from joining in the familiar hymns.**

Please take this service sheet away with you as a memento of this occasion.

The choir sings the INTROIT: *This joyful Eastertide* (121)

*This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow.
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow:
Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number:
Had Christ, who once was slain...*

*Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver:
Had Christ, who once was slain...*

*Words: G.R. Woodward (1848-1934)
Music: arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones. *Isaiah 49.13*

Jesus said, 'This is indeed the will of my Father,
that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life,
and I will raise them up on the last day.' *John 6.40*

Let us pray.

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit

be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The choir sings the HYMN: *Jesus lives!* (112)

*Jesus lives! Thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluya!*

*2. Jesus lives! henceforth is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath,
When we pass its gloomy portal. Alleluya!*

*4. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluya!*

*3. Jesus lives! for us he died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluya!*

*5. Jesus lives! to him the throne
Over all the world is given;
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluya!*

Words: Christian Gellert (1715-1769), tr. Frances Cox (1812-1897)

Music: H.J. Gaunlett (1805-1876)

The first lesson read by Christine Dowbiggin

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (28.2-4)

Suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your resurrection the power of love breaks open the earth and frees life from death.

As the angel rolled away the stone from the prison of the tomb, so release those imprisoned by life's misfortunes.

To you, Lord Jesus,
whose life brings surprises beyond our wildest expectations,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The choir sings the ANTHEM: *The strife is o'er* (arr. Ley)

*The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluya!*

*Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluya!*

*On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluya!*

*Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee. Alleluya! Amen.*

Words: Latin 17th century, tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Music: Melchior Vulpius (1570-1615), arr. Henry Ley (1887-1962)

The second lesson read by Keith Brockbank

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to John (20.1,2)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for the love which drew Mary Magdalene to your tomb
to weep over your death.

As you broke into her grief with your death-shattering life,

so reach into our broken hearts with your promise of hope.
To you, Lord Jesus, reaching into the deepest tombs of our despair,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The choir sings the HYMN: *Walking in a garden* (123)

*Walking in a garden
At the close of day,
Adam tried to hide him
When he heard God say;
'Why are you so frightened,
Why are you afraid?
You have brought the winter in,
Made the flowers fade.'*

*Walking in a garden
Where the Lord had gone,
Three of the disciples,
Peter, James and John;
They were very weary,
Could not keep awake,
While the Lord was kneeling there,
Praying for their sake.*

*Walking in a garden
At the break of day,
Mary asked the gardener,
Where the body lay;
But he turned towards her,
Smiled at her and said:
'Mary, spring is here to stay,
Only death is dead.'*

Words: Hilary Greenwood (1929-2003)
Music: Traditional Irish melody

The third lesson read by Jan Crouch

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to John (20.3-8)

Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.
The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter
and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the
linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter
came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen
wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head,
not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.
Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in,
and he saw and believed.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for in you our God reveals the awesome power of love
that is stronger even than death.

As in your dying you destroyed death,
so in your rising may we be raised above the trials
and torments of this world's woe.

To you, Lord Jesus,
the fullness of your life revealed in an empty tomb,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The choir sings the ANTHEM: Greater Love (John Ireland)

*Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love
is strong as death.*

*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his
friends.*

*Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we,
being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.*

*Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the
Lord Jesus;*

*Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of
darkness into his marvellous light.*

*I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your
bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your
reasonable service.*

The fourth lesson read by Andrew Nicholson

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (28.5-8)

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are
looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been
raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly
and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed
he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is
my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and
great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for your resurrection overturns our expectations of life
and even your closest friends could not see truth before them.
As the angel helped them to grasp your triumph
and overcome their fear,
so help us to see your hand at work
through the events that overtake us.
To you, Lord Jesus,
whose ways astonish beyond our imagining,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The choir sings the HYMN: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem (124)

*Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.*

*2. How Judah's Lion burst his chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him, from death's
domains,
The long-imprisoned dead.*

*3. From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where he hath gone before.*

*4. Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
And at his footstool fall.*

*5. While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.*

*6. All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen.*

Words: St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028), tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868)
Music: H.J. Gauntlett

The fifth lesson read by Margaret Saunders

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (28.9,10)

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,
for your simple word of greeting made the hearts of the women
leap with joy.

Speak your word of love to those whose hearts are broken,
that they too may hear your loving, beckoning call.

To you, Lord Jesus,
whose call summons us to life in all its fullness,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The choir sings the ANTHEM: O clap your hands (Vaughan Williams)

*O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of
triumph.*

*For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the
earth.*

*God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing
praises.*

*For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with
understanding.*

*God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his
holiness.*

Words: Psalm 47.1-2,5-8

The sixth lesson read by Alec Crouch

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (24.28-35)

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked
ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying,
'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now
nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the
table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to
them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and
he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not
our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road,
while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they

got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you are with us, even when our eyes are closed to your companionship.

Walk this day alongside the disconsolate and the despairing, open their eyes to your gentle illumination, and let their hearts burn within them at your invisible presence. To you, Lord Jesus, walking by our side, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

The choir sings the HYMN: The Lord is risen indeed (118)

*The Lord is risen indeed!
Now is his work performed;
Now is the mighty Captive freed,
And death's strong castle stormed.*

*2. The Lord is risen indeed!
Then hell has lost his prey;
With him is risen the ransomed seed
To reign in endless day.*

*3. The Lord is risen indeed!
He lives, to die no more;
He lives, the sinner's cause to plead,
Whose curse and shame he bore.*

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1844)
Music: W.H. Havergal (1793-1870)

The seventh lesson read by Pauline Fielding

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (24.36-43)

While they were talking about this, 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.

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for in your birth you were proclaimed the Prince of Peace, and in your resurrection you breathe into your people peace beyond this world's understanding.

Be present, Lord, this day with those whose lives are disfigured by conflict

and those whose hearts know no peace.

To you, Lord Jesus, true bringer of the peace of heaven, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The choir sings the ANTHEM: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells)

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls

And plenteousness within thy palaces.

Words: Psalm 122 vv. 6, 7

The eighth lesson read by Christine Mullineaux

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke (24.44-49)

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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for you promised that the same power that was at work when you were raised from the dead would also be alive in us.

Show your power to those who are powerless;
reveal your love to those who feel unlovely
and through your Spirit enable all your people
to be witnesses of your amazing grace.

To you, Lord Jesus, daily renewing your people and your creation,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The choir sings the HYMN: Love's redeeming work is done (113)

*Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er!
Lo, he sets in blood no more!*

*2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened Paradise.*

*3. Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?*

*4. Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

*5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
Thee we greet triumphant now;
Hail, the Resurrection thou!*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Choralbuch, Herrnhut c.1740

The ninth lesson read by Rosemary Brockbank

Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in him shall never die. Alleluia.

A reading from the Gospel according to John (20.21-23)

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

We praise you and we bless you, our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory, for as you were sent by the Father, so you send us.

Equip your Church with the gifts to fulfil our calling that we may love as you loved, serve as you served, and willingly follow wherever you lead.

To you, Lord Jesus, gifting your people, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death,

rising you restored our life:

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

The choir sings the ANTHEM: Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Which according to His abundant mercy,

Hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, that fadeth not away,

Reserved in heav'n for you, who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation,

Ready to be revealed in the last time.

But as He which hath calleth you is Holy, So be ye holy in all manner of conversation.

Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently. See that ye love one another.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man, as the flower of grass.

The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever, Amen.

The intercessions led by Lois Kirtley

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom in the words our Saviour taught us.

**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 choir sings the HYMN: Thine be the glory (120)

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

*Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:
Thine be the glory...*

*No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:
Thine be the glory...*

Words: Edmond Budry (1854-1932), tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)
Music: George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

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 that are above
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as his own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father,

by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen *you* to walk with him in his risen life;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

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.**