

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



**Choral Evensong with prayers for
His Late Royal Highness The Prince Philip,
Duke of Edinburgh**

18 April 2021

At 6.30pm

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, congregational singing is not yet permitted. Therefore, the hymns and National Anthem will be sung by the choir only.

The collection plate will be at the back of Church or you can make an electronic payment, or join our Planned Giving Scheme.

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.

The service is led by

Mrs Lois Kirtley and Canon Christine Mullineaux,
Licensed Lay Ministers

The Choir is directed by

Mr Don Gillthorpe
Director of Music

Responses: Gillthorpe
Canticles: Stanford in C

The Organist is

Mr Ian Pattinson FRCO

Before the service the organist plays Prelude on 'Blessed are ye, faithful souls departed' (Brahms)

THE INTRODUCTION

Please join in saying the words in bold type.

Please stand as the choir and clergy enter

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

(John 11: 25-26)

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8: 38-39)

Dear friends in Christ, we are gathered here today in love and sadness as we give thanks for the life of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and to pray for his soul and for Her Majesty The Queen, Duke of Lancaster and all the Royal Family. We place before God his outstanding service to this nation and the commonwealth. Let us offer thanks to our heavenly father for his example of duty and commitment, his leadership and wisdom, and his faithfulness to God that we have witnessed through his life.

Father in heaven, we give you thanks for your servant Prince Philip. We praise you as we recollect his long life and cherish his memory. We offer our gratitude for all he brought to the commonwealth and our nation and for all whose lives he touched. We have seen in his devoted service and integrity an example of service to his fellow men and women. Give us the grace to follow his good example so that we with him may come to your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who died and rose again and opened the gate of glory, to whom be praise for all eternity. **Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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 VERSICLES

O Lord open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Please stand Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

Please sit as the choir sings **PSALM 23**

THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside
the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of
righteousness, for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff
comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble
me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be
full.
Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Please stand Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost : As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Please sit for **THE FIRST LESSON**

A reading from the Book of Lamentations (Lamentations 3.22-26,31-33)

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul,
'therefore I will hope in him.'
The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
For the Lord will not reject for ever.
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Please stand as the choir sings **THE MAGNIFICAT**

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Please stand Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Please sit for **THE SECOND LESSON**

A reading from the Revelation of St John

(Rev. 21: 1-7)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

Please stand as the choir sings **THE NUNC DIMITTIS**

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace : according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles : and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Please stand *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES CREED

Officiant: I believe in God

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ

his only Son our Lord,

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

Born of the Virgin Mary,

Suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell;

**The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE RESPONSES

The lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

Please sit or kneel

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

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, who has given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Please sit as the choir sings **THE ANTHEM**

O for a closer walk with God (Stanford)

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the lamb! Return, O holy dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the lamb.

Please sit or kneel for **THE PRAYERS** led by Canon Christine Mullineaux

Let us pray.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
And there shall no torment touch them.

You, Lord, have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord
In the land of the living.

Merciful Father and Lord of all life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light. We thank you for the life of His Royal Highness PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh, for the love he received from you and showed among us. Above all, we rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed, that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ. And we ask that in due time we may share with your servant Philip that clearer vision, promised to us in the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: deal graciously, we pray, with all who mourn, the Queen Duke of Lancaster, members of the Royal Family, this Nation and all the Nations of the Commonwealth, that casting all our care on you, we may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity; in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end. **Amen.**

after John Donne (1571–1631)

Remember, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve; and as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer Book as proposed in 1928

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.**

Collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

The choir sings the **HYMN**

*Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the might ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*2. O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*3. O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.*

*4. O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereeso'er they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea*

Words by William Whiting 1825-78

Tune by J. B. Dykes 1823-76

THE COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O Father and Lord, we commend your servant, PHILIP, Duke of Edinburgh. Enlighten him with your holy grace and suffer him never to be separated from you, O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.

After St Edmund of Abingdon (1170–1240)

The choir sings THE KONTAKION FOR THE DEPARTED (NEH 526)

*Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

*Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of man:
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of earth,
and unto earth shall we return.*

*For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying,
'Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.'*

*All we go down to the dust;
and weeping o'er the grave we make our song:
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya.*

*Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Orthodox Kontakion for the Departed

The officiant continues

Grant, Lord, that we may live in your fear, die in your favour, rest in your peace, rise in your power and reign in your glory; for you own beloved Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

William Laud (1573-1645)

May God in his mercy grant us, with all the faithful departed, rest and peace. **Amen**

Please stand for **THE BLESSING**

*May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.***

The choir sings the **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

*God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Duke,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.*

*Thy choicest gifts in store,
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give use cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen.*

Organ Voluntary: Nimrod (Elgar)

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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 PGC 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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We share a great sense of thanksgiving for all that God is inspiring around us in these difficult times.**

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