

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST

ROGATION SUNDAY

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 May 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 Canon John Roff, Hon. Associate Priest

Readers: Sue Clark, Malachi Powers

Intercessor: Rachel Ann Powers

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Introit: Prelude on 'Now thank we all our God' (Bach)

Offertory: Prelude on 'All things bright and beautiful' (Smith)

Final Voluntary: *Dialogue sur les grands jeux* (Couperin)

Choir setting: Schubert in G

11.30am Baptism. Officiant: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon Associate Priest

6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Officiant: The Revd Anna Walker, Ordinand in Training

13 May Ascension Day

7.30pm Choral Eucharist.

President: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon. Associate Priest.

Sermon: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister

Services next Sunday 16 May—Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon. Associate Priest

10.00am Priory Eucharist

President: The Revd Canon John Roff, Hon. Associate Priest

Sermon: The Revd Anna Walker, Ordinand in Training

4.00pm First Holy Communion.

President: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon. Associate Priest

6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Officiant: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon. Associate Priest

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

The love of God knows no bounds, calling to life all that there is, inviting all to share in the new life in Christ.

**Almighty God,
Lord of mountain heights and depths of earth,
who laid the foundations of the world
and ordained the moving of the seas:
Forgive us our wounding of your land,
Forgive us our bondage of your creatures,
Forgive us when we take another's share of your gifts,
so that all you have made may hear the liberty
proclaimed by Jesus Christ,
in the power of the Spirit, Amen.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The priest pronounces the

WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and power, make you grateful for the gifts of earth, careful in the marks you make, mindful of the needs of all; and forgive you all your sins, through Jesus Christ, whose sacrifice reveals the cost of your creative love and offers redemption for all that you have made.

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

God our Father, you never cease the work you have begun, and prosper with your blessing the work of human hands: make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts, that we may serve the common good, maintain the fabric of your world, and seek that justice where all may share your bounty; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit for THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 10, 44-end)

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

THE CHOIR SINGS PSALM 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.*

*The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

*Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.*

*Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.*

*With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sound praises before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.*

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John

(1 John 5.1-6)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

God has spoken to us through his Son,
through whom he created the worlds.

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 15.9-17)

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy

may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

SERMON The Revd Canon John Roff, Hon. Associate Priest

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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.**

And then we sit or kneel for

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

These responses may be used

Leader: We ask in faith
That our joy may be complete

Leader: Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All stand for

THE PEACE

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which passes all understanding will guide your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ. 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

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, 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, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you have created the heavens and the earth and formed us in your own image. In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word, who laid down his life for our salvation and rose from the grave, the

first fruits of your new creation. You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit to give new life to our mortal bodies and renew the face of the earth. Therefore with all the heavenly hosts, we give voice to everything that you have made, and sing the eternal hymn of praise:

THE CHOIR SING THE SANCTUS

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon: This is the mystery of faith

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

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.**

As God's children, and heirs with Christ, we cry in the Spirit: 'Abba', Father.

(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 SING 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: If ye love me (Tallis)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of truth.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The priest gives **THE BLESSING**

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all
goodness and growth, pour his blessing on you and all that he has
made, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all
peoples; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be upon you, now and always.

Amen.

Deacon: Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.



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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