

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

16 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 John Roff, Hon. Associate Priest

Sermon: The Revd Anna Walker, Ordinand in Training

Readers: Rod Aveyard, Jonas Leong-Smith

Intercessor: Tim Jenkinson

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Introit: Prelude to the Te Deum (Charpentier)

Offertory: Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn (Bach)

Final Voluntary: *Toccata* (Boëllmann)

Choir setting: Lancaster Mass (Truslove)

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

Services next Sunday 23 May—Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Tim Evans, Hon. Associate Priest

10.00am Priory Eucharist

President: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon. Associate Priest

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

11.30am: Holy Baptism. Officiant The Revd Keith Brockbank

6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Officiant: The Revd Carol Backhouse, Vicar of Christ Church, Lancaster

THE WELCOME and Notices -

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

Please 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

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything. Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has prepared good things for those who love him.

Most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been,

help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that

**we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you,
our God. 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

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus 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

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 reading.

THE FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1.15-17;21-26)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

THE CHOIR SINGS PSALM 1

For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

*Blessed are they who have not walked
In the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
Their delight is in the law of the Lord
and they meditate on his law day and night.*

*Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither,
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.*

*Therefore the wicked shall not be able
to stand in the judgement,
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall perish.*

For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John

(1 John 5.9-13)

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

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 17.6-9)

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.'

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

SERMON The Revd Anna Walker

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. He is the one who has gone before us, who calls us to be united in prayer as were his disciples in the upper room while they awaited his promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost. Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

THE CHOIR SINGS THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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.**

Believing the promises of God, 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.**

THE CHOIR SINGS THE AGNUS DEI

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your 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: O God the King of Glory (Purcell)

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus

Christ with great triumph

into heav'n: We beseech thee, leave us not comfort-less; but send

to us thine Holy Ghost to

comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place where our Saviour

Christ is gone before us. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest gives

THE BLESSING

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Deacon: Our Eucharist is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen

As today we bid farewell to Revd Anna Walker,
we give thanks for her dedicated and loving ministry here
at the Priory down these past 3 years.

We wish her every blessing as she embarks upon this next stage of her vocation
to ordained ministry as curate at St Aidan's, Bamber Bridge
with St Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale.

We also send Andy, Aidan and Birgitta our love and best wishes
as they take this next exciting step.



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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