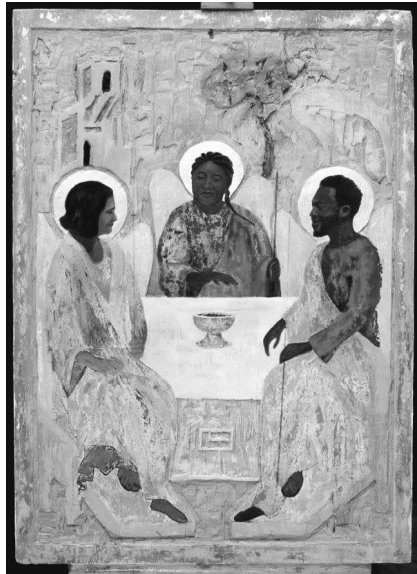


# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

**St Mary with St George and St John**

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



## **PRIORY EUCHARIST TRINITY SUNDAY**

**30 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 Brenda Harding, Hon. Associate Priest

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

Readers: Nigel Stewart, Miriam Jenkinson

Intercessor: Lois Kirtley

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Introit: *Sanctus from Mass for the Convents* (Couperin)

Offertory: *Toccata on 'Bright the vision'* (Self)

Final Voluntary: *Postlude in G minor* (Stanford)

Choir setting: Mass of St Cedd (Nardone)

11.15am: APCM

6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Officiant: The Revd Tim Evans, Hon. Associate Priest

Thursday 3 June 12.30pm Corpus Christi Holy Communion

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

Services next Sunday 6 June—Trinity 1

8.00am Holy Communion

President: The Revd Canon Peter Cavanagh, Hon. Associate Priest

10.00am Priory Eucharist

President: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon. Associate Priest

Sermon: The Revd Michael Fielding, Hon. Associate Minister

4.00pm Family Service. President: The Revd Canon Paul Warren

6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP) and Benediction

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.**

*The deacon invites us to confess our sins*

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.  
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness, all slander and  
malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

**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, Lord have mercy,*

*Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy*

*Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.*

*The priest pronounces the*

## WORDS OF ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon you,

pardon and deliver you from all your sins,

confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,

and keep you in life eternal;

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.**

*Please sit for*

## THE FIRST READING

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

*(Isaiah 6.1-8)*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

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

## THE CHOIR SINGS PSALM 29

***May the Lord bless his people with peace.***

*Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*

*Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.*

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.*

*The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.*

*The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.*

*The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare;  
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'*

*The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.  
***May the Lord bless his people with peace.****

## THE SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans*

*(Romans 8.12-17)*

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one  
God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**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 3.1-17)*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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

**SERMON** The Revd Canon Paul Warren

## 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**

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God 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. For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit you are one God, one Lord. All that you reveal of your glory, the same we believe of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality. We, your holy Church, acclaim you, Father of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. Three Persons we adore, one in being and equal in majesty. And so with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, we sing for ever of your glory:

## **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.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us (*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*  
God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father.**

## **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: Hymn to the Trinity (Tchaikovsky)*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Holy, Holy, Holy! All the Saints adore thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art, and evermore shalt be. Holy, Holy Holy, though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art Holy, There is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity. Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea: Holy, Holy Holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The priest gives*

## **THE BLESSING**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; 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**



## **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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