

# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

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

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



## **PRIORY EUCHARIST**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**11 July 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 are 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, keeping social distancing as you line up and return via the side aisles to your seat.*

*We are encouraged to restrict socialising to outside the church after the service. We are grateful for your continued patience .*

President: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon Associate Priest  
Readers: Rod Aveyard, Jonas Leong-Smith  
Intercessor: Tim Jenkinson  
Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist  
Introit: *March in C* (Purcell)  
Offertory: *Adagio in G* (Rawsthorne)  
Final Voluntary: *Marche Triomphale on 'Nun danket alle Gott'* (Karg-Elert)  
Choir setting: *Missa orbis factor*  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)  
Officiant: The Revd Tim Evans, Hon Associate Priest

#### Services next Sunday 18 July—Trinity 7

8.00am Holy Communion  
President: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon Associate Priest  
10.00am Priory Eucharist  
President: The Revd Canon John Roff, Hon Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Tim Evans, Hon Associate Priest  
4.00pm Family Service. President: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding  
6.30pm Festal Evensong (BCP)  
Officiant: The Revd Keith Brockbank, 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 junior members of our congregation are invited to join Young Church.*

*The deacon invites us to confess our sins*

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God,  
our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
In thought and word and deed,  
through negligence,  
through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
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 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**

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.**

*Please sit for*

## **THE FIRST READING**

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos*

*(Amos 7.7-15)*

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; he

land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." '

And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

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

## **THE CHOIR SINGS PSALM 85**

***Show us, O Lord, your mercy.***

*I will listen to what the Lord God will say,  
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
that they turn not again to folly.*

*Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.*

*Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;*

*Truth shall spring up from the earth  
and righteousness look down from heaven.*

*The Lord will indeed give all that is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.*

*Righteousness shall go before him  
and direct his steps in the way.*

***Show us, O Lord, your mercy.***

## **THE SECOND READING**

*A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians (Eph.1.3-14)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a

plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. 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**

Jesus proclaimed, 'Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*Deacon:* The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

*Deacon:* Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

*Mark 6. 14-29*

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She

replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

**SERMON** The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon. Associate Priest

## **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**

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.'  
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**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people. And now we give you thanks because you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and called us to new life in him. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:



## 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.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

*Deacon:*

This is the mystery of faith

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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*

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: A Clare benediction (Rutter)*

*May the Lord show his mercy upon you;  
may the light of his presence be your guide  
May he guard you and uphold you;  
may his spirit be ever by your side.*

*When you sleep may his angels watch over you;  
when you wake may he fill you with his grace:  
May you love him and serve him all your days  
Then in heaven may you see his face.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*The priest gives*

## **THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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**

### **THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK**

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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 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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