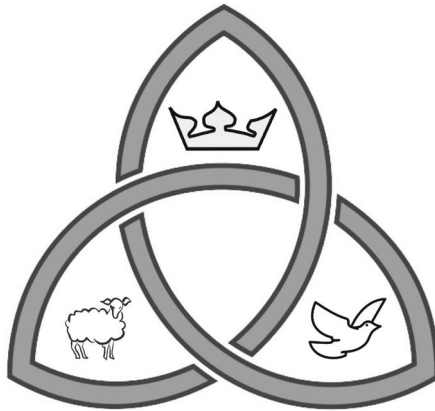


# LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



## PRIORY EUCHARIST

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

29 August 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 . The collection plate will be at the back of Church or you can make an electronic payment, or join our Planned Giving Scheme. Happily, congregational singing is now permitted in church. We encourage wearing of masks except when seated. 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 grateful for your patience .*

President: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon Associate Priest  
Readers: Dawn Cheetham,  
Intercessor: Andrew Nicholson  
Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist  
Choir: The Occasional Singers  
Setting: *Mass of St Thomas* (Thorne)  
Final Voluntary: *March in C* (Lefébure-Wély)  
12.15pm Holy Baptism of Ivy Chambers and Reggie Evans  
Officiant: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon Associate Priest  
6.30pm Evening Prayer with hymns (BCP)  
Officiant: The Revd Canon Brenda Harding, Hon Associate Priest

Services next Sunday 5 September—Trinity 14

8.00am Holy Communion  
President: The Revd Canon Peter Cavanagh, Hon Associate Priest,  
10.00am Priory Eucharist  
President: The Revd Canon John Roff, Hon Associate Priest  
Sermon: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon Associate Priest  
12.15pm Holy Baptism of Valentia Wearing-Tyson  
Officiant: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon Associate Priest  
6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)  
Officiant: The Revd Michael Fielding, Hon Associate Minister

## THE WELCOME and Notices -

*Please join in the singing of the hymns and in saying the words in **bold** type.  
We stand at the entry of the ministers to sing the opening*

### HYMN (420)

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

3. O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

4. O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

*JE Bode 1816-1874*

*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*

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.  
**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.**

## **ALL SING 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**

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **ALL SING THE GLORIA** *(Mass of Saint Thomas – Thorne)*

**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.  
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. Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.  
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.  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.  
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. Glory to God, Glory to God,  
Glory to God in the Highest. Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, 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 Deuteronomy*

*(Deut 4.12,6-9)*

Moses spoke to the people; he said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from

it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM 15**

**O Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle**

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may rest upon your holy hill?  
Whoever leads an uncorrupt life  
and does the thing that is right;

Who speaks the truth from the heart  
and bears no deceit on the tongue;  
Who does no evil to a friend  
and pours no scorn on a neighbour;

In whose sight the wicked are not esteemed,  
but who honours those who fear the Lord.  
Whoever has sworn to a neighbour  
and never goes back on that word;

Who does not lend money in hope of gain,  
nor takes a bribe against the innocent;  
Whoever does these things  
shall never fall.

**O Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle**

## **THE SECOND READING**

*A reading from the Letter of James*

*(James 1.17-27)*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;

for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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**

Lord, to whom else can we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

**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 7.1-8;14-15;21-23)*

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery,

avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’  
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** The Revd Canon Brenda Harding

## **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**

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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 collection is taken as the*

**HYMN (285 ) is sung.**

**For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.**

**2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:**

**3. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled:**

**4. For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**

**5. For thy Church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love.**

*F.S. Pierpoint 1835-1917*

*The priest prepares the bread and wine*

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **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

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise**

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**



It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

### **ALL SING 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.**

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*

## **ALL 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*

Christ has gathered his people around the earth  
to feast at his table.  
Come, for this is a table where all are invited,  
and all are welcome.  
**Amen.**

## **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: God be in my head (Walford Davies)*

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and in my departing.*

*and then, still sitting, we sing*

**HYMN** (456)

**Teach me, my God and King,  
in all things thee to see;  
and what I do in anything  
to do it as for thee.**

**2. A man that looks on glass,  
on it may stay his eye;  
or, if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
and then the heaven espy.**

**3. All may of thee partake;  
nothing can be so mean  
which, with this tincture, For thy sake,  
will not grow bright and clean.**

**4. A servant with this clause  
makes drudgery divine;  
who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,  
makes that and the action fine.**

**5. This is the famous stone  
that turneth all to gold;  
for that which God doth touch and own  
cannot for less be told.**

*George Herbert 1593-1633*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand for the final hymn*

**HYMN** (t:395)

**'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;  
here at thy feet none other may we see:  
'Lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,  
we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.**

**Above the level of the former years,  
the mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,  
the mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,  
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts to-day.**

Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,  
the deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,  
the halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,  
O Lord of truth, lift every Christian soul.

Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given:  
low lies the best till lifted up to heaven;  
low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,  
till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,  
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,  
still shall those hearts respond with full accord,  
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'

*Henry Montague Butler (1833-1918)*

*The priest gives*

## **THE BLESSING**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



The Priory is taking a big hit from a drop in visitor income, venue income, and service collections.

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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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