

LANCASTER PRIORY

St Mary with St George and St John

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



PRIORY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**5 September 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 John Roff, Hon Associate Priest
Sermon: The Revd Canon Paul Warren, Hon Associate Priest
Readers: Jan Crouch, David Lewis
Intercessor: Sue Clark
Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist
Choir: Full Choir
Setting: Orgelsolo Messe (Mozart)
Final Voluntary: Paeon (Whitlock)
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

Wednesday 8 September 7.30pm The Institution and Induction of The Revd Canon Leah Vasey-Saunders as Vicar of Lancaster

Services next Sunday 12 September—Trinity 15 Patronal Festival

8.00am Holy Communion
President: The Revd Canon Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar of Lancaster
10.00am Priory Eucharist
President and Sermon: The Vicar
6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)
Officiant: The Vicar

**THE SERVICE SHEET THIS WEEK
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IN CELEBRATION OF JOANNE AND CHARLES'
20TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

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

(477)

**Ye that know the Lord is gracious,
ye for whom a corner-stone
stands, of God elect and precious,
laid that ye may build thereon,
see that on that sure foundation
ye a living temple raise,
towers that may tell forth salvation,
walls that may re-echo praise.**

**Living stones, by God appointed
each to his allotted place,
kings and priests, by God anointed,
shall ye not declare his grace?
Ye, a royal generation,
tell the tidings of your birth,
tidings of a new creation
to an old and weary earth.**

**Tell the praise of him who called you
out of darkness into light,
broke the fetters that enthralled you,
gave you freedom, peace and sight:
tell the tale of sins forgiven,
strength renewed and hope restored,
till the earth, in tune with heaven,
praise and magnify the Lord.**

C A Alington 1872-1955

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

Let us call to mind our sin, our failure to value the love of others
and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

Silence for reflection

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 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

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your
sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life
in 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 God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living
way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to
worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Prophet Isaiah

(Isa 35.4-7a)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

THE CHOIR SINGS PSALM 146

I will praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

Alleluia.

*Praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live will I praise the Lord;
as long as I have any being,
I will sing praises to my God.*

*Put not your trust in princes,
nor in any human power,
for there is no help in them.
When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;
on that day all their thoughts perish.*

*Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
who keeps his promise for ever;*

*Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong
and bread to those who hunger.
The Lord looses those that are bound;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;*

*The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous;
The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow;*

*but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Alleluia.*

I will praise the Lord, I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of James

(James 2.1-10,14-17)

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

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 7.24.37)

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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

SERMON The Revd Canon Paul Warren

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the
people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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.
Not as the world gives do I give 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 collection is taken as the
HYMN (398 T:395) is sung.*

**'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!'**

H. Montagu Butler (1833-1918)

*Please remain standing, if you feel able, until after we have said the Lord's
Prayer, 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. 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

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

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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.**

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.**

We kneel or sit:

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: My eyes for beauty pine
(Coxhead) *My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace : No other care
nor hope is mine, To heaven I turn my face.*

*One splendour thence is shed From all the stars above : 'Tis named when
God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.*

*And every gentle heart, That burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that
mirror part Of that celestial fire.*

and then, still sitting, we sing

HYMN (LP28)

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.***

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.**

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.

Christ, be our light!

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

**Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.**

Christ, be our light!

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

**Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.**

Christ, be our light!

5. Many the gifts, many the people,

many the hearts that yearn to belong.

**Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.**

Christ, be our light!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand for the final hymn

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 feel thee near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.**

**3. 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.**

**4. 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.**

**5. 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 gives

THE BLESSING

May God give to you and to all those you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you now and for evermore.

Amen

Deacon: Our Eucharist is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen