



LANCASTER PRIORY

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

Festival Eucharist

All Saints' Day

31 October 2021

10.00am

Welcome to Lancaster Priory.

We welcome as our preacher the Reverend Canon Chris Newlands, former vicar of Lancaster. All Saints' Day celebrates those in whose lives we have seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to realise their prayers are one with ours. It is therefore a time where we remember our particular heroes and heroines of the faith, but is also a time where we remember that the same Spirit works in all of us. It is a chance to recall that sanctity may grow in ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises of life.

During our worship today, and through the litany in particular, we recall those saints who have shaped our world, our church and our lives remembering that, with them, we are part of a great cloud of witnesses to God's love in Jesus, for the world.

All are welcome to join us in the Regimental Chapel for refreshments following this service.

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Today's services (All Saints' Day):

President: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar of Lancaster

Preacher: The Revd Canon Chris Newlands

The Readers: Elaine Blackett-Ord, Nigel Stewart. Intercessor: David Redmore

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist. Choir: The Occasional Singers.

Setting: *Missa O quam gloriosum* (Victoria)

Voluntary: *Postlude on 'All Saints'* (Thorne)

6.30pm Requiem for All Souls

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

Preacher: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar of Lancaster

The Welcome and Notices *Any notices may be given.*

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand as the procession moves to the font during an organ improvisation. We face the font and this hymn is sung

1. For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confest,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. O blest communion! Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Greeting *The president says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints, in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

Thanksgiving for the Priory Clock

People of God, we gather at the west of this Priory Church to commit to God this clock, now restored and replaced on the tower and to ask God's blessing on all who will use it to mark the passing of the years as they engage in the work of God in this church and community.

Let us pray

Almighty God, we praise you for your saints of all time. For those who have ministered in this church, for the skill and care of those whose hands have crafted this building and it's furnishings, for all who, across the ages, have left us with a legacy of beauty and richness. O God, we hallow and dedicate this newly restored clock to your glory that every minute and hour we may dedicate to your service and our souls be awakened from things temporal to the knowledge of things eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites people to join in the confession

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

The Kyrie *The choir sings*

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.

Words of Absolution

The president pronounces God's forgiveness

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.**

As the organ improvises on 'For all the Saints' the procession moves to the altar and the ministers sprinkle the people with the water from the font as an expression of God's forgiveness and love.

We all sing

7. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Words W Walsham How

The Gloria

We sing the Gloria during which the altar is censed

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.

The Collect

The president says 'Let us pray' and silence is kept

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word *Please sit.*

The First Reading Wisdom 3.1-9


But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm *The choir leads the psalm, we join in the response*

PSALM 24



The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it,
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
For he has founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord,
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

Such is the company of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory

The Second Reading Revelation 21. 1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading. We stand to sing and face the Gospel procession. Please repeat the Alleluia after the choir and after the cantor sings the verse

Gospel Reading Luke 6:20-31

The deacon says

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.' Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

The Sermon

Please sit.

The Creed

Please stand.

Let us declare our faith in God.

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

Please sit. This response is used Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

And at the end. Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand. The president says

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

The deacon says Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Give me the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

2. Once they were mourning here below,
and wet their couch with tears;
they wrestled hard, as we do now,
with sins and doubts and fears.

3. I ask them whence their victory came;
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

4. They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.

The organist improvises and the offertory concludes

**5. Our glorious Leader claims our praise
for his own pattern given;
while the long cloud of witnesses
show the same path to heaven.**

Words | Watts 1674-1748

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving *The president sings*

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 and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud
of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on
earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your
glory, for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli
et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

The president continues

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.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come
again.**

The president continues

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.**

The Lord's Prayer *Silence is kept.*

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

The president breaks the consecrated 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.

Agnus Dei

Please sit. The choir sings

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

The president invites the congregation to receive Holy Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The people receive communion. We welcome communicant members of all Christian denominations to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please carry this booklet with you. Gluten-free hosts are available, please indicate this to the president, green cards are available from the sidespeople for this purpose.

Communion Anthem *The choir sings O quam gloriosum (Victoria)*

O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!
Amicti stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.

O, how glorious is the kingdom,
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ!
Arrayed in white robes,
they follow the Lamb, wherever He goes.

Hymn

We remain seated.

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one, true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2. Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim;
for lo, between our sins and their reward
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3. And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal;
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear
and crown thy gifts with grace to persevere.

4. And so we come: O draw us to thy feet
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us nevermore to part from thee.

Words W Bright 1824-1901

The Prayer after Communion

We pray together

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made
perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their
fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Please stand to sing

Thanks be to God for his saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim
Jesus for ever the same,
Author of life and salvation.

2. Thanks be to God for his blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave
rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.

3. Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in his keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end,
Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.

4. Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that Name,
Jesus for ever the same,
forth to his service he sends us.

Words Timothy Dudley-Smith

The Blessing *The president says*

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

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

The deacon says

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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