



LANCASTER PRIORY

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

Holy Communion and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

31 October 2021

6.30pm

Welcome to Lancaster Priory

We are really pleased that you are worshipping with us today. Wherever you have come from, this is your church and you are unconditionally welcome.

The restrictions under which our services are being conducted at the moment are part of our responsibility to ensure that all who worship and visit the priory feel safe and valued. These are available on an additional flyer at the back of church. Thank you for your patience.

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death.

One family, we dwell in him,
One Church, above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death. (Charles Wesley)

All Saints' Day (November 1st) and the commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. Our service today celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will finally be revealed in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy; and this instinct is also expressed in the liturgy of All Souls' Day.

from "Common Worship, Times and Seasons"

Today's service:

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

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

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist Choir: Full Choir

Setting: *Requiem Mass* (Mozart) Final Voluntary: *Adagio in F minor* (Mozart)

*We stand as the choir and ministers enters in silence.
The president introduces the celebration and says*

We look not to the things that are seen, but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

The Introit (p.3) *The choir sings*

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion,
et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.

Exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis caro veniet.

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine on them.
Thou, O God, art praised in Sion,
and unto Thee shall the vow
be performed in Jerusalem.

Hear my prayer,
unto Thee shall all flesh come.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine on them.

The Greeting

The priest welcomes us saying

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 Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in frail earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed, and omission, and confess them before God our Father.

Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light.

Amen.

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 Kyrie (p.8) *The choir sing*

Kyrie eleison;	Lord, have mercy;
Christe eleison;	Christ, have mercy;
Kyrie eleison.	Lord, have mercy.

The Collect *The priest says 'let us pray' and silence is kept*

Eternal God, our Maker and Redeemer grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving Passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ 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

The Reading Lamentations 3.17-26,31-33

My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the LORD." Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

For we are not cast off by the Lord for ever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men. For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn (459) *Please stand*

1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill:
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint
and my cup overflows.

5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

The Gospel Reading John 5.19-24

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the cantor sings

Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

It is the will of him who sent me, says the Lord, that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The deacon says

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life.'

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

The Sermon *Please sit.*

The Creed *Please stand*

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 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.*

Let us pray to the Lord who has conquered death. Jesus, Bread from heaven, you satisfy the hungry with good things. Grant us a share with all the faithful departed in the banquet of your kingdom. Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, the light of the world, You gave the man born blind the gift of sight: open the eye of faith and bring us from darkness to your eternal light and glory.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of God, you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life: raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour, in your dying you entrusted each to the other, Mary your mother and John the beloved disciple: sustain and comfort all who mourn.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus our way and truth and life, You drew your apostle Thomas from doubt to faith: reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.

Amen.

The Peace *Please stand*

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.**

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

We offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory (No.2 p.43) *All sit*

Hostias et preces

Tibi, Domine, laudis offerimus:

tu suscipe pro animabus illis,
quarum hodie memoriam facimus:

fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam,

Quam olim Abrahae promisisti

et semini eius..

Sacrifices and prayers of praise

to thee, O Lord, we offer:

receive the souls of those
whom we remember today

let them pass from death to life

As once you promised to Abraham

And his seed..

Dear friends, pray that our sacrifice of thanks and praise may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all His Church.

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.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God. We give you thanks and praise for your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who for love of our fallen race humbled himself, and was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, and lived as one of us. And now we give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord. In him who rose from the dead our hope of resurrection dawned. The sting of death has been removed by the promise of his risen life.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

The choir sings (p. 58)

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,	Holy, holy, holy,
Dominus Deus sabaoth	Lord God of Hosts!
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory
Osanna in excelsis	Hosanna in the highest.

The president continues

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 gave it to them, 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. 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary and 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour taught us, so we pray

**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

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven.

If anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever. **Lord, give us this bread always.**

The Agnus Dei (p.68) *Please sit as the Choir sing*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world grant them rest.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world grant them eternal rest.

The Giving of Communion

The priest invites us to receive communion or a blessing.

The priest and 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.

Jesus is the living bread which comes down from heaven: anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Communion Anthem *The choir sings Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart)*

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death!

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.
for you have created all things, And by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.
**You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God. And they will reign
with you on earth.**

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud.

After all the names have been read, silence is kept.

This is the will of him that sent me,
That I should lose nothing of all that he has given me.
and I will raise them up at the last day.

Lacrimosa (p.40) *The choir sings*

Lacrimosa dies illa	That mournful day
Qua resurget ex favilla	When from the dust shall rise
Judicandus homo reus.	Guilty man to be judged.
Huic ergo parce, Deus,	Therefore spare him, O God.
Pie Jesu Domine,	Merciful Jesu,
Dona eis requiem. Amen	Lord Grant them rest. Amen

Lord God, creator of all, you have made us creatures of this earth, but have also promised us a share in life eternal. According to your promises, may all who have died in the peace of Christ come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom, where there will be neither sorrow nor pain, but life everlasting.

Alleluia. Amen.

O God of love, grant that the death and resurrection of Christ which we have celebrated in this sacrament may bring us, with all the faithful departed, into the peace of thine eternal home; through Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom be glory for time and for eternity. **Amen.**

Lux aeterna (p.72) *The choir sings*

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,	May eternal light shine on them, O Lord.
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,	with Thy saints for ever,
quia pius es.	Because thou art merciful.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,	Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
et lux perpetua luceat eis,	and may perpetual light shine on them,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum,	with Thy saints for ever,
quia pius es.	because Thou are merciful.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The priest prays for God's blessing

May God give to you his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you, now and always.

Amen.

The Deacon says

Our Eucharist is ended. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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