

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

FAMILY COMMUNION

Trinity 20

17 October 2021 4.00p.m.

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.

Today's services (Trinity 20):

4.00pm Family Service

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

6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

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Song

Come all you people, come praise your maker Come all you people, come praise your maker Come all you people, come praise your maker Come now and worship the Lord!

The Welcome

The Priest welcomes the congregation and we join in to say: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The priest introduces today's service, and we pray together:

Loving God, we come together as your people, to thank you for giving us your Son Jesus and welcoming us into the family of your Church.

Accept our praises and guide our worship today,

Help us to love you more, and each other for your sake.

We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen

We remember the past week and ask God to forgive us for what we have done wrong.

Prayer of Confession

Reader

We remember that because Jesus has risen to life, sin has lost its power to keep us away from God. So let us have a moment of quiet to remember the times we have thought, said and done things that hurt ourselves and others.

(Pause to reflect and say sorry to God in our own way)

Reader

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, Father, forgive us:

save us and help us.

Reader

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us: save us and help us.

Reader

For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us: save us and help us.

Prayer of God's Forgiveness

The Priest prayers

We are the people whom God loves, and God loves to forgive. So hear God's word. You are forgiven in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

The Gloria We sing

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father. Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus. Alleluia, Amen.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit. Alleluia, Amen.

Today's Special Prayer

The priest prays

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives,

that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Today's Reading Mark 10.35-45

A reader says

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

The Talk

The Peace

We offer one another a sign of peace. This could be a wave, a bow or an elbow bump with those nearest to you

The Affirmation of Faith We stand to say what we believe

We believe in God the father; from whom every family in heaven and earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Celebration

We offer the gifts of bread and wine to God.

Reader

We offer these small gifts to our great God. Like children approaching a loving parent. Crudely wrapped in love and decorated with our worship God smiles and says "It's just what I always wanted!" Receive these gifts, loving God and by your divine power, turn them into joy for the sake of your kingdom. Amen

The Communion Prayer

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 always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe and filled your world with light. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels to celebrate and say together:

We say together

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.

The priest continues

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.

He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you,

and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Communion

All who are in good standing with their own Christian denomination are welcome to receive communion today. All are welcome to receive a blessing.

Song

Lamb of God you take away, take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away, take away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away, take away the sins of the world.

Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

The Prayer after Communion

Dear God, we thank you for feeding us in this Holy Communion. We ask you to strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

The priest prays for God's blessing and we respond Amen.

A reader says

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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