



# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

## **THE EUCHARIST**

Advent Sunday

**28 November 2021**

**10.00am**

## **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.

Advent is the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus, in other words, the period immediately before Christmas. It is the beginning of the Christian year and commences on Advent Sunday. Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used in reference to the Second Coming of Christ. Christians believe that the season of Advent serves as a dual reminder: of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah, as well as the waiting of Christians today for the second coming of Christ.

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 (Advent Sunday):**

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

Preacher: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister

The Readers: Peter Hopwood, Miriam Vasey-Saunders.

Intercessor: Hilary Hopwood

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist. Choir: Girls & ATB

Setting: *St Anne's Mass* (MacMillan)

Voluntary: *Prelude on 'Wachet auf'* (Bach)

### **12.15pm Baptisms**

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

### **6.30pm Advent Carol Service**

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## The Welcome and Notices

*Please remain seated as the choir process in. We remain seated as the choir sing the introit 'Advent prose'*

**Hymn** (5) *Please stand as we sing*

Hark, a herald voice is calling;  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'cast away the dreams of darkness.  
O ye children of the day.'

2. Startled at the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.

3. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;

4. So when next he comes in glory,  
and earth's final hour draws near,  
May he then as our defender,  
On the clouds of heaven appear.

5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the co-eternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run. Amen

*Latin tr. Edward Caswall 1814-1878*

## The Greeting and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The president says*

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.

**Advent Candle Hymn** (T.336) *We sing together*

Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray;  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness  
changed for gladness on that day.

*Young Church and their leaders gather at the Advent Wreath, the candle is lit and the president prays with them before they go to their activities.*

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
you gave them faith to listen when you spoke  
and strength to go where you sent them;  
help us to make room in our lives  
to hear your loving call and be ready to respond.  
**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness**

*The deacon says*

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Kyrie** *The choir sings*

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

## **The Absolution**

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 eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus  
Christ. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **The First Reading** Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Psalm**

### **PSALM 25**



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies triumph over me.  
Let none who look to you be put to shame,  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.  
Make me to know your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long.  
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.  
Remember not the sins of my youth  
or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.  
Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.  
He will guide the humble in doing right  
and teach his way to the lowly.  
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **The Second Reading** 1 Thessalonians 3. 9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

## **The Gospel Reading** Luke 21.52-36

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the cantor sings*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God. **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 Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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 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 Peace** *Please stand*

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 acknowledge one another with a sign of peace.*

## **The Offertory Hymn** (11) *During this hymn a collection will be taken*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:

3. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

4. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:

5. O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe:

*Latin Advent Antiphons* tr. JM Neale 1818-1866



## 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**

*The priest gives thanks to God for his mighty acts and the choir sings:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. 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 deacon says* Christ is the bread of life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

*The priest continues and ends with the doxology to which all respond by saying* 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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup

**We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

## The Agnus Dei *Please sit. The choir sings*

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 Giving of 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 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.*

## **Communion Anthem** *The choir sings O radiant dawn (Macmillan)*

*O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: come, Shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light: upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.' Amen.*

## **Communion Hymn** (3ii) *We remain seated*

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver;  
born a child and yet a king;  
born to reign in us for ever;  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thy own eternal Spirit,  
rule in all our hearts alone:  
By thy all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

## **Prayer After Communion**

*The president prays*

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear,

he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*All say this prayer*

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **Hymn** (9) *Please stand.*

1. Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

3. Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own;  
Alleluia!  
thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788  
and John Cennick 1718-1755

# The Blessing and Dismissal

*The priest prays*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you 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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