



LANCASTER PRIORY

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

FAMILY COMMUNION

Christ the King

21 November

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.

Song

You are my vision, O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies, only You Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light

You are my wisdom, You are my true word
I ever with You, and You with me Lord
You're my great Father, and I'm Your true child
You dwell inside me, together we're one

You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight
You are my dignity, You're my delight
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower
Come raise me heavenward, O power of my power

I don't want riches or man's empty praise
You're my inheritance, now and always
You and You only, the first in my heart
High king of Heaven, my treasure You are

High king of Heaven, when victory's won
May I reach Heaven's joy, O bright Heaven's Son
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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, today we celebrate your Son Jesus Christ as King of the universe and King in our hearts. Make your presence felt among us so that we can celebrate the kingship of your Son with joy and gladness today and always. This we ask in the name of your Son and our King Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Today's Reading John 18:33-37

A reader says

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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: 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 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.

Question Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us happy times and things to celebrate.

In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Question Why do we share this bread and wine?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'
So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Question How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with Mary and all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for 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.

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

Christ our king make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and those you love and pray for today and always. **Amen.**

A reader says

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Music

Build your Kingdom, Rend Collective

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