



LANCASTER PRIORY

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

THE EUCHARIST

Christ the King

21 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.

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This marks the end of the annual cycle of the Church's year. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty. The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

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 (Christ the King):

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

The Readers: Gill Jenkinson, Joop Brouwer.

Intercessor: Tim Jenkinson

Organist: Jeremy Truslove. Choir: Boys & ATB

Setting: *Little organ mass* (Haydn)

Voluntary: *Prelude on 'Gelobt sei Gott'* (Willan) and *Choral Song* (Wesley)

12.15pm Baptism

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

4.00pm Family Service

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6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Officiant: The Revd Tim Evans, Hon. Associate Priest

The Welcome and Notices

Hymn (345) *Please stand as the procession enter during an organ improvisation.*

We then sing

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
tell all the world he is your choice.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2. O magnify the Lord and raise-
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3. They with a faith for ever new
followed the King, and round him drew
thousands of faithful hearts and true.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4. O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

5. Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

6. Let Love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

7. So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole church at last be one.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

G.K.A. Bell 1883-1958

The Greeting

The president says

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

The president greets the people

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors.
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory?

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

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Young Church and their leaders gather at the front and the president prays with them before they go to their activities.

Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

The deacon says

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,

confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Matthew 4.17*

The kingdom is yours, but we turn away from your just rule:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours, but we trust in our own power and strength:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours, but we fall short of the glory of God:

Lord, 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 Gloria *The choir sings*

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. 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. 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. Amen.

the floods lift up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
the Lord on high is mightier.

Your testimonies are very sure;
holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

The Lord is King and his apparel is glorious

The Second Reading Rev 1.4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

The Gospel Reading John 18.33-37

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the cantor sings

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

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven. **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 John

Glory to you, O Lord

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.'

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*

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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 (352)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his piercèd feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges 1800-1894

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 power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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

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 Agnus Dei *Please sit. The choir sings*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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 God, the King of Glory (Purcell)*

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into heav'n: We beseech thee, leave us not comfort-less; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place where our Saviour Christ is gone before us. Amen.

Communion Hymn (457i) *We remain seated*

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

HW Baker 1821-77

Prayer After Communion

The president prays

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded; 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 (LP15) *Please stand.*

Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

2. Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

3. Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

4. Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

5. So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name!*

Michael Seward (1932-2015)

The Blessing and Dismissal

The priest prays

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 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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