



LANCASTER PRIORY

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THE EUCHARIST

The Second Sunday of Advent

5th December 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 (The Second Sunday of Advent):

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

Preacher: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister

The Readers: Barbara Gardner, Alice Granger

Intercessor: David Redmore

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

Setting: *Missa aeterna Christi munera* (Palestrina) Voluntary: *Variations on 'Nun komm der Heiden Heiland'* (Bedard)

6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

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

The Welcome and Notices

Hymn (7) *Please stand as the procession enter during an organ improvisation.*
We then sing

Hills of the North, rejoice,
river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

2. Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of the world's new birth:
in Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

3. Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
Your seers have longed to know their Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

4. Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5. Shout as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

Editors of English Praise 1975 *
based on Charles E Oakley 1832-1865

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*

Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
Calling all to hear.
Through their message – challenged, shaken-
hearts awaken: God is near!

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 Elijah, Isaiah and Micah, you gave them courage to speak your words of hope; help us to make room in our lives for your love and peace to grow.
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.

Turn to us again, O God our saviour, and let your anger cease from us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Show us your compassion, O Lord, and grant us your salvation:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your salvation is near for those that fear you, that glory may dwell in our land:
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 Collect *The priest says 'let us pray' and silence is kept*

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God

Amen.

Please sit

The First Reading Malachi 3.1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Benedictus

BENEDICTUS



He has raised up for us a mighty Sa-viour.

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us, To show mercy to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Second Reading Philippians 1.3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Reading Luke 3.1-6

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**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" 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 (18) *During this hymn a collection will be taken*

Ye servants of the Lord,
each in his office wait,
observant of his heavenly word,
and watchful at his gate.

2. Let all your lamps be bright,
and trim the golden flame;
gird up your loins as in his sight,
for awful is his name.

3. Watch! 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.

4. O happy servant he
in such a posture found!
he shall his Lord with rapture see,
and be with honour crowned.

5. Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise that faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band.

Luke 12. 35-38

Philip Doddridge (1701-1751)

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 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 Hierusalem surge (Isaac)*

Hierusalem surge et sta in excelso, et vide iucunditatem,

quae veniet tibi a Deo tuo

Translation: Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high; and behold the joy that shall come to you from your God

Communion Hymn (276) *We remain seated*

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,
for thy flesh is meat indeed;
ever may our souls be fed
with this true and living bread;
day by day with strength supplied
through the life of him who died.

2. Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies
this blest cup of sacrifice;
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,
to thy cross we look and live:
Jesus, may we ever be
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Josiah Conder 1789-1855

Prayer After Communion

The president prays

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; 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 (15) *Please stand.*

The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

2. Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

3. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

4. The nations all whom thou has made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.

5. For great thou art, and wonders
great
by thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

John Milton 1608-74

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

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

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