



# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

## **THE EUCHARIST**

Epiphany 2

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**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.

Between Epiphany (06 January) and Candlemas (02 February), the Bible readings explore different aspects of the coming of Christ as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel” (Luke 2.32). This Sunday’s Gospel recounts the second “luminous mystery” of Jesus’s adult ministry: namely, the miracle of the water transformed into wine during the Wedding at Cana. Next week we reflect on the next mystery, that of his proclamation of the Kingdom and the call to conversion.

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 service (Epiphany 2):

President: The Revd Keith Brockbank, Hon. Associate Priest

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

The Readers: Pam Robinson, Gill Jenkinson. Intercessor: Tim Jenkinson

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

Setting: *Leighton in D*

## Acknowledgements

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## The Welcome and Notices

*Please stand as the choir, servers and clergy enter during an organ improvisation, we then sing the hymn and the altar is censed.*

### Hymn (55)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free,  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succour speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
were precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path, to birth:  
before him on the mountains  
shall peace, the herald, go;  
and righteousness in fountains  
from hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall bow down before him,  
and gold and incense bring;  
all nations shall adore him,  
his praise all people sing:  
to him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.

5. O'er every foe victorious,  
he on his throne shall rest;  
from age to age more glorious,  
all-blessing and all-blest:  
the tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand for ever,  
his changeless name of love.

*James Montgomery 1771-1854*

### The Greeting *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.**

## Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

*The deacon says*

As we prepare to hear God's word and worship him with all our hearts, we remember our human frailty and our need for God's help in all that we do.

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*

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

## The Absolution

*The priest says*

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Gloria (T.271,v.1,1.2: for evermore) *All sing*

Glory be to God in heaven,  
Peace on earth forevermore:  
Honour, worship, thanks and glory  
To the God whom we adore.  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Lamb of God and Priest most high:  
Take away our sin and weakness,  
Hear your people as they cry.

2. Glory be to Christ our Saviour,  
Sat at God's right hand above.  
Glory be to God the Spirit,  
Breath of God, the bond of love.  
Glory be to God who calls us,  
Heals us, feeds us, makes us one:  
You alone we praise and worship  
While unending ages run. Amen.  
Words: Mother Carrie Thompson

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

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **The First Reading** Isaiah 62.1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

## **Psalm** 36.5-10

**How precious is your loving mercy, O God.**

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep;  
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.

How precious is your loving mercy, O God!

All mortal flesh shall take refuge  
under the shadow of your wings.

They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house;  
they shall drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life  
and in your light shall we see light.

O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you  
and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

**How precious is your loving mercy, O God.**

## **The Second Reading** 1Corinthians 12.1-11

Concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

## **The Gospel Reading** John 2.1-11

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

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

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world. **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**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone

serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon** *Please sit.*

## **The Affirmation of Faith** *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. Let the peace of Christ rule in your 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** (294) *During this hymn a collection will be taken.*

Just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

2. Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

3. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

4. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

5. Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O lamb of God, I come.

6. Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to  
prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott 1789-1871

## **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**

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*The choir sing*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



*The priest continues*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

*The deacon says* Jesus Christ is Lord: **Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.**

*The priest continues*

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As your children, born again in Christ, we say:

**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 as the choir sing*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

## **The Giving of Communion**

*The priest invites the congregation to receive 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 God be in my head (Rutter)*

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at my end, and in my departing.

## **Communion Hymn** (302) *We remain seated*

O, thou who at thy eucharist didst pray  
that all thy church might be for ever one,  
grant us at every Eucharist to say  
with longing heart and soul 'Thy will be done':  
O may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

2. For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

3. We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
back to the church which still that faith doth keep:  
soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
through this blest sacrament of unity.

4. So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
may we be one with all thy church above,  
one with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
one with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
more blessed still, in peace and love to be  
one with the Trinity in Unity.

William Turton 1856-1938

### **Prayer After Communion** *The president prays*

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Hymn** (349) *Please stand*

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.

2. 'Worthy the Lamb that died', they cry,  
'to be exalted thus';  
'Worthy the Lamb', our lips reply,  
'for he was slain for us'.

3. Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.

4. Let all that dwell above the sky,  
and air, and earth, and seas,  
conspire to lift thy glories high,  
and speak thine endless praise.

5. The whole creation joins in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.

Issac Watts (1674-1748)

## **The Blessing and Dismissal** *The priest prays*

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; 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**

## **Organ Voluntary** *Fanfare (Leighton)*

*Please remain standing while the servers, choir and clergy depart.*