



LANCASTER PRIORY

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

ALL AGE EUCHARIST

3 Before Lent

13th February 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.

We are currently in the part of the church year known as Ordinary Time. This is the part of the year where we are not celebrating one of the great festivals of our faith or preparing ourselves for celebration. It is a time to give thanks and praise for the ordinary, everyday blessings we know in our lives and to bring our concerns and failings to God, asking him to transform us and our world into his likeness.

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 (3 Before Lent):

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

The Reader: Peter Hopwood. Intercessor: David Redmore

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Choir: Snr Choral Scholars & Adults. Setting: *Missa Mariae* (Gillthorpe)

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Dawn, Mark & Richard Cheetham

In loving memory of Eleanor Grace, 10th February 1999.

Love always.

Before the service starts, look around at the things in the building. What can you see from your seat? Can you see...

a cross a brass eagle a crown organ pipes a candle

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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 (436)

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him!
Praise him, praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him, praise him!
Praise him, praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him, praise him!
Praise him, praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him, praise him!
Praise him, praise him!
Praise with us the God of Grace.
Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847
Reginald Heber 1783-1826

The Greeting *The president says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness *The deacon says*

Children of God, as we prepare to celebrate, let us return to the Lord our God and call to mind our sins.

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who once were dead but now have life through 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.

*Watch how some people move their hands in front of them during this prayer.
What shape are they making?*

The Absolution *The priest says*

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 life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria *The choir sing*

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

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please sit.

The Reading 1 Corinthians 15.12-20

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 1 *The choir sing*

For the Lord knows the way, the way of the righteous

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Lord and they meditate on his law day and night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall perish.

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The Gospel Reading Luke 6.17-26

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the cantor sings

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

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

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**

During these words, some people make the sign of the cross with their thumbs on their heads, mouth and chest. This reminds us that the words in the gospel should be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets'. 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 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.

Sometimes people light candles when they say prayers. How many lit candles can you count around the church today?

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.*

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

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 (LP21) *During this hymn a collection will be taken.*

How deep the Father's love for us

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure

2.How great the pain of searing loss

The Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory

3.Behold the man upon a cross

My sin upon His shoulders

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice

Call out among the scoffers

4.It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

5.I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

6.Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
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Stuart Townend 1963 -

What is happening on the altar during this hymn? Can you see all of the things that we are offering to God with thanks?

*Look out for the person with smoke (this represents our prayers rising to God).
Listen out for the bell ringing too!*

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**

Child Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Adult Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your 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 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.

Child Why do we share this bread and wine?

Adult 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.

Child How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Adult 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 the Blessed Virgin 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 *We pray this prayer together (in any language or version)*

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 sing*

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 *The congregation are invited 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.

Whilst we wait quietly for everyone to receive communion or a blessing, have another look around. Look at the stained glass windows. What else can you see?

Communion Anthem *The choir sings Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd)*

Sacerdotes Domini incensum et panes offerunt Deo:
et ideo sancti erunt Deo suo et non pollutent nomen eius. Alleluia..

Then did priests make offering of incense and loaves of finest wheat to God:
and therefore shall they be holy to their Lord and shall not defile his most holy name. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn (341) *We remain seated*

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

2. The Lord who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

3. Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

4. Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

John Keble 1792-1866 and others

Prayer After Communion *We pray together*

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Hymn (388) *Please stand*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.

4. To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

The Blessing and Dismissal *The priest prays*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary *Tuba Tune (Lang)*

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

