

LANCASTER PRIORY

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

ALL AGE EUCHARIST

Lent 2

13th March 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.

Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and the reconciliation of those who had fallen away from the church through sin. The whole Christian community was invited to join those preparing for Baptism and reconciliation in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

Whilst masks are no longer mandatory, we ask you to wear them so that the most vulnerable in our community feel safer. Thank you.

Today's service (Lent 2):

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

The Reader: Tim Jenkinson. Intercessor: Sue Clark

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Choir: Girls & ATB. Setting: *Lancaster Priory Mass* (Gillthorpe)

Today's Booklet is sponsored by...

Alice Granger

with deep gratitude for her mother
who died on Good Friday 2016.

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 (333)

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.

God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

2. Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.

But God's power
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

3. God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4. Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.

Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

5. Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

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*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please sit.

The Reading *Philippians 3.17-4.1*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a

Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

The Gospel Reading Luke 13.31-end

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the cantor sings

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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Blessed are those who have endured temptation; they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

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.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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

Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.

2. Lord Jesus, think on me
with many a care opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

5. Lord Jesus, think on me
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy
O Saviour, be thou nigh.

6. Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

Tr AW Chatfield 1808-96

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 this great and beautiful earth to discover and to cherish.

You made us all, you give us your love, even when things go wrong and then 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:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,



God of pow'r and might, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are



full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes, who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 together in our preferred version or language.*

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

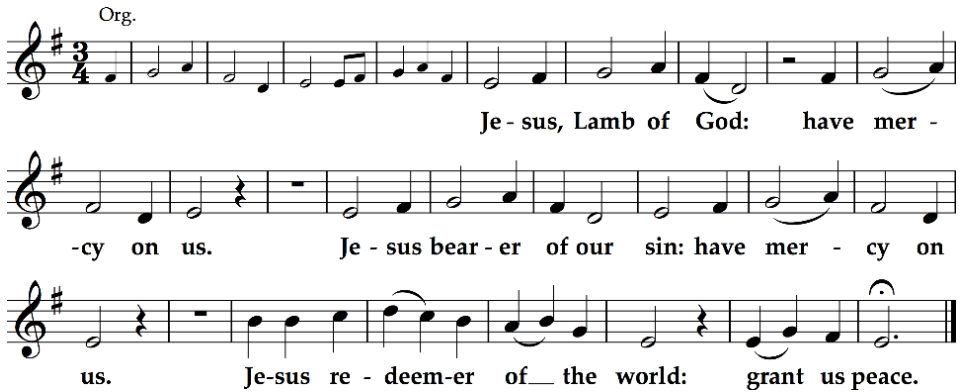
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the 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. All sing*

Org.



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer -
-cy on us. Je - sus bear - er of our sin: have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus re - deem - er of the world: grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion *The congregation are invited to receive 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.

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 Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake* (Farrant/Hilton)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives: to decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before Thee now and ever more. Amen

Communion Hymn (LP4) *We remain seated*

Restore, O Lord,
the honour of your name,
in works of sov'reign pow'r
come shake the earth again,
that all may see
and come with rev'rent fear
to the living God
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

2. Restore, O Lord,
in all the earth your fame,
and in our time revive
the Church that bears your name.
And in your anger,
Lord, remember mercy,
O living God
whose mercy shall outlast the years.

3. Bend us, O Lord,
where we are hard and cold,
in your refiner's fire
come purify the gold.
Though suff'ring comes
and evil crouches near,
still our living God
is reigning, he is reigning here.

4. Restore, O lord,
the honour of your name,
in works of sov'reign pow'r
come shake the earth again,
that all may see
and come with rev'rent fear
to the living God
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Graham Kendrick (b.1950) and
Chris Rolinson

Prayer After Communion *The president prays*

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

God of our pilgrimage, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn (LP36) *Please stand*

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness,
Father of all wisdom
come to him and bless his name;
Mercy he has show us,
his love is for ever,
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then all you nations,
sing of the Lord's goodness
melodies of praise and thanks to God;
ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

2. Power he has wielded,
honour is his garment
risen from the snares of death;
his word he has spoken
one bread he has broken
new life he now gives to all.

3. Courage in our darkness
comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of God most high;
solace for the weary,
pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.

4. Praise him with your singing,
praise him with the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals,
praise him with your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.
Ernest Sands (1949-2016)

The Blessing and Dismissal *The priest prays*

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; 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

This is love, not that we loved God, **but that he loved us and sent his Son.**

He is the sacrifice for our sins, **that we might live through him.**

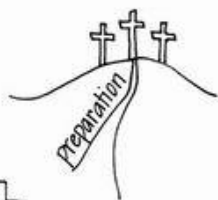
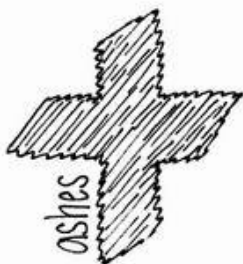
If God loves us so much **we ought to love one another.**

If we love one another **God lives in us.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Organ Voluntary *Prelude on 'Kyrie, Gott Heiliger Geist' (Bach)*

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



Lent



40

forty days

