



# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

## **THE EUCHARIST**

Mothering Sunday

**27th 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.

Mothering Sunday is a time to celebrate our mother churches, those people and places which have nurtured our faith. But for many this time comes with painful associations with motherhood, feelings of inadequacy or loss. Yet in Christ, we are given both comfort and family.

We have come together today to give thanks to God for all those people who have nurtured us, and to offer ourselves to nurture others, with God's help. We have also come to acknowledge the pain of a hurting world, where we have failed to nurture each other.

## Today's services (Mothering Sunday):

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

The Readers: Miriam Jenkinson, Tim Jenkinson Intercessor: Gill Jenkinson

Organists: Ian Pattinson FRCO (Priory Organist) & Victoria Manifold (Duchy of Lancaster Junior Organ Scholar).

Choir: Girls & ATB & Children's Choir Setting: *St Anne's Mass* (MacMillan)

Voluntary: *The Prince of Denmark's March* (Clarke)

4.00pm Families @ 4 Officiant: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders,

## 6.30pm Choral Evensong (BCP)

Officiant: Prof Richard Carter, Licensed Lay Minister

Preacher: Mrs Lois Kirtley, Licensed Lay Minister

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## The Welcome and Notices

### **Processional Hymn** (408) *Please stand as the procession enters.*

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

3. Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.  
Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

### **The Greeting** *The president says*

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

In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

**Illumine our homes with the light of your love.**

We thank you for gifts of love we have received.

**For all who nurture, nourish and guide us as we grow to be who we are.**

As we have been loved by them, so we are loved by you, O God.

Join with us in this day of celebration as we rejoice in being loved.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you. **And also with you.**

## Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness *The deacon introduces the confession.*

Let us call to mind our failure to value the love of others and our failure to love as Christ has loved us.

*Silence is kept.*

Your love gives us life from the moment of conception. We fail to live as your children. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You call us to do good. We seek our own good.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You hear us when we cry for help. We ignore the cries of others.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## The Kyrie *All sing*

(organ) *mp*  
Lord, have mer-cy,

*mf*  
Lord, have mer cy. Christ, have mer-cy, Christ have mer cy.

*mp*  
Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

## The Absolution *The priest prays*

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **The First Reading** Exodus 2.1-10

A reading from the book of Exodus

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.' For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Song of St Anselm**

**Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us: in your love and tenderness remake us.**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you;  
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride,  
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,  
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;  
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;  
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous:  
Lord Jesus, with love and tenderness remake us.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,  
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

## **The Second Reading** *Colossians 3:12-17*

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

## **The Gospel Reading** *Luke 2:33-35*

*We stand for the Gospel Procession. This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading. Please repeat the refrain after the choir. The cantor sings a verse and then all repeat the refrain again.*

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

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you. You are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**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**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

## **The Affirmation of Faith** *Please stand*

Let us declare our faith in God. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession** *Please sit.*

God of mercy and of all consolation, turn your gaze towards us as we humbly lift our prayers to you saying: Abide in our hearts **Show us your love.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*A member of the Mothers' Union leads us in this prayer,*

Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **The Distribution of Flowers and The Peace** *Please stand*

*Before the Peace, flowers will be presented as a gift from the Mothers' Union. After the distribution, please stand.*

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says 'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.' 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.  
*And all may exchange a sign of peace.*

## **The Offertory Hymn** (285) *During this hymn a collection will be taken*

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:

3. For the joy of ear and eye  
For the heart and brain's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight:

4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled:

5. For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

6. For thy Church that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love.

F.S. Pierpoint 1835-1917



# 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**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All sing:

(organ) *mp*  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly,  
Ho - ly\_ Lord God of\_ hosts, God of\_ hosts.\_\_\_\_  
*mf* *f*  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in\_ the  
*mf*  
high - est. Blessed is he, bless - ed is\_ he who  
*ff*  
comes in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na\_ in\_ the high - est.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

*The deacon says* Praise to you, Lord Jesus: **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory. Bring us at the last with Mary the Mother of our Lord and all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power, be yours for ever and ever. 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. All sing*

Choir

Lamb of God, you take a -

All

way the sin\_\_ of the\_\_ world, have mer- cy\_\_ on us.

Choir

All

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin\_\_ of the\_\_ world, have

Choir

mer- cy\_\_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

All

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* My eyes for beauty pine (Elizabeth Coxhead.  
Words Robert Bridges 1844-1930)

My eyes for beauty pine, My soul for Goddes grace : No other care nor hope is  
mine, To heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed From all the stars above : 'Tis named when God's  
name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart, That burns with true desire, Is lit from eyes that mirror part  
Of that celestial fire.

**Communion Hymn** (LP42, T: O Waly Waly) *We remain seated*

For those who gave us life and breath,  
For love that's stronger far than death,  
Today we bring our thankful hearts,  
For all a mothering love imparts.

2. For kindness, patience, warmth and care,  
For each embrace, each smile, each tear,  
Each word of peace, each healing touch,  
These simple gifts which mean so much.

3. We look to you, our mothering Lord,  
Who shows love's cost, and love's reward,  
Your passion fiercer than the grave,  
Nailed to the world you came to save.

4. So teach your people how to live,  
How to endure, how to forgive,  
Teach us to trust, to sacrifice,  
To share the love that has no price.

Ally Barrett (1977-)

## **Prayer After Communion**

*The president may say this post-communion prayer.*

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of 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 (188) *Please stand.*

Ye who own the faith of Jesus  
sing the wonders that were done,  
when the love of God the Father  
o'er our sin the victory won,  
when he made the Virgin Mary  
Mother of his only Son.  
*Hail Mary, full of grace.*

2. Blessèd were the chosen people  
out of whom the Lord did come,  
blessèd was the land of promise  
fashioned for his earthly home;  
but more blessèd far the Mother  
she who bare him in her womb.  
*Hail Mary, full of grace.*

3. Wherefore let all faithful people  
tell the honour of her name,  
let the church in her foreshadowed  
part in her thanksgiving claim;  
what Christ's Mother sang in gladness  
let Christ's people sing the same.  
*Hail Mary, full of grace.*

4. Let us weave our supplications,  
she with us and we with her,  
for the advancement of the faithful,  
for each faithful worshipper,  
for the doubting, for the sinful,  
for each heedless wanderer.  
*Hail Mary, full of grace.*

5. Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,  
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,  
praise the everlasting Spirit,  
who hath made thee ark and throne;  
o'er all creatures high exalted,  
lowly praise the Three in One.  
*Hail Mary, full of grace.*  
V Stuckey, S Coles 1845-1929

## The Blessing and Dismissal *The priest prays*

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

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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 The Prince of Denmark's March (Clarke)