



# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

## **THE EUCHARIST**

Easter Day

**17<sup>th</sup> April 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.

This Easter service is one of the earliest Christian festivals. It is a symbolic passing from death into new life, from darkness to light, as the church rejoices at the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. As we remember that first Easter, we celebrate the risen Christ present in his church, symbolized by the new Easter Candle.

For this reason, it was historically also the preferred time for baptisms, remembering that in baptism we die with Christ that we may rise with him. This service is therefore also an occasion for all Christians to renew the vows they made at baptism, dedicating themselves to Christ and his service once more.

The whole service is a celebration of the resurrection, fulfilling all the promises of God to his people. In this Easter Eucharist all the resources of the church – music, flowers, bells, colours – are used to celebrate Christ's resurrection. The 'Alleluia', which has been silent throughout Lent, returns.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendour,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render.

*John of Damascus*

## Today's service (Easter Day):

President & Preacher: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders

The Readers: Richard Carter, Tom Barnish Intercessor: Awena Carter

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Choir: Full Choir. Setting: *Spatzenmesse* (Mozart)

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## The Welcome and Notices

*Please stand as the choir, servers and clergy enter and the altar is censed.*

### Hymn (110)

Jesus Christ is risen to-day, *Alleluia*,  
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia*,  
who did once upon the cross, *Alleluia*,  
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia*.

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing *Alleluia*,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia*,  
who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia*,  
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.

3. But the pains that he endured *Alleluia*,  
our salvation have procured; *Alleluia*,  
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia*,  
where the angels ever sing, *Alleluia*.

*Lyra Davidica 1708*

*The priest greets the congregation:*

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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Young Church and their leaders gather at the front and the president prays with them before they go to their activities.*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are people chosen from our generation to be witnesses to the great Covenant of Love between God and humanity. This covenant is sealed in the blood of God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ. He is the one who laid down His life to reconcile human beings with all creation. Our journey this past Holy Week has led us to understand more fully the true nature of love, God's love for us. And so today we respond with thanksgiving, wonder and awe.

*The deacon invites us to confess our sins*

In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

## **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*

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 Gloria** *The Choir sing*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

Laudamus te, Benedicimus te,  
Adoramus te, Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus.  
Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace,  
goodwill towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee  
for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God  
the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory  
of God the Father. Amen.*

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

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way of life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **The First Reading** Acts 10.34-43

*A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

## **Psalm 118 1-2,14-24** *The choir sing*

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation

sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;

the right hand of the Lord raises up;  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

I shall not die, but live  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me sorely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.  
This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good**

## **The Second Reading** 1 Corinthians 15.19-26

*A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Paul to the Corinthians*

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 since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel Reading *John 20.1-18*

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation:*

*Cantor:* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord,  
and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia, 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**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your

God.” ‘Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.  
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.*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, Lord, with hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever safe with thee.

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
To the Father, and the Saviour  
who has gained the victory;  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

## 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**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*The choir sing*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high*

*The priest continues*

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

*The deacon says* Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

*The priest continues*

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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** *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**

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*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of  
the world, have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of  
the world, have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of  
the world, grant us thy peace.*

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

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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 Worthy is the Lamb & Amen from Messiah (Handel)*

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by his blood, to  
receive power, and riches,  
and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing, and honour, glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne,  
and unto the Lamb,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Communion Hymn** (115) *We remain seated*

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth, many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

2. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
thinking that never he would wake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen;  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
thy touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
*Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

JMC Crum (1872-1958)

## **Prayer After Communion**

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

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of  
the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our  
enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy  
of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Hymn** (120) *Please stand*

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son;  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.  
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son:  
Endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.  
*Refrain*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious prince of life!  
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.  
*Refrain*

*Edmund L Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard B Hoyle (1875-1939)*

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## **Organ Voluntary** Toccata—(Widor)

*Please remain standing while the servers, choir and clergy depart. For the young and young at heart, following the voluntary, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the Vicarage Garden, where refreshments will also be served.*

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