



# **LANCASTER PRIORY**

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

## **ALL AGE EUCHARIST**

Easter 4

**8<sup>th</sup> May 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.

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

Triumphant in his glory now,  
his sceptre ruleth all,  
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,  
and at his footstool fall. (*Fulbert of Chartres*)

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period' (*laetissimum spatium*). It is sometimes also called 'Great Sunday'. In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

## Today's service (Easter 4):

President: The Revd Dr Susan Salt

Preacher: The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders

The Reader: TBC.

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

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

*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*

## Acknowledgements

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## The Welcome and Notices

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

### Hymn (113)

Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

3. Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

4. Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

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

### Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness *The deacon says*

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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

## The Kyrie *We 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 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 *We all sing* (T: Hyfrydol 271)

Glory be to God in heaven, Peace on earth for evermore: 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.

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.*

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

*Please sit.*

## **The Reading** Acts 9.36-end

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

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

## **The Gospel Reading** John 10.22-30

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

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

Thus says the Lord: 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them.

They follow me. I give them eternal life.' **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

*The deacon says* Alleluia. Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John **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 time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice.

I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.' 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.*

*Please follow the instructions of the intercessor and at the end of the prayers we say together* **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **The Peace** *Please stand.*

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

1. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour  
first-begotten from the dead,  
thou alone, our strong defender,  
lifest up thy people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
Jesu, true and living bread.

2. Here our humblest homage pay we,  
here in loving reverence bow;  
here for faith's discernment pray we,  
lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
thou art here, we ask not how.

3. Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
as of old in Bethlehem,  
here as there thine angels hail thee,  
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
we in worship join with them.

4. Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished  
once for all when thou wast slain,  
in its fullness undiminished  
shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
cleansing souls from every stain.

5. Life-imparting heavenly manna,  
stricken rock with streaming side,  
heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
risen, ascended, glorified!  
GH Bourne 1840-1925

*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**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator,  
loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins;

he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,  
and clothe us with power from on high.

And so we join the angels

to celebrate and sing:

(organ) *mp*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly,  
 Ho - ly Lord God of hosts, God of hosts.  
*mf* Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. *f* 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.

*The priest continues*

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, 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

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

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

All

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

Choir

sin\_\_ of the world, grant\_\_ us 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.*

*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 Cantate Domino (Pitoni)*

Cantate Domino canticum novum Laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum Et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

Translation: Sing to the Lord a new canticle: let his praise be in the church of the saints. 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.

## **Communion Hymn** (LP8) *We remain seated*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

### *Chorus*

*And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

2. He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

### *Chorus*

3. And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

### *Chorus*

Stuart Townend

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

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in His steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Hymn** (486) *Please stand*

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

3. Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save,  
in lonely suffering on the cross;  
for all he loved his life he gave.

4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free.  
He broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

6. Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward J Burns b: 1938

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

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

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** *Festive Postlude on 'Lancashire'* (Callahan)

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



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