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The Eucharist

Nature Week

Festival of the Earth: GAIA

3rd July 2022

10.00am

Welcome to Lancaster Priory

In the book of Genesis we are told that God created the world and “saw that it was good”. Rich, diverse and fragile, the creation reflected something of God’s glory. We are then told that humanity was created in God’s image as stewards of God’s creation. Reflecting in a particular way God’s creativity, wisdom and compassion, we are called to care for God’s creation.

Lancaster Priory is currently hosting Luke Jerram’s GAIA exhibition as part of a month long Festival of the Earth. Each of the weeks during this month has a theme and this week’s theme is ‘Nature’. Throughout the week we are reflecting on the different aspects of the planet and how we care for them.

Today is also the Feast of St Thomas and Teachers, Pupils and families connected to Ripley St Thomas Church of England Academy are warmly welcomed to our services.

Today’s Booklet is sponsored by...

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In memory of a wonderful Dad

Joseph Donaldson Storrie

Today’s service (St Thomas/Trinity 3):

President: The Revd Susan Salt Preacher: The Revd Dr John Rodwell

The Readers: Pauline Fielding, Michael Fielding Intercessions: David Redmore

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Choir: The Priory Choir and the Choir of Ripley St Thomas Setting: *Jazz missa brevis*

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The Welcome and Notices

Please stand as the procession enters and we sing the hymn and the altar is censed.

Hymn (263)

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice:

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:

5. All ye that are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and on him cast your care

6. And thou, most kind and gentle death,
waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
and Christ our Lord the way has trod:

7. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
William Henry Draper (1855-1933)
Based on St Francis of Assis (1182-1226)

The Greeting *The president says*

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.**

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

Prayers of Penitence *A minister introduces the confession*

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

Silence.

The Kyrie *The choir sings*

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

The president proclaims God's forgiveness

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed: forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis *The choir sings*

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 president says 'Let us pray' and silence is kept*

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Habakkuk 2:1-4 *Please sit.*

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk.

I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain

on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.
For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (LP38)

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5. When we've been there a thousand
years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

vs.1-4: John Newton (1725-1807)
alt vs. 5: John Rees (1828-1900)

New Testament Reading Ephesians 2.19-end

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

The Gospel Acclamation and Reading John 20.24-29

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the cantor sings

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

God has spoken to us through his Son, through whom he created the worlds.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

A minister 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.**

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon *Please sit.*

The Creed *We 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 kneel or sit for the intercessions.*

This response is used Creator God **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 president introduces the Peace*

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

A minister says Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn (LP 36)

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer *The president sings*

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:

The choir sings

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The president continues 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.

A minister says Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The president continues

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 Thomas, the Blessed Virgin Mary 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 forever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *We pray together in our preferred version or language.*

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.

Breaking of the Bread *The president breaks the consecrated 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.

Agnus Dei *The choir sings*

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 president says*

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.

Anthem *Ave verum corpus* (Mark Jordan)

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum immolatum in Cruce pro homine, Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine, Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Translation: Hail, true body born of the Virgin Mary, Who truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for mankind, Whose pierced side overflowed with water and blood, Be for us a foretaste In the test of death.

Communion Hymn (115)

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 *All pray together*

Lord of all creation, as we have received the bread and wine, fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation, so with joy we celebrate your goodness and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn (394)

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"
The heav'ns are not too high,
God's praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"

Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"
The church with psalms must shout:
no door can keep them out.
But, more than all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
"My God and King!"

George Herbert 1593-1633

Farewell to Choral Scholars

Ellen Griffiths, George Allin and Joseph Atkins who are leaving the choir and the director of music join the minister facing the people.

The director of music says

I present Ellen, George and Joseph who have come to the end of their time as Choral Scholars in this Priory Choir, and who have given excellent service throughout their time here.

The minister says

Ellen, George and Joseph, we thank you for all that you have done for the life of this Priory Church over the past years. We hope you will continue to see this place as your spiritual home, and will continue to grow in faith, hope and love all the days of your life.

The choristers face the minister who prays

God of our journeys, we gather here to celebrate the contributions Ellen, George and Joseph have made to the life and worship of our church and to ask your blessing as they continue on the road of life.

Ellen, George and Joseph, as you journey onward, may you remember always our love and our appreciation for your service among us. **We know that God goes with you.**

As you meet the poor, the struggling and the stranger on your way, may you see in each one the face of Christ. **We know that God goes with you.**

As you walk through the good times and the hard times, may you ever stay close in the shelter of God's loving arms. **We know that God goes with you.**

God of our journeys, we entrust Ellen, George and Joseph to your loving care, knowing that you are always the faithful traveller and companion on our way. May the future bring them joy, hope and fulfilment. **Amen.**

The congregation is invited to show their appreciation of the choral scholars in a round of applause.

The Blessing and Dismissal *The president says*

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

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

A minister says

Jesus said to the disciples,

'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation' *Mark 16.15*

Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary *Toccata in Seven (Rutter)*

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