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The Eucharist

Home Week

Festival of the Earth: GAIA

17th 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 ‘Home’. Throughout the week we are reflecting on the fact that this planet is our home and that home is something we can choose and make in different places and with different people.

Today’s service (Trinity 5):

President & Preacher: The Revd Tim Evans

The Readers: Christine Dickinson, John Dickinson Intercessions: Gill Jenkinson

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist

Choir: Full Choir Setting: *Lancaster Mass* (Truslove)

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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 (T. 408)

Living God, your word has called us,
summoned us to live by grace,
make us one in hope and vision,
as we gather in this place.

Take our searching, take our praising,
take the silence of our prayer,
offered up in joyful worship,
springing from the love we share.

Living God, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your Spirit making one.
Working, laughing, learning, growing,
old and young and black and white,
gifts and skills together sharing,
in your service all unite.

Living God, your hope has called us
to the world that you have made,
teaching us to live for others,
humble, joyful, unafraid.
Give us eyes to see your presence,
joy in laughter, hope in pain.
In our loving, in our living,
give us strength that Christ may reign.

Words *J Berry b. 1953*

Tune *BLAENWERN*

W P Rowlands 1860-1937

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 God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 18.1-10a *Please sit.*

A reading from the book Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn (T.86)

Lord, bring the day to pass
when forest, rock and hill,
the beasts, the birds, the grass,
will know your finished will:
when we attain our destiny
and nature lives in harmony.

2. Forgive our careless use
of water, ore and soil--
the plenty we abuse
supplied by others' toil:
save us from making self our creed,
turn us towards each other's need.

3. Give us, when we release
creation's secret powers,
to harness them for peace--
our children's peace and ours:
teach us the art of mastering
in servant form, which draws death's sting.

4. Creation groans, travails,
futile its present plight,
bound till the hour it hails
God's children born of light,
who enter on their true estate.
Come, Lord: new heavens and earth create.

Words I M Fraser (b.1917)

Music LOVE UNKNOWN

New Testament Reading Colossians 1.15-28

A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

The Gospel Acclamation and Reading Luke 10.38-end

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 Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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 (285)

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 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*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, Give us your peace, 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 *If ye love me* (Tallis)

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall
give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you forever, e'en the spirit of
truth.

Communion Hymn (LP 25)

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower
was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!
Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!
Praise him with hallelujahs, for Jesus is Lord!

2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom, thus setting us free.
Jesus is Lord! ...

3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of wonder that Jesus is Lord.
Jesus is Lord! ...

David Mansell b.1936

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 (461)

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.

2. There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

3. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

4. But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

5. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

6. There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

7. If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

F.W. Faber 1814-1863

John Mason 1645-1694

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 *Impromptu* (Coleridge Taylor)

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