



**LANCASTER
PRIORY**

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

THE EUCHARIST

Black History Month

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10.00am

Please leave this re-usable booklet in church. Thank you.

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.

October is designated Black History Month.

In the wake of 2020's Black Lives Matter protests, many organisations and individuals committed to tackling racism. This was done around the world by taking the time to learn about the black experience and additionally, in the UK, this included learning about the historical legacy of colonialism and slavery. Lancaster Priory was one such organisation. That was an important step forward, but it was only the beginning. We have since been committed to a pioneering multi-organisation project called Facing the Past. Facing the Past is also about changing the future as the legacy of colonialism and slavery directly contributes to ongoing racism and discrimination in contemporary society and institutions. Phase two of Facing the Past is on the way to delivering a £250,000 Heritage Lottery funded all age education project and arts festival.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate black history, heritage and culture, and the iconic figures that have contributed so much. We also remember this month that Black people are often given the double burden of experiencing racism and discrimination, and then being expected to fix it. This year's Black History Month theme is Time for Change: Action Not Words'; whilst we are committed to inclusion and equality, and in Facing the Past we are making progress, there is a long way to go. As we keep this month to celebrate and learn more about the contribution of black and minority ethnic groups in our faith and community, we also keep this month to change, to learn how to be better allies and champions, that we might learn how to raise up all God's children and make a change for the better.

We can learn and tell the stories of our difficult and contested history but in our church, parish and community today we also know that it's Time for Change: Action Not Words. So through this month, our worship will be different, we will welcome some different preachers and we join together in prayer for God's peace and justice to prevail.

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Throughout this booklet you will find instructions regarding posture (sit and stand), these capture what is normal for our congregation but are not intended to be restrictive for those who may need to sit or indeed not sit for too long.

The Collect, Hymns and Bible references for today are on the notice sheet. We are encouraging those who are able to go paperless for our services to do so and a complete order of service (readings, hymns, and notices) is available using this QR code:



The Welcome and Notices

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

Processional 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.

2. 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.

Organ improvisation.

3. 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.

We meet in the presence of God
who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels our pain, and heals our wounds.
Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise,
inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

The deacon says

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for
God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

The Kyrie

The choir sings

OR

The congregation responds to sentences

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Absolution

The priest says

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria

The choir sings

*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.*

OR

The congregation sings

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the
Highest

The Collect

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

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Please sit.

The First Reading Genesis 32.22-31

A reading from the book Genesis.

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand

Gradual Hymn LP31

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Words Richard Gillard b. 1953

Please sit

The Second Reading 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in

teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading Luke 18.1-8

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the cantor sings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

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 Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

The Sermon Sunita Abraham

Please stand.

The Creed

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.

Please sit.

Prayers of Intercession

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.**

Please stand.

The Peace

God calls us to peace:
in God's justice is our peace.

Christ calls us to be God's people:
in Christ is our 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 297

During this hymn a collection will be taken.

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.
The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The president takes the bread and wine.*

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's Son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesu, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.

2. Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.

3. Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one us,
Mary's Son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.

4. Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
live my life for you
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
your many gifts will make me new,
into my life your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Words Patrick Appleford 1925-2018

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For though the human race is divided by dissention and discord,
Christ calls us in his death and resurrection
to embody hearts of change and his work of reconciliation.

By your Spirit you give courage to overcome fears and to seek the unity of all.

By the working of your power, hatred is overcome by love,
revenge gives way to forgiveness,

and division is transformed by mutual respect and humility.

Therefore, we give you ceaseless thanks,

and join with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,

to proclaim your glory in their unending song of praise:

The choir sings

OR

The congregation sings

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua:

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

In nomine Domini

Hosanna in excelsis.

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 priest continues

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,

that broken bread and wine outpoured

may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

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 Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Please kneel or sit.

The Agnus Dei

The choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata
mundi, miserere nobis.

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

OR The congregation sings

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sin,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world
grant us peace.**

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 the anthem A prayer of St Richard of Chichester White.

Communion Hymn LP25

Please remain seated.

**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! ...

Words David Mansell b.1936

Prayer After Communion

This post communion prayer may be said.

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.
Amen.

We pray together

Blessed God, help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,
to hunger and thirst for what is right;
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,
to strive for the cause of right
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please Stand

The Blessing

The priest prays

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

As we sing please turn to face the ministers at the font

Moved by the Gospel, let us move
with every gift and art.

The image of creative love
indwells each human heart.

The Maker calls creation good,
so let us now express
with sound and colour, stone and wood,
the shape of holiness.

2. Let weavers form from broken strands
A tapestry of prayer.

Let artists paint with skillful hands
their joy, lament, and care.

Then mime the story: Christ has come.

With reverence dance the word.

With flute and organ, gong and drum

God's praise be ever heard.

3. O Spirit, breathe among us here;
inspire the work we do.
May hands and voices, eye and ear
attest to life made new.
In worship and in daily strife
create among us still.
Great Artist, form our common life
according to your will.

Words: Ruth C. Duck

The Dismissal

The deacon says

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ.
Amen

Organ Voluntary

Prelude & Fugue in E minor *JS Bach*

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

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