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A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

# **THE EUCHARIST**

Black History Month

**23 October 2022  
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** 437 T.185

PRAISE the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him;  
praise him, angels, in the height;  
sun and moon, rejoice before him,  
praise him, all ye stars and light.  
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;  
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:  
laws, which never shall be broken,  
for their guidance he hath made.

2. Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;  
never shall his promise fail:  
God hath made his saints victorious;  
sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation;  
host on high, his power proclaim;  
heaven and earth and all creation,  
laud and magnify his name!

*After an organ improvisation we sing*

3. Worship, honour, glory, blessing,  
Lord, we offer to thy name;  
Young and old, thy praise expressing,  
Join their Saviour to proclaim.  
As the saints in heaven adore thee,  
We would bow before thy throne;  
As thine angels serve before thee,  
So on earth thy will be done.

Foundling Hospital Collection c1796  
V3 Edward Osler 1798-1863

## 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.*

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

*Please sit.*

## **The First Reading** Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Do not say, 'It was he who led me astray';  
for he has no need of the sinful.

The Lord hates all abominations;

such things are not loved by those who fear him.

It was he who created humankind in the beginning,  
and he left them in the power of their own free choice.

If you choose, you can keep the commandments,  
and to act faithfully is a matter of your own choice.

He has placed before you fire and water;

stretch out your hand for whichever you choose.

Before each person are life and death,

and whichever one chooses will be given.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand*

## **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)

*Please sit*

## **The Second Reading** 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel Reading** Luke 18.9-14

*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**

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**The Sermon** The Revd Sarah Gill.



*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 302**

*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.*

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
That all thy Church might be for ever one,  
Grant us at every Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'  
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.

2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.

3 We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.

4 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all thy church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in Unity.

W Turton 1856-1938

## **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* God be in my head (Walford Davies).

## **Communion Hymn** CH4 263 T.295

*Please remain seated.*

God of freedom, God of justice,  
you whose love is strong as death,  
you who saw the dark of prison,  
you who knew the price of faith --  
touch our world of sad oppression  
with your Spirit's healing breath.

2. Rid the earth of torture's terror,  
you whose hands were nailed to wood;  
hear the cries of pain and protest,  
you who shed the tears and blood --  
move in us the power of pity  
restless for the common good.

3. Make in us a captive conscience  
quick to hear, to act, to plead;  
make us truly sisters, brothers  
of whatever race or creed --  
teach us to be fully human,  
open to each other's needs.

Shirley Erena Murray.

## **Prayer After Communion**

*This post communion prayer may be said.*

Holy and blessed God,  
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you,  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
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.*

Jesus Christ is waiting,  
Waiting in the streets;  
No one is his neighbour,  
All alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger,  
Fit to wait on you.



2. Jesus Christ is raging,  
Raging in the streets,  
Where injustice spirals  
And real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes  
Let me rage with you.

3. Jesus Christ is healing,  
Healing in the streets;  
Curing those who suffer,  
Touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I have pity too.  
Let my care be active,  
Healing just like you.

4. Jesus Christ is dancing,  
Dancing in the streets,  
Where each sign of hatred  
He, with love, defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I should triumph too.  
On suspicion's graveyard  
Let me dance with you.

5. Jesus Christ is calling,  
Calling in the streets,  
"Who will join my journey?  
I will guide their feet."  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
Let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me;  
I will follow you.

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## **The Dismissal**

*The deacon says*

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ.

Amen

## **Organ Voluntary**

Fantasia in G *Parry*

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

### **Acknowledgements**

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