

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

THE EUCHARIST

Black History Month

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 (LP 28)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *Christ, be our light!*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Christ, be our light!*

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Christ, be our light!*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. *Christ, be our light!*

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

OR

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.

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.

Lord of creation,

whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Please sit.

The First Reading Hab. 1.1-4; 2.1-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgement comes forth perverted. 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

Please stand

Gradual Hymn (T.295)

God of freedom, God of Justice, God whose love is strong as death, God who saw the dark of prison, God who knew the price of faith: touch our world of sad oppression with your Spirit's healing breath. Rid the earth of torture's terror, God whose hands were nailed to wood; hear the cries of pain and protest, God who shed both tears and blood; move us in the power of pity restless for the common good.

Make in us a captive conscience quick to hear, to act, to plead; make us truly siblings, neighbours of whatever race or creed: teach us to be fully human, open to each other's need.

Words SE Murray (b.1931) Music PICARDY 17th Century French Carol

Please sit

The Second Reading 2 Timothy 1.1-14

A reading from the Second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace.

This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

For the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading Luke 17.5-10

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the choir 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

The apostles said to Jesus, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

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

Please sit.

The Sermon

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 (T.185)

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.

Here we sing our great thanksgiving, Tell again God's tale of love: Sin undone, for Christ's self-giving Breathes forgiveness from above, Here we make our humble offering: All we have, yet more we owe; So the heavenly celebration Finds an echo here below.

Here we take the bread from heaven, Broken, torn, the crumbs we share; Here we drink the living fountain, Quench our thirst, our souls repair. Here recall Christ's loving passion, Arms spread wide, he bore our pain; Suffering servant, scorned Messiah, God's own loss has bought our gain.

Here Christ's love is shared among us, All are welcomed, none left out. Here God's reconciling Spirit Brings an end to fear and doubt. Let our hands be made for healing, May our tongues speak words of peace; Let God's justice rule for ever, And his righteousness increase. Here may we receive our mission, Here accept your gracious call. Speak again your great commission: Show the Way of Life to all. Send us, Lord, to live your gospel, Christ's new body let us be. Then at last around your table, All may feast eternally.

Words A Barrett

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

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua:

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit

Hosanna in excelsis.

In nomine Domini

OR

The congregation 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 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	OR	The congregation sings
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.		Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.		Jesus, bearer of our sin, have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.		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

Communion Hymn

Please remain seated.

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken; let ears that now have heard thy songs to clamour never waken. Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang keep free from all deceiving; the eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy blessèd hope perceiving.

The feet that tread thy holy courts from light do thou not banish; the bodies by thy Body fed with thy new life replenish

Syrian 4th Century Tr CW Humphreys 1840-1921 & Percy Dearmer 1867-1936.

Prayer After Communion

This post communion prayer may be said. Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through 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 (LP27)

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

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul....

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die – I scarce can take it in: That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

Then sings my soul....

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! *Then sings my soul*.... tr. Stuart K. Hine 1899-1989

The Dismissal

The deacon says

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

Organ Voluntary

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

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