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# **The Eucharist**

All Saints to Advent

Sunday 6 November

## **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.

As we come towards the end of the church's liturgical year we have given thanks for all the saints, living and departed, we have prayed with those who mourn and remembered those who have died (All Souls' Day), and we prepare to pay tribute to those who bear the cost of war and violence in current and past conflicts on Remembrance Sunday this coming week. We also begin to look toward the feast of Christ the King (21 November) and Advent, we set all of our remembering into the context of God's promise of an eternal and peaceable kingdom.

*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.*

Notices are given at before the service, please see the notice sheet for more information.

Refreshments are served at the back of church following this service every week. Please join us.

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# The Gathering

## Processional Hymn (NEH 377)

*Please stand to sing the hymn during which servers, choir and clergy enter and the altar is censed.*

1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

W. Chalmers Smith 1824-1908

*The president says*

Blessed be the Kingdom of the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever and to the ages of ages.

**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.*

*The president introduces the theme of the service and then prays*

Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Creator of Heaven and Earth  
You are surrounded with your saints in glory.  
Grant us the light of love which never fails,  
that it may burn in us and shed its light around us  
until we come to you and your saints in everlasting light.  
**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness**

*A minister says*

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love  
with all the saints in earth and heaven.  
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,  
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
**Amen.****

*The choir sings*

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

*The president gives the absolution*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Gloria**

*The choir sings*

Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace,  
good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand  
of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.  
For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

*The congregation sings*

**1 Glory be to God in heaven,  
Peace on earth for evermore:  
Honour, worship, thanks and glory  
To the God whom we adore.  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Lamb of God and Priest most high:  
Take away our sin and weakness,  
Hear your people as they cry.**

**2 Glory be to Christ our Saviour,  
Sat at God's right hand above.  
Glory be to God the Spirit,  
Breath of God, the bond of love.  
Glory be to God who calls us,  
Heals us, feeds us, makes us one:  
You alone we praise and worship  
While unending ages run. Amen.**

Words: C. Thompson  
Melody: Hyfrydol (T.271)

## **The Collect**

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

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading** Job 19.23-27a

A reading from the book of Job.

'O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock for ever!  
For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

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

**Gradual Hymn** (NEH 431) *We stand to sing.*

1 O thou who camest from above  
the fire celestial to impart,  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
on the mean altar of my heart!

2 There let it for thy glory burn  
with inextinguishable blaze,  
and trembling to its source return  
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
to work and speak, and think for thee;  
still let me guard the holy fire,  
and still stir up the gift in me.

4 Ready for all thy perfect will,  
my acts of faith and love repeat;  
till death thy endless mercies seal,  
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

*Please sit.*

**Second Reading** 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*We stand to sing and face the Gospel procession.*

*This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading, we sing the words in bold print*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **The Gospel Reading** Luke 20.27-38

*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.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for



his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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**

*We kneel or sit for the intercessions. These responses may be 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.

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The president introduces the Peace*

May the God of peace sanctify you: that you may be blameless before him  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

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.

*And all may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn (LP17)

*As we sing the hymn, a collection is taken  
and the Bread and Wine are placed on the Altar.  
The president may say a prayer over the gifts.*

1 I, THE Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain,  
I have wept for love of them,  
they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone,  
I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord ...*

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them,  
my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied,  
I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord ...*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer** *The president says or 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,  
the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ  
brings home the lost,

restores the sinner

and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,

gathering into one in your kingdom

a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name,  
for ever praising you and *singing*:

*The choir sings*

Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full  
of thy glory:

Glory be to thee,

O Lord most High.

Amen.

*The congregation sings*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

(Thorne)

*The president 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.

*A minister 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Silence is kept.*

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  
forever 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.

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president invites the congregation to receive Holy 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.

*We sit or kneel.*

## **Agnus Dei**

*The choir sings*

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

*The congregation 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.**

(Thorne)

*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** *God be in my head* (Rutter)

*The choir sings the anthem.*

*We remain seated to sing.*

## **Communion Hymn** (NEH 383)

1 Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last!

2 Other refuge have I none;  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.

3 Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound;  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art;  
freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley 1740

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The president may say this post-communion prayer*

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

*All say this prayer*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**



# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

*Please stand. The president says*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
that you may reign with him in glory;  
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** (NEH 361)

*We turn to face the procession.*

1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
kingship with him, his servants gain;  
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
this world of time to consecrate,  
our world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

4 We are the Church, Christ bids us show  
that in his church all nations find  
their hearth and home where Christ restores  
true peace, true love, to all mankind.

James Quinn 1919-2010

**The Dismissal** *A minister says*

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,  
we go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Organ Voluntary** *Choral Song (Wesley)*

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