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# **The Eucharist**

Second Sunday of Advent

10.00, 4 December 2022

## **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.

Advent is the period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus, in other words, the period immediately before Christmas. It is the beginning of the Christian year and commences on Advent Sunday. The Latin *adventus* is the translation of the Greek word *parousia*, commonly used in reference to the second coming of Christ. Christians believe that the season of Advent serves as a dual reminder: of the original waiting that was done by the Hebrews for the birth of their Messiah, as well as the waiting of Christians today for the second coming of Christ.

*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.

This service paper is available in large print.

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# The Gathering

## Processional Hymn (NEH3ii)

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

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.

3. Born thy people to deliver;  
born a child and yet a king;  
born to reign in us for ever;  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

4. By thy own eternal Spirit,  
rule in all our hearts alone:  
By thy all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## The Greeting

*The president says*

In the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The president greets the people*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The president introduces the celebration.*

## **Prayer at the Advent Wreath**

*The candle is lit by a member of the congregation and a minister will say a prayer to which all respond*

God our Father,  
you spoke to the prophets of old  
of a Saviour who would bring peace.  
You helped them to spread the joyful message  
of his coming kingdom.  
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
to share with those around us  
the good news of your power and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
**Amen.**

*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 says*

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
**Amen.**

*The choir sings*

Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison.

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

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

**First Reading** Isaiah 11.1-10.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the  
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

*We remain seated to sing.*



## **Second Reading** Romans 15.4-13

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name’;

and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

and again,

‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him’;

and again Isaiah says,

‘The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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!**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

**Alleluia.**

## **The Gospel Reading** Matthew 3.1-12

*A minister says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight." '

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals.



He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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*

Maranatha:

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*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*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of 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.

*And all may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn (NEH495)

God is working his purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

2. From utmost east to utmost west,  
wherever feet have trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
goes forth the voice of God,  
'Give ear to me, ye continents,  
ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.'

3. What can we do to work God's work,  
to prosper and increase  
the love of God in all mankind,  
the reign of the Prince of peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

4. March we forth in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world;  
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

5. All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

*AC Ainger 1841-1919*

## 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 and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.  
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory  
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of hosts,

heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:

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.

*The deacon says*

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus until you come in glory.**

*The president continues*

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

## Giving of Communion

*We sit or kneel.*

*The president invites the congregation to receive Holy Communion.*

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.**

## Agnus Dei

*The choir sings*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

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

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy 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 *My eyes for beauty pine* (Coxhead)

*The choir sings the anthem.*

## **Communion Hymn** (HON 219 / LP30)

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him  
Who brings good news, good news,  
proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness,  
Our God reigns, our God reigns!

*Our God reigns, our God reigns  
our God reigns, our God, reigns.*

2.You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one,  
shout for your King, your king.  
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:  
your God reigns, your God reigns! *Your God reigns ...*

3.Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy,  
We are redeemed, redeemed.  
The Lord has saved and comforted His people:  
your God reigns, your God reigns! *Your God reigns ....*

4.Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God,  
Jesus is Lord, is Lord.  
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm:  
your God reigns, your God reigns! *Your God reigns ....*

*Based on Isaiah 52 v1 Leonard E Smith Jnr (b1942), vs 2-4 unknown*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The president may say a post-communion prayer*

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world  
and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him  
in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again,  
we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*All say this prayer*

Generous God, you have fed us at your heavenly table; set us on fire with  
your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his  
face, who with you and the Spirit lives for ever. Amen.

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

*Please stand. The president says*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes 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** (HON 329/LP22) *We turn to face the procession.*

Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives;  
fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.

*Make way, make way, for the King of Kings;  
make way, make way, and let his kingdom in!*

2.He comes the broken hearts to heal, the pris'ners to free;  
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

3.And those who mourn with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown he'll beautify.

4.We call you now to worship him as Lord of all,  
to have no gods before him, their thrones must fall!

*Graham Kendrick (b.1950) © 1986 Make Way Music*

## **Dismissal** *A minister says*

As we await our coming Saviour, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

## **Organ Voluntary** *Herr Christ der einige Gottes-Sohn* (Bach)