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# **THE EUCHARIST**

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**10.00am**

## 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.

Between Epiphany (06 January) and Candlemas (02 February), the Bible readings explore different aspects of the coming of Christ as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel” (Luke 2.32).

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

### Today's service:

President: Revd John Roff.

Preacher: Richard Carter, LLM.

The Readers: Sarah Hutchins, Jean Simpson

The Intercessor: Sue Clark

Organist: Ian Pattinson FRCO, Priory Organist. Choir: Girls and ATB Choir.

Setting: *The Lancaster Mass* (Truslove)

### Acknowledgements

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## The Gathering and Processional Hymn (NEH 12)

*Please stand as the Procession enters and we sing.*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake, and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of Kings.

2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
make straight the way for God within;  
prepare we in our hearts a home,  
where such a mighty guest may come.

3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge, and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away,  
like flowers that wither and decay.

4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free,  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

Charles Coffin 1676-1749

tr: John Chandler 1808-1876

### **The Greeting** *The president says*

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you. **And also with you.**

### **Prayers of Penitence** *A minister introduces the confession. Silence is kept.*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. 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* Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
*The president says*

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive you your sins, and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis** *The choir sings*

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. 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. 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.

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

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word** *Please sit.*

### **First Reading** Isaiah 49.1-7 *A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and

stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.’  
For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** (NEH 486) *Please stand.*

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

3. Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

4. Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.     J Burns b: 1938

**Second Reading** I Corinthians 1.1-9

*A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any

spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **The Gospel Acclamation and Reading** John 1.29-42

*Please stand and face the Gospel*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus proclaimed, 'Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.' **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 John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter). This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** *Please sit for the sermon.*

**The Creed** *Please 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** *Please kneel or sit.*

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** *Please stand. The president says*

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.  
The old has passed away: see, everything has become new.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*And all may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Offertory Hymn** (NEH 440)

*A collection is taken and presented and the altar is prepared.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
all ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm or, when fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:  
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O Let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
gladly for aye we adore him!

Joachim Neander 1650-1680 tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-1878

### **The Eucharistic Prayer** *The president 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.**



All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

*The Choir 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.

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.

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, for ever 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.

## **The Giving of Communion** *The president says*

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

## **Agnus Dei** *Please kneel or sit. The choir sings*

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, Give us your peace, 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.*

## **Choir Anthem** *God be in my head.* (Rutter)

## **Communion Hymn** (NEH 425)

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

2. He sent no angel to our race  
of higher or of lower place,  
but wore the robe of human frame,  
and He Himself to this world came.

3. For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast, and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp He knew,  
for us the tempter overthrew.

4. For us to wicked men betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death  
for us at length gave up His breath.

5. For us He rose from death again,  
for us He went on high to reign,  
for us He sent His Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6. All honour, laud, and glory be,  
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee,  
All glory, as is ever meet,  
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

TR Benjamin Webb (1819-85)

### **Prayer after Communion** *We pray together*

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Blessing** *The president says*

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

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; 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 470, T.205) *We turn to face the procession.*

To the name that brings salvation  
praise and honour let us pay,  
which for many a generation  
hid in God's foreknowledge lay,  
but to every tongue and nation  
Holy Church proclaims today.

2. Jesus – be that name our treasure,  
name beyond that words can tell;  
name of gladness, name of pleasure,  
ear and heart delighting well;  
name of sweetness passing measure,  
freeing souls from sin's dark spell.

3. Name that calls for adoration,  
Name that speaks of victory,  
Name for grateful meditation  
In the vale of misery,  
Name for loving veneration  
By the citizens on high.

4, Where thou reignest with the Father,  
Thou the everlasting Son,  
Where with the eternal Spirit,  
Threefold God, yet ever One,  
May our eyes behold thy splendour  
When our earthly course is done.

Tr J M Neale 1818-66 and Editors

## **The Dismissal**

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love  
and to reflect God's glory.  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

## **Organ Voluntary** *Fugue on the Carillon of Soissons Cathedral* (Duruflé)

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