



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

THE EUCHARIST

The Third Sunday of Epiphany
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

22nd 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 Keith Brockbank

Preacher: Revd Michael Fielding.

The Readers: Dawn Cheetham, Richard Carter

The Intercessor: Awena Carter

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

Setting: *St Anne's Mass* (MacMillan)

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The Gathering and Processional Hymn (LP 19 or NEH 205)

Please stand as the Procession enters and we sing.

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord,
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator-God, have written
your great name on humankind:
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan 1929-2009

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.

We sing

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, 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 (T.NEH 239) *We sing*

Glory to God in the heights of the heaven,
And peace to all people on earth now be given:
Great Father of glory, our worship we bring,
Our praise and thanksgiving, O heavenly King.

2. Jesus, Messiah, the pure Lamb of God,
Your love takes away the sin of the world.
You sit with the Father, his only true heir:
Have mercy upon us, receive our prayer.

3. Jesus, most holy, alone you are Lord,
Alone the true Son, the Father's true Word:
You reign with the Spirit in glory above,
The Father's pure glory, the glory of love. Words: C. Thompson

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

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 9:1-4 *A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

Gradual Hymn (LP37) *Please stand.*

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia.

2. Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word,
that proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia.

3. Ask and it shall be given unto you
seek and ye shall find,
knock and the door shall be opened up to you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Second Reading I Corinthians 1.10-18

A reading from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and

the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

The Gospel Acclamation and Reading Matthew 4.12-23

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 Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.'

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went

from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. 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 (LP13)

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

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

2. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

3. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

4. If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

F.W. Faber 1814-1863

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:

We sing

**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. We sing*

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.

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 *Ubi caritas* (Duruflé)

Communion Hymn (T. NEH295)

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 *We pray together*

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the
radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the
ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 167) *We turn to face the procession.*

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore opprest,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distrest,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

S J Stone 1839-1900

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 *Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern* (Telemann)

Please remain standing while the servers and choir depart.