



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

# **ALL AGE EUCHARIST**

Second Sunday Before Lent

12<sup>th</sup> February 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.

Today is an intergenerational service and our children and young people stay in church. We gather together to learn and be nurtured by word and sacrament as disciples of Jesus.

*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.*

*Before the service starts, look around at the things in the building. What can you see from your seat? Can you see...*

*a cross   a brass eagle   a crown   organ pipes   a candle*

## Acknowledgements

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# The Welcome and Notices

*Please stand as the choir, servers and clergy enter.  
We sing the hymn and the altar is censed.*

## Processional Hymn (NEH433)

O worship the King, all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2.O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3.Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

4.Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

5.O measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant (1779-1838) Psalm 104

# 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.**

*The Children place the symbols of faith on a small table under the pulpit and read  
the opening sentences as they do every week in Young Church.*

*The Book of Bible Readings is opened and placed on the table.*

In the beginning was the Word.

**God's word is for everyone.**

*cf John 1.1*

*A candle is lit.*

The true light was coming into the world.

**God's light is for everyone.**

*cf John 1.9*

*The Cross, the sign of Christ is placed on the table.*

Jesus was born and died and is risen: forever alive.

**God's love is for everyone.**

# Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness

*The deacon says*

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

## The Kyrie

*All sing*

The musical score for 'The Kyrie' is written for three parts: Organ (Org.), Upper voices, and Lower voices. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy. Christ have mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy.' The score includes a full section for the 'Full' choir.

**Org.**

**Upper voices**

Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy.\_\_\_\_

**Lower voices**

\_\_\_\_ Christ have mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy, Christ have mer-cy.\_\_\_\_ Lord have

**Full**

mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer - - cy.\_\_\_\_

*The president proclaims God's forgiveness*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Watch how some people move their hands in front of them during this prayer.  
What shape are they making?*

## **The Gloria** (T.271)

*All sing*

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.

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

## **The Collect**

*The priest says 'let us pray' and silence is kept.*

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **The Reading** Romans 8:18-25

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel Reading** Matthew 6:25-end

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*

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

*The cantor sings a sentence from the Bible*

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

**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**

*During these words, some people make the sign of the cross with their thumbs on their heads, mouth and chest. This reminds us that the words in the gospel should be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.*

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the

field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.

Today’s trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## **The Sermon**

*Please sit.*

*Please stand*

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God the father;  
from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

*Sometimes people light candles when they say prayers.  
How many lit candles can you count around the church today?*

*Please sit.*



## Prayers of Intercession

*Please follow the instructions of the intercessor  
and at the end of the prayers we say together*

Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

*Please stand*

## The Peace

We are the body of Christ.  
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.  
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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 (LP42)

*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.*

1 From heav'n you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veil'd,  
Not to be served, but to serve,  
and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

2 There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear.  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but Yours,' He said.

*This is our God . . .*

3 Come see His hands and His feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God . . .*

4 So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone him.  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God . . .*

G Kendrick (b.1950)

*What is happening on the altar during this hymn?*

*Can you see all of the things that we are offering to God with thanks?*

*Look out for the person with smoke (this represents our prayers rising to God).*

*Listen out for the bell ringing too!*

## 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

Father, you made the world and love your creation.  
 You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.  
 His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.  
 And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

*All sing*

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes organ accompaniment (Org.) and a full choir part (Full). The first staff has a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. The third staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. The fourth staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. The fifth staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. The sixth staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. The seventh staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. The eighth staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. 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The ninety-sixth staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. The ninety-seventh staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. The ninety-eighth staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. The ninety-ninth staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest. The hundredth staff has a half note followed by a quarter rest.

*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.**

*The priest continues*

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.

*Please sit.*

## The Agnus Dei

*All sing*

Org. Full

Je-sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us,

Je - sus bea-rer of our sin, have mer - cy on us, Je - sus re -

dee-mer of the world, grant us peace.

## The Giving of Communion

*The congregation are invited to receive 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.

*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.*

*Whilst we wait quietly for everyone to receive communion or a blessing,  
have another look around. Look at the stained glass windows.  
What else can you see?*

## **Communion Anthem** *View me, Lord* (Lloyd)

*The choir sings the anthem.*

## **Communion Hymn** (LP11)

*We remain seated as we sing.*

1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now,  
with reverence and fear.

In him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place,

he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him;

be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

David J Evans b. 1957

## Prayer After Communion

*The priest says 'let us pray' and silence is kept.*

God our creator, by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## The Blessing

*The priest prays*

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

*The priest prays a special prayer of blessing that ends*

May the Father from whom every family  
in earth and heaven receives its name  
strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being,  
so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
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 (NEH297)

*As we sing this hymn please turn to face the ministers at the font.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary's Son;  
cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesu, our love for you we sing,  
living Lord.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day-  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do-  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you:  
into our lives your power breaks through,  
living Lord.

3. Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
born as one us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see-  
you are Lord.

4. Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,  
live my life for you Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your power breaks through,  
living Lord.

Patrick Appleford 1925-2018

## The Dismissal

*The deacon says*

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

## Organ Voluntary *Alla marcia* (Ireland)

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