



**LANCASTER  
PRIORY**

# The Eucharist

Easter 3

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# 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.

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

Triumphant in his glory now,  
his sceptre ruleth all,  
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,  
and at his footstool fall. (Fulbert of Chartres)

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period' (laetissimum spatium). It is sometimes also called 'Great Sunday'. In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

*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 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 Notices

## The Gathering

### Processional Hymn NEH 113

Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.

2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.

3. Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?  
dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

4. Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

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 congregation.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

This is the day which the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Young Church and their leaders gather at the front and the president prays with them before they go to their activities.*

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

## Prayer of 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.**

## Gloria in Excelsis *The choir sings*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, Benedicimus te,  
Adoramus te, Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis  
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.

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.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.  
Tu solus Dominus.  
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

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.*

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.  
**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Acts 2.14a, 36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn LP11

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

## Second Reading 1 Peter 1. 17-23

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand. Please repeat the Alleluia after the cantor and between the verses.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel Reading Luke 24: 13-35

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?'

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

*Please sit. A sermon is preached.*

## Affirmation of Faith

*Please stand.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**



## Prayers of Intercession

*Please kneel or sit for the intercessions. This response is 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

*Please stand. The president introduces the Peace.*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*A minister says* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*And all may exchange a sign of peace.*

### Offertory Hymn SP 218 (Lewis Folk Melody)

*During the hymn a collection is taken and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

2. Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear,  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

3. Jesus calls us to each other,  
vastly different though we are;  
creed and colour, class and gender  
neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger,  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

4. Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the Church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body;  
share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast of saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.  
John L. Bell 1949- & Graham Maule 1958-

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*The president says*

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,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.  
For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.  
And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

*The Choir sings*

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

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.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

*A minister says:* Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.  
Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.

Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with the Blessed Virgin  
Mary and all your saints at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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.**

*Silence is kept.*

**The Lord's Prayer** *We pray together in our preferred version or language.*

**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.**

## **Agnus Dei** *The Choir sings*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

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.

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

Alleluia, Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*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** Ubi Caritas (Duruflé)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where there are charity and love, God is there.  
We gather together in the love of Christ.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.  
Let us fear and love the living God.  
And with a sincere heart, let us love each other.

## Communion Hymn NEH 307

Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease  
and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.

3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.

4. Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)

## Prayer after Communion *All say this prayer*

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes  
and touched with our hands the bread of life.  
Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you  
and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## The Dismissal

### The Blessing *Please stand. The president says*

Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
He is risen indeed, alleluia.

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
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 103 *Please face the procession.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

2. Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

3. Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour  
who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Dismissal *The deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!  
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!