



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

All Age Eucharist

Trinity 1

11th June 2023

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.

During this All Age service we involve people of all age. There are resources for children to borrow, if you would like them, in the form of 'busy bags' and 'communion boxes' as well as colouring sheets. These can be found at the back of church.

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.



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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 animals

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The Gathering

Hymn NEH 239

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

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hand swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4. Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther 1901-53

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.



Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:
let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:
and we shall praise your name.

Prayers of Confession and Forgiveness

A minister says

Children of God, as we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins.

We are sorry that we think of ourselves and don't love others as we should.

Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.

We are sorry when we do not tell others about you.

Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.

We are sorry when we go our own way and do not trust in your way.

Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.

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.

Some people make a sign over themselves when receiving God's forgiveness. What is it?

They make this sign to remind themselves that it is because Jesus loved us so much that we are forgiven by God.

The Gloria *We sing*

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, Amen.

The Collect

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

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,
who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas
and gave him grace to encourage others:
help us, by his example,
to be generous in our judgements
and unselfish in our service;
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

First Reading Acts 11: 19-end

Please sit.

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus.

The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

We stand to sing and face the Gospel procession.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading John 15: 12-17

A minister 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.

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.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please sit.

The Creed

Please stand.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Please kneel or sit for the intercessions. These responses may be 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.**



Pray for....

- *Someone you love*
- *Someone you can see in church*
- *Someone you saw on the way to church*
- *Someone on the other side of the world*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace *The president introduces the Peace*

Jesus said: 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'

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 LP17

As we sing the hymn, a collection is taken and the bread and wine are placed on the altar.

1 I, THE Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord ...

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord ...

Dan Schutte, based on Isaiah 6
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Dawn Music

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 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.

What is happening at the altar?

What does the priest do with their hands whilst they are praying?

Look out for the plate and the cup.

What happens to the bread?

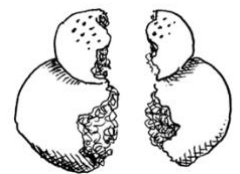
The president gives thanks for God's mighty acts.

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, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.**

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.



A minister 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.**

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.

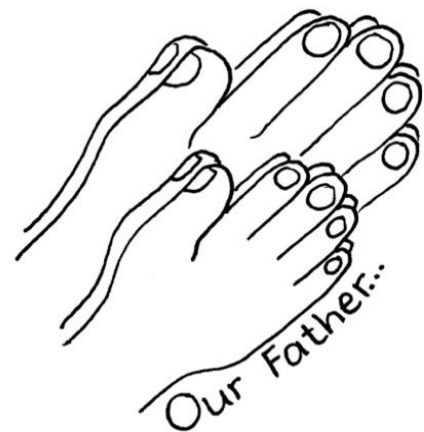
Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

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.

Giving of Communion

The president invites the congregation to receive Holy Communion.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Agnus Dei *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.

Please sit. 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 Look at the world (Rutter)

The choir sings the anthem.

Communion Hymn LP 30

We remain seated to sing.

1 How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news;
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
our God reigns, our God reigns!

*Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns,
our God reigns, our God reigns!*

2 He had no stately form. He had no majesty
that we should be drawn to him.
He was despised and we took no account of him;
Yet now he reigns with the Most High!

Our God reigns...



Whilst we wait quietly for everyone to receive communion or a blessing, have another look around. Look at the stained glass windows.

Can you see any animal pictures in the windows?

What else can you see?

3 It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wounded him,
it was our sin that brought him down.
When we like sheep had gone astray, our shepherd came
and on his shoulders bore our shame!

*Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns,
our God reigns, our God reigns!*

4 Meek as a lamb that's led out to the slaughterhouse,
still as a sheep before its shearer,
His life ran down upon the ground like pouring rain
that we might be born again!

Our God reigns...

5 Out of the tomb he came with grace and majesty,
he is alive, he is alive!
God loves us so; see here his hands, his feet, his side:
yes, we know he is alive!

Our God reigns...

Leonard E. Smith Jr. (1974)

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing *Please stand. The president says*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The president blesses the congregation.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn CH4 533

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

John Bell b.1919 and Graham Maule b. 1958

The Sending Out

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



Organ Voluntary Bishop's Processional (Betty Roe)

Please leave quietly during the voluntary as our organists are offering their music as worship and many want to listen and pray through it.