



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

# All Age Eucharist

## Trinity 5

9<sup>th</sup> July 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 LP22

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

Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives;  
fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.

*Make way, make way, for the King of Kings;  
make way, make way, and let his kingdom in!*

2. He comes the broken hearts to heal, the pris'ners to free;  
the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

3. And those who mourn with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh,  
with laughter, joy and royal crown he'll beautify.

4. We call you now to worship him as Lord of all,  
to have no gods before him, their thrones must fall!

Graham Kendrick (b.1950) © 1986 Make Way Music

## 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.*

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



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

### First Reading Psalm 145:8-15

The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness.  
The Lord is loving to everyone and his mercy is over all his creatures.  
All your works praise you, O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.  
They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your mighty power,  
To make known to all peoples your mighty acts and the glorious splendour  
of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures  
throughout all ages.

The Lord is sure in all his words and faithful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all those who are bowed  
down.

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!**

Declare God's glory among the nations: his wonders among all peoples.

**Alleluia.**

*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.*

## The Gospel Reading Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end

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.**

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

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 sit for the intercessions.*

## 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 NEH 375

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

I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven  
and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem  
I had my birth:

*Dance then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*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!*

2. I danced for the scribe  
and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fisherman,  
for James and John;  
they came with me  
and the dance went on:

3. I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame:  
the holy people  
said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me high,  
and they left me there  
on a cross to die:

4. I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone;  
but I am the dance  
and I still go on:

*Dance then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

5. They cut me down  
and I leapt up high;  
I am the life  
that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you  
if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord  
of the Dance, said he:

Sydney Carter b: 1915

## 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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.  
Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

*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.*

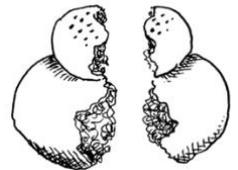
*What happens to the bread?*

*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 View me Lord (Lloyd)

*The choir sings the anthem.*

## Communion Hymn Jesus Christ is Waiting (t. NEH 115)

Jesus Christ is waiting,  
Waiting in the streets;  
No one is his neighbour,  
All alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger,  
Fit to wait on you

2. Jesus Christ is raging,  
Raging in the streets,  
Where injustice spirals  
And real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes  
Let me rage with you.

3. Jesus Christ is healing,  
Healing in the streets;  
Curing those who suffer,  
Touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I have pity too.  
Let my care be active,  
Healing just like you.

*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?*

4. Jesus Christ is dancing,  
Dancing in the streets,  
Where each sign of hatred  
He, with love, defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I should triumph too.  
On suspicion's graveyard  
Let me dance with you.

5. Jesus Christ is calling,  
Calling in the streets,  
"Who will join my journey?  
I will guide their feet."  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
Let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me;  
I will follow you.

Words: John Bell

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## Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

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 NEH 388

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.

3. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the songs of want are blest.

4. Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honours to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the long Amen.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748



## The Sending Out *The deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Organ Voluntary Fugue in G (Parry)

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