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# THE EUCHARIST

Trinity 6  
16<sup>th</sup> July 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.

We are currently in the part of the church year known as Ordinary Time. This is the part of the year where we are not celebrating one of the great festivals of our faith or preparing ourselves for celebration. It is a time to give thanks and praise for the ordinary, everyday blessings we know in our lives and to bring our concerns and failings to God, asking him to transform us and our world into his likeness.

*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.

The setting this morning is *Lancaster Service (Truslove)* and is sung by the choir.



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You will find a full order of service, for digital use, on our website using this QR code:

The english text for the Gloria, Sanctus & Benedictus and Agnus Dei are from *The Mass of St Thomas* by Thorne.

## Acknowledgements

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# The Welcome and Notices

## Processional Hymn NEH 440

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
Come ye who hear,  
brothers and sisters draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wonderously reigneth  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen  
All that is needful hath been  
Granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:  
ponder anew  
All the Almighty can do,  
He who with love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord! O Let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen  
sound from his people again:  
gladly for ay we adore him!

Joachim Neander 1650-80

Tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78

## 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.**

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

## **Prayers of Penitence and Forgiveness**

*The deacon says*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

## **The Absolution**

*The priest says*

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.**

# The Gloria

*The Choir sings*

*Or*

*We all sing*

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.

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

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to  
God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to  
God in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God  
in the Highest.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to  
God in the Highest.

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

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

## The First Reading Isaiah 55:10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn CH 619 & 620

*We stand to sing.*

Spirit of the living God  
fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me:  
break me, melt me,  
mould me, fill me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

2. Spirit of the living God,  
move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind,  
makes us one in love,  
humble, caring,  
selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fill our lives with love.

Daniel Iverson 1890-1977 & Michael Baughen b.1930

## The Second Reading Romans 8: 1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their

minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel Reading Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the cantor sings*

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

The seed is the word of God, says the Lord.

**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**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** *Please sit.*

**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 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 Peace *Please stand. The president says*

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the triune God 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 LP20

*During this hymn a collection will be taken.*

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
for me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

2. 'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore  
let angel minds enquire no more.

3. He left his Father's throne above—  
so free, so infinite his grace—  
emptied himself of all but love  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!

4. Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ,  
my own.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

## 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.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation;

to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things

and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels

and all the powers of heaven

we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*The choir sings*

*Or*

*We all sing*

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

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.  
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.  
On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

*The deacon says*

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.  
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.  
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.  
Bring us at the last with Mary, the God-bearer and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**  
Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

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.**

## The Giving of Communion

*The congregation are invited to receive communion.*

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## The Agnus Dei

*Please sit. 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.**

*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** God so loved the world *Stainer*

## Communion Hymn NEH 276ii

*We remain seated to sing.*

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
for thy flesh is meat indeed;  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living bread;  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of him who died.

2 Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice;  
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,  
to thy cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

Josiah Conder 1789-1855

## Prayer After Communion

*Please stand.*

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Blessing

*The priest 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.**

## Recessional Hymn NEH 235

*During this hymn the servers, choir and clergy move to the west and all turn to face the font.*

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
in all I think or speak or do.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3. Preserve me from my calling's snare,  
and hide my simple heart above,  
above the thorns of choking care,  
the gilded baits of worldly love.

4. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance see,  
and labour on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

5. Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still to things eternal look,  
and hasten to thy glorious day;

6. For thee delightfully employ  
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

## The Dismissal

*The deacon says*

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

## Organ Voluntary Finale (Symphony I) *Vierne*

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