



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

THE EUCHARIST

Trinity 7
23rd 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 *Mass for 4 Voyces (Byrd)* and is sung by the choir.



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

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The Welcome and Notices

Processional Hymn NEH 52

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

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

2. Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

3. Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

4. These though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

5. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

J.S.B. Monsell 1811-1875

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.

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.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,

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;

Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.

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

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord,

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

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.*

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading Isaiah 44: 6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me?

Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it?

You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn LP 1

We stand to sing.

As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire
and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield,

To You alone may my spirit yield,

You alone are my heart's desire

and I long to worship You.

2. I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver,
and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield,

To You alone may my spirit yield,

You alone are my heart's desire

and I long to worship You.

3. You're my friend and You are my
brother,

Even though You are a King.

I love You more than any other,

So much more than anything.

*You alone are my strength, my
shield,*

To You alone may my spirit yield,

You alone are my heart's desire

and I long to worship You.

Marty Nystrom 1956-

The Second Reading Romans 8: 12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 13. 24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

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 LP13

During this hymn a collection will be taken.

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

2. For the love of God is broader
than the measures of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

3. There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

4. If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

F.W. Faber 1814-1863

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 Geistliche lied Brahms

Communion Hymn CP 384

We remain seated to sing.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.

Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
his voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.

Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Katharina Von Schlegel. 1697-1768. tr. Jane Laurie Borthwick 1813-1897

Prayer After Communion

Please stand.

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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 368

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

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams 1717-1791

2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

The Dismissal *The deacon says*

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

Organ Voluntary Allegro risoluto from the Plymouth Suite (*Whitlock*)

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