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# THE EUCHARIST

Trinity 8  
30<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 *The Mass of St Cedd (Nardone)* and is sung by the Occasional Singers.



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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 205

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

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
And the precious corner-stone,  
Who, the two walls underlying  
Bound in each, binds both in one.  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated City,  
dearly loved by God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Threefold glory,  
Singing everlastingly.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls ay.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;  
Here to have and hold for ever  
Those good things their prayers obtain,  
and hereafter, in thy glory  
with thy blessed ones to reign.

5. Laud and honour to the Father;  
laud and honour to the Son;  
laud and honour to the Spirit;  
ever Three, and ever One:  
One in love and One in splendour,  
while unending ages run. Amen

tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

## 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.

you alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

Tu solus Dominus.

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.

Cum Sancto Spiritu,

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

in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

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

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from  
despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

## The First Reading 1 Kings 3: 5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## Gradual Hymn NEH 407

*We stand to sing.*

Lord, thy word abideth,  
and our footsteps guideth;  
who its truth believeth  
light and joy receiveth.

2. When our foes are near us,  
then thy word doth cheer us,  
word of consolation,  
message of salvation.

3. Who can tell the pleasure,  
who recount the treasure  
by thy word imparted  
to the simple-hearted?

4. O that we discerning  
its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee,  
evermore be near thee!

HW Baker 1821-1877

## The Second Reading Romans 8: 26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel Reading Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

*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**

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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 CH4 656

*During this hymn a collection will be taken.*

I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

5. Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.

Brian A Wren b. 1936

## 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 be in my head *Walford-Davis*

## Communion Hymn LP4

*We remain seated to sing.*

Restore, O Lord,  
The honour of Your name,  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again;  
That men may see  
And come with reverent fear  
To the living God,  
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

2. Restore, O Lord,  
In all the earth Your fame,  
And in our time revive  
The church that bears Your name.  
And in Your anger,  
Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.

3. Bend us, O Lord,  
Where we are hard and cold,  
In Your refiner's fire  
Come purify the gold.  
Though suffering comes  
And evil crouches near,  
Still our living God  
Is reigning, He is reigning here.

4. Restore, O Lord,  
The honour of Your name,  
In works of sovereign power  
Come shake the earth again;  
That men may see  
And come with reverent fear  
To the living God,  
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

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## Prayer After Communion

*Please stand.*

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;  
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute;  
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;  
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of  
hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed  
with the fullness of your life; glory to you 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 495

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

God is working his purpose out,  
as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

2. From utmost east to utmost west,  
wherever feet have trod,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
goes forth the voice of God,  
'Give ear to me, ye continents,  
ye isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.'

3. What can we do to work God's work,  
to prosper and increase  
the love of God in all mankind,  
the reign of the Prince of peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

4. March we forth in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world;  
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

5. All we can do is nothing worth  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled  
with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

A. C. Ainger 1841-1919

**The Dismissal** *The deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Organ Voluntary** Prelude and Fugue in C (*JS Bach*)

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