



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

Patronal Festival Eucharist

The Blessed Virgin Mary

9th September 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.

Today is the Patronal Festival of Lancaster Priory. The Patronal Festival being the Feast Day of the Saint in whose name the Church is dedicated. Lancaster Priory is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. Tradition celebrates the feast of Mary on the 8th of September, nine months after the solemnity of her immaculate conception, celebrated on the 8th of December. As this is our Patronal Festival and a significant celebration in the annual calendar of the Priory, we transfer this feast day to the nearest Sunday. Today we give thanks for our patron Saint, Mary, whose faithfulness led to her 'yes' in response to God's request that she bear the saviour of the world to birth as a baby in Bethlehem.

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.

The Priory Choir is directed by Jeremy Truslove, Acting Director of Music and accompanied by Ian Pattinson, Priory Organist.

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The Welcome and Notices

Hymn (NEH185) *Please stand to sing as the procession enters*

Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel's word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting bread.

2. Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through.
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suffering knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calvary's tree,
saw the price of man's redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

3. Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ's apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit's presence came,
heavenly breath of God's own being,
manifest through wind and flame.

The organ improvises and we then sing

4. Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

George Bourne Timms (b.1910)

The Greeting *The vicar 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*

We have done what was wrong in the Lord's sight and chosen what displeased him. Yet as a mother comforts her child, so shall the Lord himself comfort us. So let us come to him who knows our every deed and thought.

The Kyrie *The choir sing*

Lord have mercy Lord, have mercy,
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The Absolution *The vicar says*

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Gloria *The choir 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.

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

Almighty God,
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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.

Please sit.

The First Reading Galatians 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

For the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn (SP186 t.Fragrance) *We stand to sing*

1. God in his wisdom, for our learning
gave his inspired and holy word:
promise of Christ, for our discerning,
by which our souls are moved and stirred,
finding our hearts within us burning
when, as of old, his voice is heard.
2. Symbol and story, song and saying,
life-bearing truths for heart and mind,
God in his sovereign grace displaying
tenderest care for humankind,
Jesus our Lord this love portraying,
open our eyes to seek and find.
3. Come then with prayer and contemplation,
see how in Scripture Christ is known;
wonder anew at such salvation
here in these sacred pages shown;
lift every heart in adoration,
children of God by grace alone!

Timothy Dudley-Smith

The Gospel Reading Luke 1.46-55

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the cantor sings

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

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

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 Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord**

‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

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

The Sermon *Please sit.*

The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones, Dean of Blackburn Cathedral.

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.*

This response is 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.

The Peace *Please stand.*

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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.

We offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn (NEH 188*) *During this hymn a collection will be taken.*

Ye who own the faith of Jesus
sing the wonders that were done,
when the love of God the Father
o'er our sin the victory won,
when he made the Virgin Mary
Mother of his only Son.

Hail Mary, full of grace.

2. Blessèd were the chosen people
out of whom the Lord did come,
blessèd was the land of promise
fashioned for his earthly home;
but more blessèd far the Mother
she who bare him in her womb.

Hail Mary, full of grace.

3. Wherefore let all faithful people
tell the honour of her name,
let the church in her foreshadowed
part in her thanksgiving claim;
what Christ's Mother sang in gladness

4. Let us weave our supplications,
she with us and we with her,
for the advancement of the faithful,
for each faithful worshipper,
for the doubting, for the sinful,
for each heedless wanderer.

Hail Mary, full of grace.

5. Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,
praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
praise the everlasting Spirit,
who hath made thee ark and throne;
o'er all creatures high exalted,
lowly praise the Three in One.

Hail Mary, full of grace.

VS Stuckey Coles 1845-1929

let Christ's people sing the same.

Hail Mary, full of grace.

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.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, almighty Father, ever-living God, to give you thanks and praise for the work of your grace in the Blessed Virgin Mary. For by the overshadowing of your Holy Spirit she conceived and bore the Word made flesh. At the cross she kept her vigil, and saw the saving work of your Son brought to its perfection.

She rejoiced in his resurrection, and joining her prayers with those of the apostles, was filled with the gift of your promised Spirit. In her you show us the greatness of your love, and the wonderful purpose you intend for all your children. Therefore we join our voice with hers, and all the company of heaven, as they sing with joy the hymn of your glory:

The choir sing

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The vicar continues

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we

look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

The deacon says Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

The vicar continues

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.

Silence is kept. Please kneel or sit.

The Lord's Prayer *We pray together in our preferred version or language.*

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 Agnus Dei *Please sit. The choir sings*

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 Giving of Communion *We are invited to receive communion.*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

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

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 *Dyson Magnificat in F*

Communion Hymn (LP21) *We remain seated*

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss -
the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory

2. Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life-
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart -
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

Prayer After Communion *The vicar prays*

God most high,
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption
you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power;
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Blessing *The vicar prays*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary,
fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn (T.NEH 258) *Please stand. During the hymn as the procession moves to the west end we turn to face them.*

1. Glory to God, the mother of creation,
in love you brought the universe to birth,
then gave your life to purchase the salvation
of all the sons and daughters of the earth.
Glory to you, for love that's shown through history:
the warp and weft that patterns time and space.
By grace you're known, yet known to be a mystery,
and we can touch eternity in your embrace.

2. Glory to you for calling us to service,
shepherds and stewards, messengers and priests,
we give ourselves in gratitude and gladness
as guests and hosts at your thanksgiving feast.
Our hearts exult in loving affirmation,
We sing with joy, your greatness we proclaim.

Your praise resounds in every generation,
Our souls with Mary magnify your holy name.

3. We are united, in Christ's body dwelling,
one in the Spirit: wind and fire and dove;
one in the grace and hope of every calling,
to lift the ways of earth to heav'n above.
Through all our lives your power is ever flowing,
To show your work of love is underway;
Stir up your gift in us, your grace bestowing,
so we may speak and live your Word afresh today. Ally Barrett

The Dismissal *The deacon says*

Blessed is she who had faith that the Lord's promise would be fulfilled.
All generations shall call her blessed.

So tenderly has he looked upon his servant.
All generations shall call her blessed.

Blessed is she among women and blessed is the fruit of her womb.
All generations shall call her blessed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Holy is his name.
All generations shall call her blessed.

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary *Pattinson A Majestic Fanfare & Widor Toccata*

Please remain standing while the procession departs.
All are welcome to stay for refreshments which are served at the back of church.

Continue to celebrate our Patron Saint with us today:

You are welcome to join us for Solemn Evensong at 6.30pm this evening followed by a concert in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary sung by women's voices 'Voces

Mariae' conducted by Sarah Cox.