



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

# THE EUCHARIST

17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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.*

*Our aim on Sunday mornings is that the children will experience God's love for them in the welcome they receive, the prayers they pray, and the Bible stories they learn; and we think they do this best when they are having fun. Young Church meets every Sunday morning at the 10.00am service. The children start the service with their parents and then go to their groups with their leaders in the refectory. All children return at the end of the service to go with their parents to take Communion or receive a prayer of blessing. Preschool children, aged 3-4, are also welcome and parents are welcome to leave if they think their child is settled. Children aged two and under are welcome to join but we request that Parents stay with them. There are Busy Bags at the back of church if younger children would like to stay in the pew – or parents are welcome to take them to play in the St Nicholas chapel.*

Notices are given at before the service, please see the notice sheet for more information.

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The setting is from Gilthorpe's *Jazz Mass*; 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

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

## Processional Hymn LP20

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 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*

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.

*Or*

*We all sing*

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.*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel  
that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in  
service; 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.**

## The First Reading Genesis 50.15-21

*Please sit.*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn LP6**

*We stand to sing.*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory

2. Teach us Lord, full obedience  
Holy reverence, true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of pow'r that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our  
minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your  
plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of  
time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your  
promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk  
with us  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory

Keith Getty (b.1974) and Krystn Getty (b.1980)

## The Second Reading Romans 14.1-12

*Please sit.*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

For the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel Reading Matthew 18.21-35

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**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**

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

*The Venerable the Archdeacon of Liverpool Revd Dr Miranda Threlfall-Holmes*

*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. This or another 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. The president introduces the peace*

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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 acknowledge one another with a sign of peace.*

## The Offertory Hymn LP38

*During this hymn a collection will be taken.*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

2.'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

3.Through many dangers, toils and  
snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

4.The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be,  
As long as life endures.

5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
And mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil,  
A life of joy and peace.

6. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, Who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine.

7. When we've been there ten  
thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's  
praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

John Newton (1725-1897)

## 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.

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us.**

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

**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.*

*The choir sings an anthem.*

**Communion Anthem** Kendrick, arr. Truslove: *Beauty for brokenness*

## Communion Hymn NEH305

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving  
guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy  
tide,  
Wash me with water flowing from thy  
side.

2 Strength and protection may thy  
passion be,  
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and  
shelter me,  
So shall I never, never part from thee.

3 Guard and defend me from the foe  
malign,  
In death's dread moments make me only  
thine;  
Call me and bid me come to thee on high  
Where I may praise thee with thy saints  
for ay.

*Anima Christi*, Latin 14<sup>th</sup> Century – trans. anonymous

## Prayer After Communion

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

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through 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

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

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of  
all wisdom  
come to him and bless his name;  
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for  
ever,  
faithful to the end of days.

*Come then all you nations, sing of the  
Lord's goodness  
melodies of praise and thanks to God;  
ring out the Lord's glory, praise him  
with your music,  
worship him and bless his name.*

2

Power he has wielded, honour is his  
garment  
risen from the snares of death; his  
word he has spoken  
one bread he has broken  
new life he now gives to all.

*Chorus*

## The Dismissal

*The deacon says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

## Organ Voluntary Rutter: *Toccata in Seven*

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

3

Courage in our darkness comfort in our  
sorrow,  
Spirit of God most high; solace for the  
weary,  
pardon for the sinner, splendour of the  
living God.

*Chorus*

4

Praise him with your singing, praise  
him with the trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp;  
praise him with the cymbals, praise  
him with your dancing,  
praise God till the end of days.

*Chorus*

Ernest Sands (1949-2016)