



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

# All Age Eucharist

## Trinity 18

8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## 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.

During this All Age service we involve people of all age. There are resources for children to borrow, if you would like them, in the form of 'busy bags' and 'communion boxes' as well as colouring sheets. These can be found at the back of church.

*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.



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*Before the service starts, look around at the things in the building.*

*What can you see from your seat? Can you see...*

*a cross a brass eagle a crown organ pipes a candle animals*

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# The Gathering

*Please stand to sing the hymn during which servers, choir and clergy enter and the altar is censed.*

## Processional Hymn NEH 436

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him, praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him, praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him, praise him!  
Praise with us the God of Grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

## The Greeting

*The president says*

In the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The president greets the people*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
**giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:  
**let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

Open our lips, Lord:  
**and we shall praise your name.**



## Prayers of Confession and Forgiveness

*A minister says*

Children of God, as we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins.

We are sorry that we think of ourselves and don't love others as we should.

**Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.**

We are sorry when we do not tell others about you.

**Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.**

We are sorry when we go our own way and do not trust in your way.

**Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.**

*The president gives the absolution*

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.**

Some people make a sign over themselves when receiving God's forgiveness. What is it?

They make this sign to remind themselves that it is because Jesus loved us so much that we are forgiven by God.

**The Gloria** *We 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, Amen.

## The Collect

*The president says 'Let us pray' and silence is kept.*

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**



## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Philippians 3.4b-14

*Please sit.*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Acclamation

*We stand to sing and face the Gospel procession.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

**Alleluia.**

*A minister 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.**

*During these words, some people make the sign of the cross with their thumbs on their heads, mouth and chest.*

*This reminds us that the words in the gospel should be in our minds, on our lips and in our hearts.*

## The Gospel Reading Matthew 21.33-46

[Jesus said:] ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Sermon

*Please sit.*

## The Creed

*Please stand.*

**We believe in God the Father;  
from whom every family  
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please kneel or sit for the intercessions.*

*These responses may be 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.**



*Pray for....*

- *Someone you love*
- *Someone you can see in church*
- *Someone you saw on the way to church*
- *Someone on the other side of the world*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

**The Peace** *The president introduces the Peace*

Jesus said: 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you are to love one another.'

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.

*And all may exchange a sign of peace.*



*As we sing the hymn, a collection is taken, and the bread and wine are placed on the altar*

**Offertory Hymn** CH4 710 t.NEH353

"I have a dream", a man once said,  
"where all is perfect peace;  
where men and women, black and  
white,  
stand hand in hand, and all unite  
in freedom and in love."

2. But in this world of bitter strife  
the dream can often fade;  
reality seems dark as night,  
we catch but glimpses of the light  
Christ sheds on humankind.

3. Fierce persecution, war, and  
hate  
are raging everywhere;  
God calls us now to pay the price  
through struggles and through sacrifice  
of standing for the right.

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The president says or sings*

4. So dream the dreams and sing the  
songs,  
but never be content:  
for thoughts and words don't ease the  
pain:  
unless there's action, all is vain;  
faith proves itself in deeds.

5. Lord, give us vision, make us strong,  
help us to do your will;  
don't let us rest until we see  
your love throughout humanity  
uniting us in peace.

Pamela J. Pettitt (1954-2005)

*What is happening at the altar?*

*What does the priest do with their  
hands whilst they are praying?*

*Look out for the plate and the cup.*

*What happens to the bread?*



The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

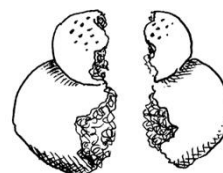
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord  
Jesus Christ; 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.



*A minister says* Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

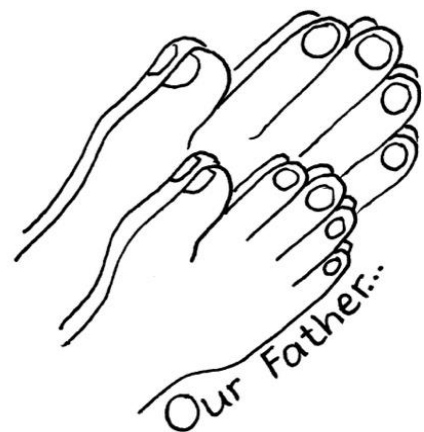
Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *Silence is kept.*

**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  
forever and ever.  
Amen.**



## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

## Giving of Communion

*The president invites the congregation to receive Holy Communion.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

## Agnus Dei *We sing*

**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.**

*Please sit. 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

*The choir sings the anthem.*



*Whilst we wait quietly for everyone to receive communion or a blessing, have another look around. Look at the stained glass windows.*

*Can you see any animal pictures in the windows? What else can you see?*

## Communion Hymn CH4 773

*We remain seated to sing.*

Jesus, we are here,  
Jesus, we are here,  
Jesus, we are here,  
We are here for you.

Original Shona text:

Jesu, tawa pano;  
Jesu, tawa pano;  
Jesu, tawa pano;  
Tawa pano. mu zita renvu.

Patrick Matsikenyrir (b. 1937) Zimbabwe

## Prayer after Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Please stand. The president says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The president blesses the congregation.*

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 372

He who would valiant be  
'Gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy  
Follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement  
Shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent  
To be a pilgrim.

2 Who so beset him round  
With dismal stories,  
Do but themselves confound--  
His strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might,  
Though he with giants fight:  
He will make good his right  
To be a pilgrim.

### The Sending Out

*The deacon says*

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

### Organ Voluntary

*The organist plays a voluntary*

3 Since, Lord, thou dost defend  
Us with thy Spirit,  
We know we at the end  
Shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away!  
I'll fear not what men say,  
I'll labor night and day  
To be a pilgrim.

John Bunyan (1628-88)  
and Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)



*Please leave quietly during the voluntary as our organists are offering their music as worship and many want to listen and pray through it.*