



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

THE EUCHARIST

15th October 2023

The Nineteenth 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.

Refreshments are served at the back of church following this service every week. Please join us.



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The setting is the *Mass of St Cedd*. 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

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

Processional Hymn NEH473

1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair;
may Jesus Christ be praised.

2 The sacred minster bell
It peals o'er hill and dell,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
O hark to what it sings,
as joyously it rings,
may Jesus Christ be praised.

3 My tongue shall never tire
of chanting with the choir,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
the fairest graces spring,
in hearts that never sing,
may Jesus Christ be praised.

5 The night becomes as day,
when from the heart we say,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
the powers of darkness fear,
when this sweet chant they hear,
may Jesus Christ be praised.

6 In heaven's eternal bliss
the loveliest strain is this,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
the powers of darkness fear,
then this sweet chant they hear,
may Jesus Christ be praised.

7 Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine,
may Jesus Christ be praised:
be this the eternal song
through ages all along,
may Jesus Christ be praised!

German, 19th century
Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-78)

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,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

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.

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

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.*

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The First Reading Isaiah 25.1-9

Please sit.

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Gradual Hymn LP 11 *We stand to sing.*

1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.
Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3 Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

David J Evans b. 1957

The Second Reading *Philippians 4.1-9 Please sit.*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

The Gospel Reading Matthew 22.1-14

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation, the cantor sings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon our path.

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar

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

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

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 NEH 200

During this hymn a collection will be taken.

1 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea;
day by day His sweet voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me."

2 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

3 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

4 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call;
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

C.F. Alexander (1818-95)

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

Set me as a seal upon thy heart

Communion Hymn NEH 282

1 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
in the pastures green;
faithful Shepherd, lead me
where thy steps are seen.

2 Hold me fast, and guide me
in the narrow way;
so, with thee beside me,
I shall never stray.

3 Daily bring me nearer
to the heavenly shore;
may my faith grow clearer,
may I love thee more:

4 Hallow every pleasure,
every gift and pain;
be thyself my treasure,
though none else I gain.

5 Day by day prepare me
as thou seest best,
then let angels bear me
to thy promised rest.

Thomas Benson Pollock (1838-96)

Prayer After Communion

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

Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of 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 CH4 516

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

We Are Marching In The Light Of God.

We Are Marching In The Light Of God.

We Are Marching In The Light Of God.

We Are Marching In The Light Of God.

We Are Marching, we Are Marching, Oh Ohhh,

We Are Marching In The Light Of God.

We Are Marching, we Are Marching, Oh Ohhh,

We Are Marching In The Light Of God.

2 We Are Living In The Love Of God.
We Are Living In The Love Of God.
We Are Living In The Love Of God.
We Are Living In The Love Of God.
We Are Living, we Are Living, Oh Ohhh,
We Are Living In The Love Of God.
We Are Living, we Are Living, Oh Ohhh,
We Are Living In The Love Of God.

3 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamba, Siyahamba, Oh Ohh,
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba, Siyahamba, Oh Ohh,
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.

4 We Are Moving In The Power Of God.
We Are Moving In The Power Of God.
We Are Moving In The Power Of God.
We Are Moving In The Power Of God.
We Are Moving, we Are Moving, Oh Ohhh,
We Are Moving In The Power Of God.
We Are Moving, we Are Moving, Oh Ohhh,
We Are Moving In The Power Of God.

Traditional South African

The Dismissal *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

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