



LANCASTER PRIORY



Festival Eucharist
All Saints' Sunday 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.

All Saints' Day celebrates those in whose lives we have seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to realise their prayers as one with ours. It is therefore a time where we remember our particular heroes and heroines of the faith, but is also a time where we remember that the same Spirit works in all of us. It is a chance to recall that sanctity may grow in ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises of life.

During our worship today, and through the litany in particular, we recall those saints who have shaped our world, our church and our lives remembering that, with them, we are called to form a great cloud of witnesses to God's love in Jesus, for the world.

All Saint's Day is a time to give thanks for the past, to honour the present, and to look to God's future for us all.



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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.

An induction loop is available for those who are hard of hearing. Please turn your hearing aid to the 'T' setting.

Large print copies of this booklet are available. Please ask the Stewards.

To enable our worship to be uninterrupted, please ensure all mobile phones are switched off before and during the service.

The Mass Setting is *Haydn's* Little Organ Mass.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

The Welcome and Notices

Any notices may be given.

Processional Hymn (NEH 197) *Please stand.*
As the procession enters this hymn is sung

For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confest,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest,
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Please face the font. Young Church and their leaders gather at the font.

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.

The president introduces the celebration.

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

Prayers of Penitence *A minister says this invitation to confession*

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
we gather at the font, the place of Christian birth,
so that we may lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

As the hymn continues, ministers sprinkle the people with the water from the font as an expression of God's forgiveness and love, the young church join the procession as they go to their activities. The altar is censed.

**O blest communion! Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Words *W. Walsham How (1823-97)* Tune *SINE NOMINE*
R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

A Litany of All Saints

Within each section of the litany some of the saints are named, following these examples the cantor ends as indicated below



All you holy people of Israel
Come, rejoice with us!

All you holy apostles and martyrs
Come, rejoice with us!

All you holy evangelists, pastors and teachers
Come, rejoice with us!

All you holy writes, artists and musicians
Come, rejoice with us!

All you holy renewers of society

Come, rejoice with us!

Here the cantor includes names of some of our priory congregation members who have died.

All those we love who have gone before us

Come, rejoice with us!

O all you holy saints together

Come, rejoice with us!

Gloria in Excelsis Deo *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.
Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
goodwill towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the
world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God
the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

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

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your
saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Revelation 21.1-6a*

Please sit.

A reading from the Revelation to John.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the
first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy
city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared
as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the
throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making
all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy
and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the
spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (NEH 341)

Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with men,
their pattern and their King;

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee. *John Keble (1792-1866) and others*

New Testament Reading / *John 3:1-3*

Please sit.

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading. We stand to sing and face the Gospel procession. Please repeat the Alleluia after the choir and between verses.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 5:1-12*

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.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

The Sermon *The Revd Leah Vasey-Saunders, Vicar.*

Affirmation of Faith *Please stand.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on 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 God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

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

Prayers of Intercession *Please kneel or sit for the intercessions*

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*

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who
were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

A minister says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn (t.NEH 487) *During which the altar is prepared and a collection is gathered and presented.*

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit
on your people gathered here.
Fill our lives with gentle courage;
let your love cast out our fear.

Every perfect gift is given
by the God whose name we bear
to equip the saints of Jesus
for the saving work we share.

Gifts of wisdom, gifts of knowledge,
gifts of faith and healing grace,
gifts that in the Spirit's power
will reveal the Saviour's face.

The organ improvises and the offertory concludes

All God's children, all Christ's people,
all the saints, receive this word!
Claim the gift, the faith, the promise,
build the body of the Lord.

Words *S G Dunstan* (1955-93)

Tune LAUS DEO (REDHEAD N^o 46)
R Redhead (1820-1901)

The Eucharistic Prayer *The president sings*

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,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on
earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your
glory, for ever praising you and singing:

Choir Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,

Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit

in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body
which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *Silence is kept. Please sit or kneel.*

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.

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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Agnus Dei *The choir sings*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.</i>
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Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	<i>Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.</i>
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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 to the altar.

Anthem Holy is the True Light *Harris*

Hymn (NEH 305) *Please remain seated.*

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.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
o blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.

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.

Words Latin, 14th century
Tr *Anonymous*

Tune ANIMA CHRISTI
W Maher (1823-77)

Prayer after Communion *The president says Let us pray.*

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing *The president says*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

May God give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.

Amen.

May God strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

Amen.

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 427) *We stand to sing, the procession moves to the font*

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish, their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience is caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, lead us to you.

Words *F Pratt Green (1903-2000)* Tune LAUDATE DOMINUM (Parry)
C H H Parry (1848-1918)

The Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Postlude on 'All Saints' *Thorne*

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