



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

All-Age Eucharist

Epiphany 2

14th January 2024

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

This service paper is available in large print.

The setting is from *The Mass of St Thomas* by Thorne

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The Gathering

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

Opening Hymn LP17

I, THE Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone,
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord ...

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord ...

Dan Schutte (b. 1947), based on Isaiah 6

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.

Prayers of Confession and Forgiveness

A minister says

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Children of God, as we prepare to celebrate Jesus the light of the world,
let us ask for his forgiveness and help in our lives.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

(We may also sing the Kyrie)

The president gives the absolution

May almighty God have mercy on you,
+forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.

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, 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.
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

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

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Revelation 5.1-10

Please sit.

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

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!

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

cf 1 Timothy 3.16

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A minister says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

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 John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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*

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

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.



Offertory Hymn NEH420

O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou for ever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

2 O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

3 O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

4 O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend.

John Bode (1816-74)

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

The president says or 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,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light to the nations.

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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

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;

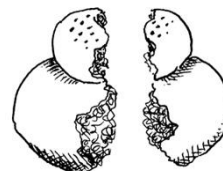
What is happening at the altar?

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?

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.

A minister says Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.**

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

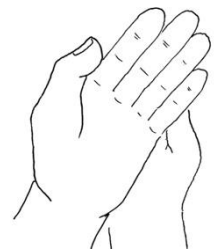
The president breaks the consecrated bread

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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.



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 *View me Lord* (Lloyd)

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 LP11

We remain seated to sing.

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)

Prayer after Communion

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

Please stand. The president says

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The president blesses the congregation.

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
+the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Hymn LP19

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

2. Lead us forward into freedom,
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

4. You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind;
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Fred Kaan (1929-2009)

The Sending Out

The deacon says

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

Organ Voluntary

Choral Song (Wesley)



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