



**LANCASTER  
PRIORY**

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

# Choral Eucharist

10.00am

18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The First Sunday of Lent

# 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 Lent. Lent is the six week period leading up to Easter. It's one of the most important times of year for many Christians around the world, particularly those within the Anglican, Catholic and Orthodox traditions, held at a similar level of importance to Advent – the build up to Christmas.

While Advent is a celebration and a time of great anticipation, Lent is more frequently seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. From its start on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, Lent has been a traditional time for fasting or giving something up or abstinence. Just as we carefully prepare for events in our personal lives, as a wedding, or birthday, the commencement of Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

*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 before the service, please see the notice sheet for more information.

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The setting of the Kyrie, Sanctus and Benedictus, and Agnus Dei are by Philip Stopford (b.1977)

# The Gathering

## Processional Hymn NEH67

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

Forty days and forty nights  
thou wast fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:

2.Sunbeams scorching all the day;  
chilly dew-drops nightly shed;  
prowling beasts about thy way;  
stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

3.Shall not we thy sorrows share,  
and from earthly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer,  
glad with thee to suffer pain?

4.And if Satan, vexing sore,  
flesh or spirit should assail,  
thou, his vanquisher before,  
grant we may not faint or fail.

5.So shall we have peace divine;  
holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us too shall angels shine,  
such as ministered to thee.

6.Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,  
ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear  
at the eternal Eastertide.

G.H. Smyttan (1822-70) and Francis Pott (1832-1909)

## **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** *A minister leads the confession*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will  
not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and  
acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

*Silence is kept*

**God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.**

**We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.**

**For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **The Kyrie** *The choir sings*

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

*The president pronounces 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.**

## The Collect

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

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Genesis 9.8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Psalm

*Sung by the Choir*

## Second Reading 1 Peter 3.18-22

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

[St Peter writes:] For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Acclamation

*We stand and face the Gospel procession. A cantor sings*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## The Gospel Reading Mark 1.9-15

*A minister says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon** *Please sit.*

**The Affirmation of Faith** *Please stand.*

We say together in faith  
**Holy, holy, holy**  
**is the Lord God almighty,**  
**who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,  
who created all things:  
**for by his will they were created**  
**and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,  
who was slain:  
**for with his blood,**  
**he purchased us for God,**  
**from every tribe and language,**  
**from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:  
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'**  
**Even so come, Lord Jesus!**  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please kneel or sit for the intercessions. These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy                      or              Lord of compassion:  
Hear our prayer.                                              In your mercy, hear us.

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

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.

*And all may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn NEH333

*During which a collection is taken and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown.  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.



2 Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings*

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 hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
[Blessed is he that cometh  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.]

*The priest continues*

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.

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. Please kneel or sit*

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,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup.  
**We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

## 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** *The choir sings*

*Please sit. The choir sings*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

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

O Lamb of God  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us thy 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** *The choir sing an anthem.*

*The Lord is my Shepherd* Howard Goodall (b.1958)

## **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

Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*All say this prayer*

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

# The Dismissal

The Blessing *The president says*

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
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 LP27

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

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
*Then sings my soul . . . .*

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in:  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;  
*Then sings my soul . . . .*

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

Carl Gustav Boberg (1859-1940), tr. Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

### The Dismissal *A minister says*

This is love, not that we loved God,  
**but that he loved us and sent his Son.**

He is the sacrifice for our sins,  
**that we might live through him.**

If God loves us so much  
**we ought to love one another.**

If we love one another  
**God lives in us.**

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

### Organ Voluntary

*Prelude on 'Durch Adam's Fall'* by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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