



A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

# All Age Eucharist

The Sunday next before Lent

Racial Justice Sunday

11<sup>th</sup> February 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.*

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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.*

**Opening Hymn** (tune: Noel Novelet NEH 115 *Now the green blade riseth*)

Jesus Christ is waiting,  
Waiting in the streets;  
No one is his neighbour,  
All alone he eats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am lonely too.  
Make me, friend or stranger,  
Fit to wait on you

2. Jesus Christ is raging,  
Raging in the streets,  
Where injustice spirals  
And real hope retreats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I am angry too.  
In the Kingdom's causes  
Let me rage with you.

3. Jesus Christ is healing,  
Healing in the streets;  
Curing those who suffer,  
Touching those he greets.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I have pity too.  
Let my care be active,  
Healing just like you.

4. Jesus Christ is dancing,  
Dancing in the streets,  
Where each sign of hatred  
He, with love, defeats.  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
I should triumph too.  
On suspicion's graveyard  
Let me dance with you.

5. Jesus Christ is calling,  
Calling in the streets,  
"Who will join my journey?  
I will guide their feet."  
Listen, Lord Jesus,  
Let my fears be few.  
Walk one step before me;  
I will follow you.

John Bell (b. 1949)

## 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.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God of all,  
You have named each and every one of us as Your child.  
Remind us that we are God breathed, beloved  
And imbued with beauty and dignity.  
As we gather in Your presence on this Racial Justice Sunday  
In different communities around the country,  
Unify us in Your love and join our different and distant voices  
Into one song of worship to You. **Amen.**

## Prayers of Confession and Forgiveness

*A minister says*

Human sin disfigures the whole creation,  
which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.  
Children of God, as we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins.

Generous God,  
You open Yourself in love to all people, you made us to be one family,  
and you call us to faith and unity, yet we have divided humanity.  
When trust is eroded and we sow division,  
when we draw limits and exclude,  
**Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.**

Generous God,  
You were born a Jew to reconcile all people,  
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.  
When we speak to diminish another's dignity,  
when the abundance of love is replaced by the austerity of fear and hate,  
**Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.**

Generous God,  
You rejoice in our differences,  
yet we make them a cause of hatred and conflict.  
When we act in fear and obstruct your way of love,  
when we allow despair to cut us off from hope,  
**Lord Jesus, forgive us and help us.**

May the Trinity of Love bind up our wounds,  
challenge our complacency,  
lead us to freedom and abundance,  
for the sake of peace and harmony,  
as our Creator ordained it.

*(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.*

Merciful God,  
you are righteous and love justice:  
stir the hearts of your people that,  
rejoicing in our diversity,  
we may repent of the wrongs of the past,  
and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**



## The Liturgy of the Word *Please sit.*

### First Reading 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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!**

Let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**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 *Mark*.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## The Gospel Reading Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*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 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.

## 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.**



*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 deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*And all may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,

a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*(Refrain) All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.

Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;

here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

*(Refrain)*

3. Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:

a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;

as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

*(Refrain)*

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

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

*(Refrain) All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

5. Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

*(Refrain)*

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

## 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.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,

for you made us in your image  
and redeemed us through your Son.

You taught us by your prophets

to work for that day when justice, mercy and peace will reign.

Let the day come quickly

when the walls that separate us are broken down,

and when suffering and oppression,

racism and discrimination will be no more.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,

keep us faithful in prayer and active in service,

until all your people rejoice with the angels in heaven, singing:

*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?*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

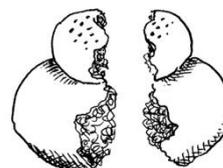
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord.

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.*

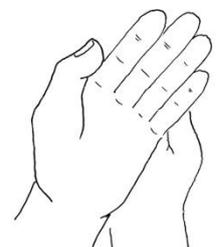
The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## 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** *We remain seated to sing.*

When I needed a neighbour,  
were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour, were you there?

*(Refrain) And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,  
were you there?*

2. I was hungry and thirsty,  
were you there, were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty were you there?

*(Refrain)*

3. I was cold. I was naked, were you there,  
were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

*(Refrain)*

4. When I needed a shelter,  
were you there, were you there  
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

*(Refrain)*

5. When I needed a healer,  
were you there, were you there?

When I needed a healer, were you there?

*(Refrain)*

6. Wherever you travel,  
I'll be there, I'll be there,  
wherever you travel, I'll be there,

*And the creed and colour and the name won't matter,  
I'll be there.*

Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

## Prayer after Communion

Blessed God,  
help us, whom you have fed and satisfied in this eucharist,  
to hunger and thirst for what is right;  
help us, who here have rejoiced and been glad,  
to stand with those who are persecuted and reviled;  
help us, who here have glimpsed the life of heaven,  
to strive for the cause of right  
and for the coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Please stand. The president says*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The president blesses the congregation.*

May God's Kingdom come,  
May God's will be done,  
May we, through the Spirit's strength,  
And our love for one another,  
Show the way of God's Kingdom dream for all,  
In this and in every place.  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Final Hymn (tune: Repton NEH353 *Dear Lord and Father of mankind*)

*During this hymn, we turn to face the procession*

**"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.

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)



## The Sending Out

*The deacon says*

Journeying God,  
Be with us as we continue to journey through life each day.  
And may we go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Organ Voluntary

*Prelude and Fugue in G* by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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