



**LANCASTER  
PRIORY**

A welcoming, inclusive, Christian community

# Choral Eucharist

10.00am

17<sup>th</sup> March 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

# 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 from the *Mass of St Cedd* by Peter Nardone (b. 1965)

# The Gathering

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

## Processional Hymn NEH93

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
O--sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
O--sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
O--sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
O--sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
O--sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

6 Were you there when he rose from out the tomb?  
Were you there when he rose from out the tomb?  
O--sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble;  
Were you there when he rose from out the tomb?

Traditional Spiritual

## **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.*

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Psalm

*Sung by the Choir*

## Second Reading Hebrews 5.5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son,

today I have begotten you’;

as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.’

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 John 12.13-22

*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.**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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.



## *Offertory Hymn* NEH90

*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.*

O sacred head, sore wounded,  
defiled and put to scorn;  
O kingly head, surrounded  
with mocking crown of thorn:  
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflower?  
O countenance whose splendour  
the hosts of heaven adore.

2. Thy beauty, long-desirèd,  
hath vanished from our sight;  
thy power is all expired,  
and quenched the Light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest,  
hide not so far thy grace:  
show me, O Love most highest,  
the brightness of thy face.

3. I pray thee, Jesus, own me,  
me, Shepherd good, for thine;  
who to thy fold has won me,  
and fed with truth divine.  
Me guilty, me refuse not,  
incline thy face to me,  
this comfort that I lose not,  
on earth to comfort thee.

4. In thy most bitter passion  
my heart to share doth cry,  
with thee for my salvation  
upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus movèd  
to stand thy cross beneath,  
to mourn thee, well-belovèd,  
yet thank thee for thy death.

5. My days are few, O fail not,  
with thine immortal power,  
to hold me that I quail not  
in death's most fearful hour:  
that I may fight befriended,  
and see in my last strife  
to me thine arms extended  
upon the cross of life.

Paul Gerhardt (1607-76), from a 14<sup>th</sup>-century Latin hymn, tr: 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

*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.

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

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

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.*

## Communion Hymn NEH82

*We remain seated to sing.*

Drop, drop, slow tears,  
And bathe those beauteous feet,  
Which brought from heaven  
The news and Prince of Peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,  
His mercies to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance  
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods  
Drown all my faults and fears;  
Nor let his eye  
See sin, but through my tears.

Phineas Fletcher (1582-1650)

## Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
**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 NEH95

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

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the cross of Christ my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. His dying crimson, like a robe  
spreads o'er his body on the tree;  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.

5. Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, may all.

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

### 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

*Jesus accepte la souffrance* by Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

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