



LANCASTER PRIORY

Holy Eucharist

with Prayers for Healing

Tuesday in Holy Week

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.

Healing was an important and visible part of the earthly ministry of Jesus and the church has always understood healing to be a mark of the coming of God's Kingdom. In this service we bring our needs and the needs of those we love and represent before God and ask that his kingdom come in those situations. In praying for healing we are not seeking to present an alternative to the work of medics. It has always been a Christian understanding that God is at work in and through trained professionals who in their own way are bringing signs of God's kingdom in the world. We are inviting God to work in the most difficult areas of our lives and in doing so we trust him to meet our need. We cannot know how our needs will be met but we can bring them to God in the knowledge of his love, shown in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Through Jesus we have seen a glimpse of God's coming kingdom and so we pray that by continuing the church's ministry of healing we shall see even more.

This service includes the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and anointing for healing. You may wish to come forward for yourself or for someone else. Please tell those offering this prayerful ministry your name and/or the name of the person for whom you are requesting prayer.

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Setting: St Anne's Mass (MacMillan)

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The Gathering

Processional Hymn

A Hymn may be sung. Please stand as the server(s) and clergy enter.

The Greeting *The president says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the service.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayers of Penitence *Please sit or kneel.*

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: 'If you love me, keep my commandments.' 'Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.' Let us confess to Almighty God our sins against his love, and ask him to cleanse us.

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive sinners:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Kyrie *A choir or cantor may sing*

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

The president says

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 introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'

Heavenly Father,
you anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit
and with power to bring to us all the blessings of your kingdom.
Anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit,
that we who share in his suffering and victory
may bear witness to the gospel of salvation;
through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:11-31 *Please sit.*

A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and

Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

For the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation and Reading John 12:20-36

Please stand. The acclamation is said or sung

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

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Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Therefore God has highly exalted him

and given him the name that is above every name.

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

The deacon says

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. The crowd answered him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’ Jesus said to them, ‘The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.’ After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *Please sit. A sermon may be preached.*

The Intercessions

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life,
and might have it more abundantly.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

We praise and bless you, Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled,
that they may be made whole.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed a knowledge of your will
and an awareness of your presence.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering wisdom and skill,
sympathy and patience.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress soundness of mind
and serenity of spirit.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance
and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death,
and uphold by the grace and consolation
of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

Hear us, Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives,
in our nation, and in the world.

Hear us, Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, Lord, is the well of life and in your light do we see light.

Hear us, Lord of life:

heal us, and make us whole.

Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

The president places the oil of the sick on the altar

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful,
creator of heaven and earth.

Your Word brought light out of darkness,

and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth.

Your anointed Son brought healing to those in weakness and distress.

He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death

that we might praise your name for ever.

By the power of your Spirit may your blessing rest

on those who are anointed with this oil in your name;

may they be made whole in body, mind and spirit,

restored in your image, renewed in your love,

and serve you as sons and daughters in your kingdom.

Through your anointed Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

to whom with you and the Holy Spirit we lift our voices of thanks and praise:

Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and for ever. Amen.

The Laying on of Hands is administered using these or other suitable words.

Laying on of hands:

In the name of God and trusting in his might alone,
receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole.

May Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind and spirit, deliver you from every
evil, and give you his peace. Amen.

Anointing:

N, I anoint you in the name of God who gives you life. Receive Christ's
forgiveness, his healing and his love.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the riches of his grace, his
wholeness and his peace. Amen.

Hymns *Hymns may be sung during the laying on of hands and anointing.*

(LP 11)

1 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

(LP 39)

1 Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
Lord, in Your suffering world this is our prayer.
Bread for your children, justice, joy, peace,
Sunrise to sunset Your kingdom increase!

2 Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills;
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

*God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray;
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain;
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

3 Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
Cities for sanctuary, freedom to share.
Peace to the killing-fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, His cross for the pain.

4 Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned – our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
Make us content with the things that we need.

God of the poor, friend of the weak...

5 Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
Until Your justice burns brightly again;
Until the nations learn of Your ways,
Seek your salvation and bring You their praise.

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray;
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain;
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Graham Kendrick.

After the time of prayer has finished the president prays

The almighty Lord, who is a strong tower for all who put their trust in him, whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth obey, be now and evermore your defence.

May you believe and trust that the only name under heaven given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Peace *Please stand.*

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and as a pledge of what is to come has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn (LP 19) *Please stand.*

1For 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.

2Lead 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.

3All 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.

4You, 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)

Offertory Prayer

Wise and gracious God, You spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven.

Amen

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 right to give you thanks in sickness and in health, in suffering and in joy,
through Christ our Saviour and Redeemer,
who as the Good Samaritan tends the wounds of body and spirit.
He stands by us and pours out for our healing
the oil of consolation and the wine of renewed hope,
turning the darkness of our pain into the dawning light of his kingdom.
And now we join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

A choir/cantor may sing or we say the word in bold:

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your
glory.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name
of the Lord.
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;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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.

Please sit. Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer *We pray together in our preferred version or language.*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.

Agnus Dei *A choir/cantor may sing or we say the words in bold*

*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.*

**Lamb of God
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in.

**Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.**

**But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.**

**So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;**

**and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.**

Amen.

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.

Music during Communion *Anthems and Hymns may be sung.*

Christ be with you (Tarney)

Communion Hymn (NEH 94)

We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.

2. Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.

3. The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

4. It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:

5. The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.

Thomas Kelly 1769-1854

Prayer after Communion *Silence is kept.*

God of all compassion,
by the dying and rising of your Christ
you restore us to yourself and enfold us in your love.
May we who have been refreshed with the bread of life and the cup of salvation
be renewed by your healing Spirit
and made ready for the coming of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal *Please stand. The priest says*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God the holy and undivided Trinity
preserve you in body, mind and spirit,
and bring you safe to that heavenly country where peace and harmony reign;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Organ Voluntary Prelude on 'Wenn wir in höchsten Nöthen sein'

We remain standing as the clergy and choir depart.