



LANCASTER PRIORY

The Eucharist During Eastertide

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. The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

Triumphant in his glory now,
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall. (Fulbert of Chartres)

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period' (laetissimum spatium). It is sometimes also called 'Great Sunday'. In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

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.

Settings: The *Mass of St Cedd* (Nardone) is included in this booklet for congregational use but when the choir are singing another setting the Latin text is provided alongside the Nardone to ease of understanding.

Refreshments are served at the back of church following this service every week. Please join us.



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THE NOTICES *are given at before the service, please see the notice sheet for more information. The hymns are also on the notice sheet.*

The Gathering

Processional Hymn *Please stand as the choir, servers and clergy enter and the Paschal candle and altar are censed.*

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 congregation.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

This is the day which the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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 says*

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Prayer of Absolution *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.**

Gloria in Excelsis *When we sing a congregational setting, please use the bold print.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, Benedicimus te,
Adoramus te, Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam,
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.
Tu solus Dominus.
Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris.
Amen.

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.

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

At the end of the prayer we respond Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Please sit. At the end of the reading this response is used.*

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

Gradual Hymn *Please stand.*

Second Reading *Please sit. At the end of the reading this response is used.*

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

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand. Please repeat the Alleluia after the cantor and between the verses.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The cantor sings a verse and we respond Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel Reading

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the reading the following response is used.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon *Please sit. A sermon is preached.*

Affirmation of Faith *Please stand.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession *Please kneel or sit.*

This response is 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 *Please stand.*

The president introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence and then says

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 *During the hymn a collection is taken. The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. Bread and Wine are placed on the altar.*

The Eucharistic Prayer *The president says*

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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit. He is the one who has gone before us, who calls us to be united in prayer as were his disciples in the upper room while they awaited his promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost. Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

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 power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

A minister says: Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight. Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in 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.**

Silence is kept. Please kneel or sit.

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

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 *We sing*

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 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.

Giving of Communion *The president says*

Alleluia, Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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 an anthem.*

Communion Hymn *We remain seated to sing.*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand. All say this prayer*

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, alleluia.

The blessing ends ... 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 *Please face the procession.*

Dismissal *A minister says*

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia! **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Organ Voluntary *Please stand until the choir and servers have departed.*