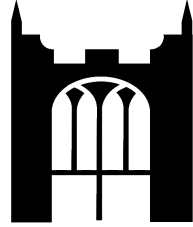


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LANCASTER
PRIORY

The Eucharist

with thanksgiving

for 30 years of women's priestly ministry

12 May 2024



Welcome to Lancaster Priory.

Thirty years ago this month (on May 14th 1994), in two of our parish churches, St John's Blackpool and St Mary's Lancaster (The Priory) 13 women were ordained as priests, the first priestly ordinations of women in the Diocese of Blackburn.

We give thanks for all of the women ordained priest in 1994 and especially Dorothy Hankey, Elizabeth Jordan, Brenda Parkinson, Sr. Mary Jo Thomas (RIP), Margaret Jenkinson, and Patricia Impey ordained at St John's, Blackpool and Kathleen Allen, Frances Edwards (RIP), Brenda Harding, Janet Heil, Jessica Turner, Rachel Watts (nee Simper) and Ann Wood ordained in this Priory Church.

We give thanks for the rich variety of gifts which ordained women have brought to the Diocese of Blackburn in the thirty years since. As Bishop Philip wrote at the time of his announcement: 'Female clergy in Blackburn Diocese are fully and equally part of the Diocese and have a ministry that is grace-filled and transformative.'

Revd Canon Kate Massey is our preacher today. Kate is Vicar of St Paul's Church Stockingford in Nuneaton. She has been Dean of Women's Ministry for Coventry Diocese and served two terms as Chair of NADAWM. She now serves on the House of Bishops Standing Commission on the House of Bishops Declaration and Five Guiding Principles.

Revd Canon Brenda Harding, who celebrates her 30th Anniversary of Priestly ministry this year, is our President. Brenda studied history and theology at London University and then taught religious studies in secondary school and higher education. After ordination, she was curate and associate priest at Christ Church Lancaster before returning to the Priory where she had previously been reader for 8 years.

Revd Jane Atkinson, who celebrates her 10th Anniversary of Ordination this year and was part of the first cohort of women ordained Priest at Blackburn Cathedral, is our liturgical Deacon.

Kaarina Leong, to be ordained Deacon in June 2024, is the Subdeacon.

Large print copies of this booklet are available. Please ask the Stewards.

Toilet facilities are situated at the rear of the refectory off the North Quire Aisle.

Throughout this booklet there are rubrics regarding posture (sit, stand etc), these are to be a guide for those who wish to stand. We hope that you will worship with us as you feel able.

To enable our worship to be uninterrupted, please ensure all mobile phones are switched off before and during the service.

The music of the service is led by the Priory Choir and Musicians, directed by Dr Rebekah Okpoti, with Ian Pattinson FRCO playing the organ.

The Gloria is from the Mass of St Thomas by *D Thorne*, the Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei are from *O Tarney Missa Media Nocte*.

Please join us at the back of church for refreshments after the service.

The Gathering

Choir Introit My eyes for beauty pine *E Coxhead*

Hymn *We stand to sing a hymn.*

**Called to worship, called to service,
called to bring God's presence near;
called to preaching, prayer and blessing
speaking peace to conquer fear.
Thirty years of joys and sorrows,
priestly service gathered here.**

**We have walked where Christ has called us,
borne our cross and suffered pain.
To God's call we have been faithful,
and in loss have found our gain.
For indeed our God is faithful,
and we give our thanks again.**

**Called to tell salvation's story,
brought in safety through the sea;
brought into the new creation,
from the weight of sin set free.
Called to speak of God's forgiveness —
at our voice let sorrow flee.**

**Here we stand where earth and heaven
meet in praise and offering;
here we make Christ truly present,
hearts and lives the gifts we bring.
Where our hands share blood and body,
hearts and souls and voices sing.**

**In this House of prayer and teaching,
where our songs of praise arise,
Lord, receive our great thanksgiving
joy that echoes to the skies.
All for God and all with gladness,
which our service sanctifies.**

Music: Regent Square
Words: PJ White

The Greeting

The president welcomes the congregation informally and then 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.

Bishop Philip also welcomes the congregation.

Prayers of Penitence *The deacon leads the confession*

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer,
this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.

Silence is kept.

You made us to be one family, yet we have divided humanity.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You were born to reconcile all people, yet we have brought disharmony.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You rejoice in our differences, yet we make them a cause of enmity.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president pronounces the absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

We sing together

Refrain **Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.**

**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. Refrain**

**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. Refrain**

**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. Refrain**

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

Almighty God,
giver of all that is good,
by your Holy Spirit you have appointed
various orders of ministry in your Church.
Bless all who have responded to that call.
So fill them with your truth, and clothe them with holiness,
that they may faithfully serve to the glory of your name
and the benefit of your Church.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Zephaniah 3: 14-20*

Read by Revd Canon Dr Patricia Impey, ordained at St John's Blackpool in 1994.

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Song of St Anselm *We remain seated, we join in the refrain:*

**Refrain: Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us,
in your love and tenderness remake us.**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. **Refrain**

Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement. **Refrain**

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us. **Refrain**

Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;
by your anguish and labour we come forth in joy. **Refrain**

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. **Refrain**

Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous:
Lord Jesus, with love and tenderness remake us. **Refrain**

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us. **Refrain**

Second Reading *1 Corinthians 13*

Read by the Revd Canon Fleur Green, Vicar of Broughton Parish and Assistant Archdeacon.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

This acclamation heralds the Gospel reading. Please stand and face the Gospel. Please repeat the refrain after the choir and after the Cantor has sung the verse.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Cantor sings a verse after which we sing again

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Gospel Reading *John 20:1-18*

The deacon 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.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please sit. A sermon is preached by the Revd Canon Kate Massey.

Profession of Faith *Please stand.*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The intercessions are led by Stephen Whittaker and young people from the priory community. Please sit for the intercessions. This response will be used

Lord of compassion:

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.**

Act of Lament *Led by The Rt Revd Jill Duff, Bishop of Lancaster.*

God, the maker of all things,

has made each of us in his image and called us all to service.

Let us lament where God's image is marred.

Lord, heal and forgive.

Let us lament vocations delayed and denied,
voices silenced and ministries rejected.

Lord, heal and forgive.

Let us lament the bruises of ministry,
those harmed where they should have been loved.

Lord, heal and forgive.

Let us lament those attacked and abused,
those who have not been believed.

Lord, heal and forgive.

Act of Thanksgiving *The bishop continues*

Lord, we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the whole human race. For revealing to us
the mystery of your purpose and choosing us all in Christ.

We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name.

For giving us power to proclaim your gospel to the nations
and to serve you as a royal priesthood. We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name.

For the Church of today, for deacons, priests and bishops.

For those women ordained in this diocese who are celebrating their thirtieth
anniversaries of Priesthood this year, especially Dorothy Hankey, Elizabeth
Jordan, Brenda Parkinson, Margaret Jenkinson, Patricia Impey, Kathleen Allen,
Brenda Harding, Janet Heil, Jessica Turner, Rachel Watts and Ann Wood.

We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name.

For your great cloud of witnesses. Especially those ordained in our Diocese in
nineteen ninety-four who have died: Sr. Mary Jo Thomas and Frances Edwards. For
those who have worshipped and served your in every age. We give you thanks:

We praise your holy name.

For the joy of our shared calling to follow you and to be a people transformed
by your Holy Spirit in every time and place. We give you thanks.

We praise your holy name.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace *The president introduces the Peace.*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

We belong to him through faith, heirs of the promise of the spirit of peace.

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.

And all may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The gifts of the people are gathered and presented. The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. The president takes the bread and wine.

This was the offertory hymn sung at St John's Blackpool during the 1994 ordinations.

The Church's one foundation

Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

She is his new creation

By water and the word:

From heaven he came and sought her

To be his holy Bride,

With his own blood he bought her,

And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,

Yet one o'er all the earth,

Her charter of salvation

One Lord, one faith, one birth;

One holy name she blesses,

Partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses

With every grace endued.

**'Mid toil, and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.**

Words: S Stone

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, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks
through your servant Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son
and coming among us as one who serves,

he taught that they are greatest in your kingdom
who make themselves least and the servants of all.

Although he was their teacher and their Lord,

he washed the feet of his disciples, and commanded us to do the same.

Through your Holy Spirit you bestow upon your people

a rich diversity of gifts and ministries, and from this royal priesthood

you raise up men and women to proclaim your word,

to care for your people and to be the stewards of the mysteries of Christ.

You call them to serve the world your Son redeemed
and build up his body, the Church, to the greater glory of your name.
And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

The Choir sings

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The president 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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.*

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:

**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Giving of Communion

The president invites the congregation to receive Holy Communion.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Agnus Dei *The Choir sings a version of the Agnus Dei:*

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.

The president and people receive Communion. Please follow the directions of stewards and church wardens. 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. If you require a gluten free host please make this known to the ministrant when you come forwards.

Music during Communion

The Priory musicians lead the following hymns and songs:

Remembrance (Communion Song) M Maher

**Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery?
Say 'take this bread, take this wine'
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive**

***By Your mercy we come to Your table
By Your grace You are making us faithful***

***Lord, we remember You and remembrance leads us to worship
And as we worship You our worship leads to communion
We respond to Your invitation, we remember You***

**See His body, His blood
Know that He has overcome
Every trial we will face
None too lost to be saved
None too broken or ashamed
All are welcome in this place**

By Your mercy we come to Your table.....

How great is our God *C Tomlin*

**The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice**

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

**Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb**

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

10,000 Reasons *M Redman*

***Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name***

**The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

Bless the Lord oh my soul...

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

**And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

Bless the Lord oh my soul...

Prayer after Communion *The president prays this prayer*

Heavenly Father,
whose ascended Son gave gifts of leadership
and service to the Church:
strengthen us who have received this holy food
to be good stewards of your manifold grace;
through him who came not to be served but to serve,
and give his life as a ransom for many,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

This hymn was written for the 20th anniversary of the ordination of women to the Priesthood in the Church of England.

**Hope of our calling: hope through courage won;
by those who dared to share all Christ had done.
Saints of today, Christ's banner now unfurled,
we bring his gospel to a waiting world.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with strength empowered,
inspired by all that we have seen and heard;
this call is ours, for we are chosen too,
to live for God in all we say and do.**

**Hope of our calling: hope with grace outpoured,
from death's despair the gift of life restored;
our call to serve, to wash each others' feet,
to bring Christ's healing touch to all we meet.**

**Hope of our calling: hope by faith made bold;
to sow God's righteousness throughout the world;
bring peace from conflict, fruitfulness from weeds,
the kingdom's harvest from a mustard seed.**

**Hope of our calling: Spirit-filled, unbound,
Old joys remembered and new purpose found,
Our call refreshed by sacrament and word,
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

Music: Woodlands
Words: A Barrett

The Dismissal

The Blessing *The president says*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

God who has called you is faithful.

Go into the world with joy,
forgive generously,
love extravagantly,
live abundantly
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal *The deacon says*

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

Organ Voluntary Toccata (Symphony No. 5) *Widor*