



**BLACKBURN  
CATHEDRAL**

The Parish  
Eucharist  
on  
Harvest Festival

*13 October, 2024*

*9.00am*

*Welcome*  
to this morning's  
service

The President is  
**Canon Jenny Gaffin**  
*Precentor*

Preacher is  
**Revd Matthew Allen**  
*Blackburn Centre Lead Tutor – Emmanuel College*

The service is sung by  
**The Youth Choir**

Conducted by  
**Helen Davies**

The Setting is  
**St Thomas - Thorne**

The Organist is  
**John Hosking**  
*Organist in Residence*

**Preparation:** For individual use before the service begins.

**Old Testament Reading**  
*(Amos 5.6-7, 10-15)*

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Please stand to sing

## Processional

All Things Bright And Beautiful



*All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful  
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings.

*Refrain*

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one.

*Refrain*

He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty,  
who hath done all things well:

*Refrain*

*Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)*

## The Greeting

*The president greets the people*

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The president introduces the celebration*

## The Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

## The Prayers of Penitence

God the Father forgives us in Christ  
and heals us by the Holy Spirit.  
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,  
all slander and malice,  
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

**Most merciful God,**  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. **Amen.**

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 Gloria

*The choir sings the refrain first which is then repeated at once by everyone and sung again after each section as indicated.*



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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest.**

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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest.**

# The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept – please remain standing*

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## New Testament Reading *(Hebrews 4.12-end)*

*Read by Mary Singleton*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gradual Hymn

Epiphany 49



God in his love for us lent us this planet,  
gave it a purpose in time and in space:  
small as a spark from the fire of creation,  
cradle of life and the home of our race.

Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty,  
life that sustains us in body and mind:  
plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,  
riches undreamed of to fathom and find.

Earth is the Lord's: it is ours to enjoy it,  
ours, as his stewards, to farm and defend.  
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction,  
good Lord, deliver us, world without end. *Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*

# The Gospel

(Mark 10.17-31)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection*

*Please stand with the president*

# The Creed

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel*

## The Prayers of Intercession

*Led by Linda Cronshaw*

*This response is used*

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Those who are ill at home or in hospital,*

Stephen Birch, Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Lilah Jane, Graham Jordan, Lynn  
Martin, Margaret Ingham, Margaret Young, Oliver Colville, Sue Penfold, Irfan Masih,  
Harry Searles, Liam Johnson, Lorraine, Ray Hutchings  
*and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,*

Brandon Porter, Ruth Tyers

*and those whose anniversaries are at this time,*

Mary Henderson, Audrey Duerden (13), Emily Culligan (15), Harold Sagar (19)

(Dates are in brackets)

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please stand with the president*



# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*The president says*

You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*When offering a greeting please respect those who may wish to keep their distance and not pass the peace physically*

## Preparation of the Table

Please give what you prayerfully can. You may prefer to use the collection point or card reader on the way out. If you are a UK tax payer please use and sign the blue gift aid form provided on your chair. Alternatively, The Parish Giving Scheme is the easy way to give regularly to support the ongoing ministry of Blackburn Cathedral and you can find out more and sign up by using the QR code provided here. Blackburn Cathedral's Parish Giving Scheme Code is: 030603001



*Please remain standing to sing*

# Hymn

Wir Pflügen



We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble thankful hearts.

*All good gifts...*

*German, Claudius (1740-1815) tr. J Campbell (1817-78)*

*for all his love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts...*

# Taking of the Bread and Wine

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine. **Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Blessed are you Lord God, our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*Everyone sings*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,  
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.  
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and,  
taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.  
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St Mary, St Paul and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.  
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen**

# The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we pray, each in our own language, as our Saviour taught us,

Notre père, qui es aux cieux ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...  
Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...  
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...  
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،  
Téve Mūsų, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...  
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...

**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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread, saying*

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**



# The Giving of 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.**

*When you are ready to receive communion please approach the president in single file and return to your seat by one of the side aisles.*

*Please do come and ask this first minister for any blessings.*

*Communion is available in both kinds, and the minister distributing bread will say*

**The body of Christ. Amen.**

*After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the next minister before returning to your place.*

*The minister distributing wine will say*

**The blood of Christ. Amen.**

*If you do not wish to receive communion wine, please walk past that second minister and return to your place.*

*The choir sings*

Look at the world, everything all around us,  
look at the world and marvel every day.  
Look at the world: so many  
joys and wonders,  
so many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee, O lord for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
all the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
all things come of thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and  
flower,  
look at the sky the sunshine and the rain.  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and

mountains,  
valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of  
summer  
bringing the harvest before winter's cold.  
Everything grows, everything has a season,  
'till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish  
comes from the Lord in token of his love.  
We are his hands, stewards of all his  
bounty.  
His is the earth and his the heavens above.  
*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept*

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
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.**

### **The Dismissal**

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

### **The Organ Voluntary**

Postlude on "Song 34"

George Dyson (1883 – 1964)

*Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service*

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<b>Next Sunday</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> after Trinity
Old Testament reading	Isaiah 53.4-end
Psalms	91.9 - end
New Testament reading	Hebrews 5.1-10
Gospel Reading	Mark 10.35-45

## Notices for the week beginning 13 October

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – 12.30 Holy Communion cancelled due to a funeral.

### Blackburn Foodbank in October

We are collecting *soup*. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

**Holy dusters and gardeners** Many thanks to those who helped at the last gathering. The last date of the year is 26<sup>th</sup> October 10-12. All are welcome for this sociable occasion. Tasks include dusting and hoovering inside the church, and weeding the garden.

**Going digital**. We warmly encourage those who are able to follow the order of service digitally using your electronic devices. However those who are able can either download the orders of service from the website or by use QR codes provided at the cathedral door.

### Wednesday Organ Concerts – 12.15 Free entry

23 Oct – Tim Mills	20 Nov – Emma Gibbins
30 Oct – Ian Dalgleish	27 Nov – David Hardie
6 Nov – Angela Sones	4 Dec – John Hosking
13 Nov – Richard Walker	

### Radio 3 Broadcast – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 3pm

Choral Evensong. Please be in your seats by 2.45pm. Doors will close by 2.50 so please arrive in good time.

### All Souls Requiem – Sunday 3 November 4pm

If you would like a loved one remembered at this service please fill in the sheet at the back of the cathedral or email [precentor@blackburncathedral.co.uk](mailto:precentor@blackburncathedral.co.uk)