



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral
Eucharist
on
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, 19 January 2025

10.30am

Welcome
to this morning's
service

The President is
The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones
Dean

The Preacher is
Canon Dr Jenny Gaffin
Precentor

The Deacon is
Canon James Lawrence
Precentor

The Subdeacon is
Mihaela Mladin

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Director of Music

The organist is
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

The setting for the service is
Haydn Missa St Nicolai

Children and young people are welcome at all our services, but if you feel your child needs a more informal space, the Temple Gallery and the Cloister Garth are available as 'breakout' areas. Please note that they are unattended, and so you will need to stay with your child at all times. The wardens and stewards can give directions. *Before the service, the congregation is welcomed by Canon James Lawrence*

The Gathering

Please stand as the ministers enter

Processional

Epiphany 49



Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
maker and monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber (1783-1826) alt.

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

The deacon says

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

**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.**

The president says

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

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 caelestis,
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 be to God on high
and peace on earth
to those of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you.
We give thanks to you
for your great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.
O Lord the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ.
O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you that take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
You that take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You who are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy upon us.
For you alone are holy,
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

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Read by Dominic Eatwell

(Isaiah 62.1-5)

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

Psalm

(36.5-10)

Thy mercy, O LORD, reacheth unto the heavens,
and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains:
thy judgments are like the great deep.

Thou, LORD, shalt save both man and beast:
how excellent is thy mercy, O God!

and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house;
and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.

For with thee is the well of life; and in thy light shall we see light.

O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee,
and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

New Testament Reading

(1 Corinthians 12.1-11)

Read by Joyce Wicks

A reading from the letter to the Corinthians

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gradual hymn

Redhead 51



Hail, thou source of every blessing,
sovereign God of humankind,
gentiles now, thy grace possessing,
in thy courts admission find.

Once far off, but now invited,
we approach thy sacred throne;
in thy covenant united,
reconciled, redeemed, made one.

Now revealed to eastern sages,
see the star of mercy shine,
mystery hid in former ages,
mystery great of love divine.

Hail, thou all-inviting Saviour!
gentiles now their offerings bring,
in thy temples seek thy favour,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

Basil Wood (1760-1831)

The Gospel

The deacon says

(John 2.1-11)

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Jeremy Duerden

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, Graham Jordan, Margaret Young,
Sue Penfold, Irfan Masih, Harry Searles, Liam Johnson, Lorraine,

Ray Hutchings, Brian and Ruth Whittle, Jenni Bellamy

and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,

and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

Robert Anderson, Emma Murgatroyd, Ian Stuart Whittaker (20),

Brenda Tattum (21), Margaret Alice Barnes(24)

(Dates are in brackets)

And at the end

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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince 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.

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



Offertory Hymn

Diademata



Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake my soul and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson
trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root, whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole that wars
may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of Paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.

Glassed in a sea of light,
where everlasting waves
reflect his throne – the Infinite!

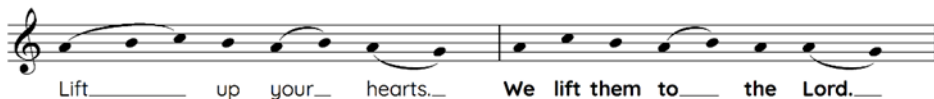
Who lives – and loves – and saves. *Matthew Bridges (1800-94)*

Please stand

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer



All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst. In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

The choir sings

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

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
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 now 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.

The deacon says

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so
we pray with confidence, 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 ... Ojczcie nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ،الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ...
Têve Mūsū, 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

**We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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.

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 on us.

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

The Giving of Communion

The president says

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

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 station near the central aisle, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.

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 distribution point, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.

While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit down.

During communion

The choir sings

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, oh lift!

We need not wander more but enter with our gift;
our gift of finest gold.

Gold that was never bought nor sold;
myrrh to be strewn about his bed;
incense in clouds about his head;
all for the Child who stirs not in his sleep,
but holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.

Bend low about his bed, for each he has a gift;
see how his eyes awake, lift up your hands, O lift!
For gold, he gives a keen-edged sword
(Defend with it thy little Lord!),
for incense, smoke of battle red.

Myrrh for the honoured happy dead;
gifts for his children terrible and sweet,
touched by such tiny hands and oh such tiny feet.

Frances Chesterton (1869-1938), music by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of 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.**

Please stand

Final Hymn

Dundee



The race that long in darkness pined
have seen a glorious light;
the people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.

To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
the gathering nations come,
joyous as when the reapers bear
the harvest-treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born,
to us a Son is given;
him shall the tribes of earth obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored;
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

His pow'r increasing still shall spread;
his reign no end shall know:
justice shall guard his throne above,
and peace abound below. *John Morrison (1750-98)*

The Dismissal

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.
And the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and 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.

The Organ Voluntary

Final (Symphonie no. 2)

Ch. M. Widor (1844 – 1937)

Next Sunday

Old Testament reading

Psalm

New Testament reading

Gospel Reading

Epiphany 3

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Ps 19

1 Cor 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

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Flowers today are given by Mihaela Mladin in loving memory of her father, Vasile.

Notices for the Week Beginning 19 January

Choral Evensong today –

Howells St Paul's Service

Tomorrow Shall be my Dancing Day – Hudson

Responses - Rose

Sunday 2nd February – Candlemas

There will be a 4pm Eucharist instead of Evensong, followed by refreshments.

Blackburn Foodbank in January

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

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Forthcoming Lunchtime Concerts, Wednesdays 12.15

22nd Jan - Laurence John Organ Concert

29th Jan - Oliver Waterer Organ Concert

5th Feb - Damian O'Keeffe, Baritone, Concert

12th Feb - Benjy Bloor Organ Concert

Interested in being confirmed? Confirmation classes for adults will take place as part of our **Alpha Course**, Tuesday February 4th, 5.30pm, for six weeks.

Confirmation classes for children will take place on Saturday mornings at 11am, starting mid February. The confirmation service will take place on Easter Eve (Saturday 19th April) at 8pm.

Contemplative Prayer Group. This new group meets on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 11am in the St Martin Chapel. All are welcome.



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