



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Parish
Eucharist
on
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, 19 January, 2025

9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
Canon Dr Jenny Gaffin
Precentor

The service is sung by the
The Cathedral Youth Choir
Directed by
Helen Davies

The setting for the service is the
Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne.

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

Old Testament Reading

(Isaiah 62.1-5)

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.

The Gathering

Please remain seated as the choir and stand for the hymn

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.

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 Prayers of Penitence

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.**

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.



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,
For you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God
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

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

New Testament Reading

(1 Corinthians 12.1-11)

Read by Linda Cronshaw

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 to sing

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

(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.

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

Please stand with the president

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.
**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Please sit

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by John Wilson

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 for the peace

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing to sing the hymn during which there will be a collection



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

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 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)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Open the heavens, Lord our God,
and send your transforming Spirit
on us and on these gifts.

May we who are baptized into Christ
be ready to share his cup of suffering
and strengthened to serve him for ever.

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.

It is truly right and just,

our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

You celebrated your new gift of baptism

in signs and wonders at the Jordan.

Your voice was heard from heaven

to awaken faith in the presence among us

of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,

revealing Jesus as your servant,

and anointing him with the oil of gladness

to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,

we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven

for ever praising you and saying:

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.

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;
and as we look for the coming of his kingdom,
we make with this bread and this cup
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 Mary, Paul and 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 say, in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us,

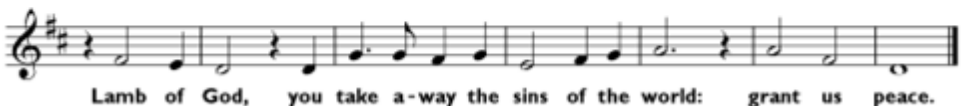
Notre père, qui es aux cieux ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojczce nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ...
Tève Mūsū, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein 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 Giving of Communion

The president says

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.

Communion is in both kinds, and the minister distributing communion will say

The body of Christ. Amen.
The blood of Christ. Amen.

If you, or someone with you would like a blessing, please ask.

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

During communion

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King we will give him the Kings' gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes', said the young girl to Joseph
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown.
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Peter Warlock (1894–1930)

Silence is kept

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.

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please stand

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

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.**

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

The Organ Voluntary

Fuga (Sonata no. 6)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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

Notices for the Week Beginning 19 January

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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