



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral
Eucharist
on
The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Sunday, 9 February, 2025

10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President
Canon Dr Jenny Gaffin

The Preacher
The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The Deacon
Canon James Lawrence
Missioner

The Subdeacon
Nigel Scales

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Organist and Director of Music

Organist
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

The setting for the service is
Jackson in G

Children and young people are welcome at all our services, but if you feel your child needs a more informal space, the Cloister Garth and Temple Gallery are available as 'breakout' areas. Please note these areas are unattended, and you will need to stay with your child at all times. The stewards can give directions.

**The service is live streamed.
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*Before the service, the congregation is
welcomed by Canon James Lawrence*

The Gathering

Please remain seated as the choir and ministers move to the west end of the Cathedral before the notices.

Please stand to sing

Processional

MICHAEL 333



All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
He through change and chance he guideth,
Truly good and only true.
Whom unknown, he alone
Holds all my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
Word and crown betray his trust;
That with care and toil he buildeth,
Power and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
Keeps my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
New-born worlds rise and adore

Daily doth th'almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on the German of
Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*

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

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

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.

The Gloria

The choir sings

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 to God in the highest
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.*

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

O God, you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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 Ruth Watton

(Isaiah 6.1-8)

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

Psalm

(138)

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart;
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name,
because of thy loving-kindness and truth;
for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy word, above all things.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me;
and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord;
for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly;
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me;
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies,
and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me;

yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever;

despise not then the works of thine own hands

New Testament Reading

(1 Corinthians 15.1-11)

Read by Mihaela Mladin

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

GWALCHMAI 391



King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593-1632)

The Gospel

The deacon says

(Luke 5.1-11)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed 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 down for the prayers

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Louise Hicks

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, Ruth McGaughey,
Joy and Mike Singleton

*and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,
and those whose anniversaries are at this time,*

Edgar L S Walker (10), Frank Leslie Moore, William Caddick, Pauline Farquar (11), Alan
Pearson, Roger Brickell (14), James Halliwell, John Bury, Barbara Walmsley (15)
[numbers are days of the month]

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

God is love, and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.
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.

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



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Preparation of the Table

The deacon prepares the table

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

Offertory Hymn

Hereford 431



○ thou who camest from above,
:he pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!

There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer, and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.

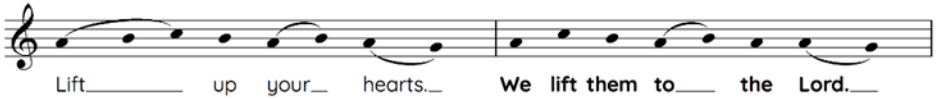
Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat,
till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer



It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise:

The choir sings

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 hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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.

The deacon says

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 Mary, 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

Joining our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer our Saviour taught us,

Notre père, qui es aux cieus ... 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،
Tève Mūsu, 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 this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

If you are able, please remain standing while 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

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

When the stewards invite you to go forward, please approach the two communion stations for bread in single file along the side aisles of the Nave.

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 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

Come, Lord, enter our darkness with your light.
Fill our emptiness with your presence.
Come refresh, restore, renew us,
In our sadness come as joy,
In our troubles come as peace,
In our fearfulness come as hope.
In our darkness hope,
In our frailty come strength.
In our loneliness com as love.

Eleanor Daley (b.1955)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy
receive everlasting life;
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.**

Please stand to sing

Final Hymn

PADERBORN 476



Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have:
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

The God of all grace
Who calls you by name,
Establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

The deacon says

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

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

The president and ministers will leave in procession and go outside at first.

Please take your service paper home with you.

The Organ Voluntary

Te Deum, Jeanne Demessieux

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Flowers today are given by the family of Marjory Godfrey in her loving memory .

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 9 February, 2025

Choral Evensong Today – 4pm

Next Sunday *Racial Justice Sunday Guest Preacher: Fr Azariah France-Williams*

Old Testament reading – Jer 17.5-10

Psalm 1

New Testament reading - 1 Cor 15.12-20

Gospel Reading - Luke 6.17-26

Choir Church Festival Evensong – Tuesday 4 March (Shrove Tuesday) – 5pm Choral Evensong. All are welcome to hear this combined choir sing.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 5 March, 7.30pm service. All welcome.

Blackburn Foodbank in February

We are collecting tinned fruit. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate. The foodbank have written to us to thank us for all our contributions, which are greatly appreciated.

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Forthcoming Lunchtime Concerts, Wednesdays 12.15

12th Feb - Benjy Bloor Organ Concert

19th Feb – Janet Thomas Organ Concert

26th Feb – Christopher Stokes Organ Concert

5th March – Abigail Birch-Price Concert

12th March – Tricola Concert

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

Literary lunch with Patrick Grant. 18Feb, 12noon – 3.30pm in the crypt. Tickets £36 which includes a two course meal and refreshments. Tickets can be purchased through the cathedral website or at Checks and Greys.

Interested in being confirmed? Confirmation classes for adults will take place as part of our **Alpha Course**, Tuesday 4 February 4, 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 19 April) at 8pm.

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