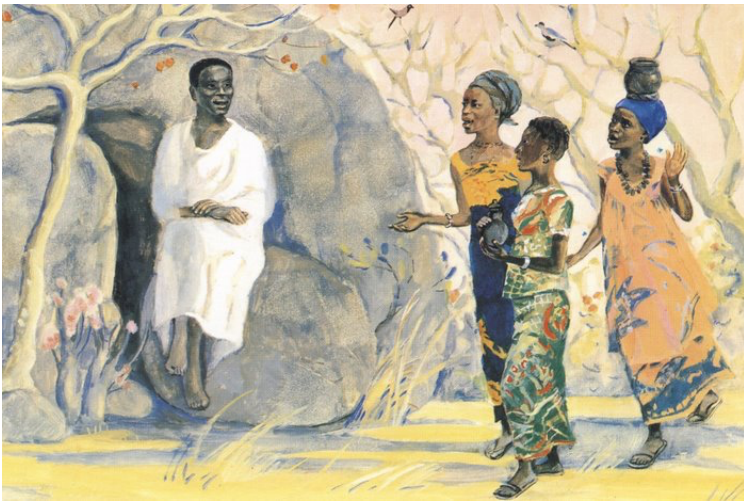


# **BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL**



## **The Parish Eucharist on Easter Day**

*Sunday, 20 April 2025, 9.00am*



# Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is  
**The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones**  
*The Dean*

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

Directed by  
**Helen Davies**

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

The setting for the service is  
**Belfast Centenary Mass – Stopford**

## Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

## **New Testament Reading**

*(1 Corinthians 15.19-26)*

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

*Before the service begins, at 8.55am in their seats, the choir sings the introit*

He is risen, he is risen!  
Tell it with a joyful voice;  
he has burst his three days' prison;  
let the whole wide earth rejoice.  
Death is conquered, we are is free,  
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,  
with glad smile and radiant brow;  
Lent's long shadows have departed,  
all his woes are over now,  
and the Passion that he bore:  
sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning  
Chant our Lord's triumphant lay;  
not one darksome cloud is dimming  
yonder glorious morning ray,  
breaking o'er the purple east:  
brighter far our Easter-feast.

*Cecil Frances Alexander (née Humphreys) (1818-1895)*

*Percy William Whitlock (1903-1946)*

## The Gathering

*Please stand as the minister enters*

### Processional



EASTER HYMN  
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Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia,  
our triumphant holy day, alleluia,  
who did once upon the cross, alleluia,  
suffer to redeem our loss. alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia,  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia,  
who endured the cross and grave, alleluia,  
sinners to redeem and save. alleluia.

But the pains which he endured alleluia,  
our salvation have procured, alleluia,  
now above the sky he's King, alleluia,  
where the angels ever sing. alleluia,

*Surrexit Christus hodie, Anon. Latin, Lyra Davidica (1708)*

## 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.**  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*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

Jesus Christ,  
risen Master and triumphant Lord,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,  
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,  
and not by the power of your resurrection.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
as faithless and not believing.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
and doubted our home in heaven.  
In your mercy, forgive us.

**Lord, hear us and help us.**

*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*

Glory be to God on high,  
and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy 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,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art the Most High, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## The Collect

Let us pray

*Silence is kept – please remain standing*

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.  
**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Reading

*Read by Linda Cronshaw*

*(Acts 10.34-43)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the assembled crowd in Caesarea:  
'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who  
fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he  
sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of  
all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit

and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing*

## Gradual Hymn

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The day of resurrection,  
earth, tell it out abroad!  
The passover of gladness,  
the passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ has brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing  
may raise the victor strain.



Now let the heavens be joyful,  
let earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that has no end.

*Anastaseos hemera John of Damascus  
(c.675-749) translated John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

## **The Gospel**

*(Luke 24.1-12)*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The Dean*

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

*Please stand with the president for*

## 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.**

*We sit for the prayers*

## The Prayers of Intercession

*Led by Terry Givens*

*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, Judith Broughton, Ray Duckworth. Liz Frayne  
*and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,  
and those whose anniversaries are at this time,*

Betty Conlon (20), Lewis Clark, Eric Whittaker, Dudley Fulwell (21), Laura  
Robinson (22), Ellen Holdsworth (23)

[numbers are the day 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**

*The president says*

The risen Christ came and stood among the disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.  
**and also with you. Alleluia!**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We share the peace with one another joyfully*

*During the offertory hymn a collection is taken, 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 taxpayer, please use the blue gift aid form provided.*

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## Preparation of the Table

### Offertory hymn

Lux Eoi 103



Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he, who on the cross a victim,  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face:  
and we, with our hearts in heaven,

here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour  
who has won the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels  
and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

*The choir sings*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.  
Blessed is he that cometh 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.

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

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،**  
**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*

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 choir sings*

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## **The Giving of Communion**

*The president says*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*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*

## **During communion**

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green

In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,  
thinking that never he would rise again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,  
thy touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

*John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) alt.*

*Music French traditional arr. Simon Lindley (1948-2025)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept*

God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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.**

## **The Dismissal**

*The president pronounces God's blessing*

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of Almighty God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **The Organ Voluntary**

Chorale Prelude on 'Vulpus'

*Healey Willian (1880-1968)*

*Please stay behind after the service for tea and coffee.*

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## **EVENSONG TODAY**

4.00pm

### **Choral Evensong**

*Dyson in D*

*Blessed be the God and Father – Wesley*

Responses: *Radcliffe*

Psalm 105

## **NEXT SUNDAY – EASTER 2**

Acts 5.27-32

Revelation 1.4-8

John 20.19-end

## Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 20 April

### **FLOWERS**

Flowers today are given by The Dean and Sîan Howell-Jones in memory of their fathers, and also by Denise Sanderson and Audrey Cunliffe in loving memory of Leslie Cunliffe.

Many thanks to members of the congregation who gave generously to the cost of the Easter flowers.

### **BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN APRIL**

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

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### **ELECTORAL ROLL AND APCM**

Make sure that you are signed up for the electoral roll. The cutoff date is the Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Please speak to a warden and fill out a form. Paper copies available at the back and digital forms available through the website.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

### **PARKING**

Please park responsibly if you park on the forecourt on Sunday mornings. For the next month a parking attendant will be present, please work with them to find an appropriate place to leave your vehicle.

### **ANZAC BRASS BAND**

Following Evensong on the 27<sup>th</sup> April we will be joined by the Anzac Brass Band. They are flying over from New Zealand to perform in Lancashire so please come and support if you are able.