



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

The Parish
Eucharist
on
The Third
Sunday of Easter

19th April, 2026

9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
Canon James Lawrence
Canon Missioner

The Organist is
John Robinson
Director of Music

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

New Testament Reading

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

(1 Peter 1.17-23)

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

ELLACOMBE 117



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.

John of Damascus(675-749)

translated John Mason Neal e(1818-1866)

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

The president continues

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

EVELYNS 338



Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing Hallelujah to our heavenly king;

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!
With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer;

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy One,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Christopher Idle after Gloria in Excelsi

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Acts Reading

Read by Terry Givens

(Acts 2.14a, 36-41)

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

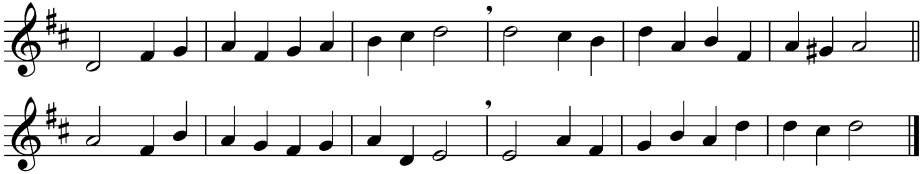
Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

FARLEY CASTLE 182



Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thyself at thine own board make manifest,
in this our sacrament of bread and wine.

We meet, as in that upper room they met;
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
'This is my body': so thou givest yet:
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

One body we, one body who partake,
one Church united in communion blest;
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.

One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
who art one saviour and one living Head;
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
be known to us in breaking of the bread.

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

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The Gospel

(Luke 24.13-35)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Canon James Lawrence

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.**

The president invites the congregation to kneel or sit down

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Linda Cronshaw.

This response is used

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

For those who are sick

Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Margaret Young, Liam Johnson, Graham Jordan, Brian and Ruth Whittle, Jenni Bellamy, Ruth McGaughey, Harvey Stansfield, Eric Barnes, Carol Fishwick, Frank Haworth, Patricia Matthews

and those who have requested prayer

Christopher Browne, Susan Garlick, Isla Smith, Tracey Riley, Peter Howell-Jones, Sarah and Ian White

and those whose anniversaries fall this week

19th Francis Bertalot, Sallie Mackey, Matthew Stables, 20th Betty Conlon, 21st Lewis Clark, Eric Whittaker, Dudley Fulwell, 22nd Laura Robinson, 23rd Ellen Holdsworth.

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 introduces the peace

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

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

Preparation of the Table

Please give what you prayerfully can on the collection plate. You may prefer to use the collection point on the way out. If you are a UK taxpayer please use and sign the blue envelope.. Please do consider joining our Parish Giving Scheme.

May it be ours to know him
that we may truly love,
and loving, fully serve him
as serve the saints above;
till in that home of glory
with fadeless splendour bright,
we serve in perfect freedom
our Strength, our Life, our Light.

G.B. Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)

based on a prayer of St Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

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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:

Everyone sings

SLANE 239



Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
in power and wisdom for ever adored!
The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
our joyful hosannas re-echo above!

Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he
whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us free;
who comes in the name of the Father of light,
let endless hosannas resound in the height!

Michael Forster (born 1946)a

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 Giving of Communion

Everyone sings

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/2 time signature. It starts with a whole rest, followed by a measure with a '2' above it and a double bar line. The second staff continues with the lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the'. The third staff continues with the lyrics: 'sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.' The fourth staff continues with the lyrics: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.'

The president says

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

If you wish to take communion the stewards will guide you

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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.**

Please stand

The president pronounces God's blessing

The 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 God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

The Dismissal

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

The Organ Voluntary

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

Next Sunday

Acts reading

Psalm

New Testament reading

Gospel Reading

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.42-47

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1 Peter 2.19-end

John 10.1-10

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 19th April

Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

The Cathedral APCM will take place on Sunday 10th May at 12.00noon, immediately following the 10.30am Eucharist and refreshments. We need to elect four Cathedral Wardens and Deputy Wardens.

Electoral Roll Forms:

All those wishing to vote at the APCM on Sunday 10th May need to be on the electoral roll. Forms are available at the back of the Cathedral to complete and post in the box on the Welcome Desk. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday 3rd May for approval.

Blackburn Foodbank in April

During April we are collecting **TINNED GOODS**. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

Wednesday Organ Concerts 12.15pm

April 22nd John Robinson Bach Trio Sonatas 1-3

April 29th John Robinson Bach Trio Sonatas 4-6

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for Volunteers across the Diocese.

Saturday 6th June 2026, 4.00pm

We would like to invite all our volunteers - especially those who support our services - readers, intercessors, element bearers, chalice bearers, sub-deacons, flower arrangers, stewards virgers etc. to join us in this celebration.

The service will be followed by refreshments and the chance to meet up with fellow volunteers from across the Diocese.

For more information and to book your place please visit blackburncathedral.com/vcs or if you need help, contact Julie Eatwell who will be able to make the booking for you.

Future Events: Dates for your Diary

International Evening around the Table for the Nations:

Wednesday 10th June 6pm - 7.30pm

Whalley Abbey Garden Party:

Wednesday 12th August 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Summer BBQ (with special guest: Chris Armstrong):

Sunday 6th September 12 noon

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