



**BLACKBURN  
CATHEDRAL**

**The Cathedral Eucharist  
for  
Racial Justice Sunday**

*Sunday 8th February 2026*

# Welcome to this morning's Cathedral Eucharist

The President  
**Canon James Lawrence**  
*Missioner*

The Deacon is  
**Canon Andrew Horsfall**  
*Interim Dean*

The Subdeacon is  
**Ayodele Adabayo**

The Preacher is  
**The Revd. Munawar Din**  
*Vicar of St Cuthbert's Burnley and St Luke's Brierfield  
Dean of Global Heritage Ministry the Diocese of Blackburn*

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

Directed by  
**Tom Daggett**  
*Director of Music Sheffield Cathedral*

The Organist is  
**Nigel Spooner**  
*Associate Organist*

The setting for the service is

**Jackson in G**

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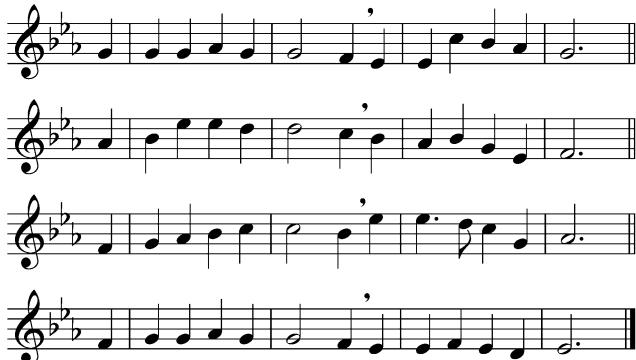
*Before the service, the congregation is  
welcomed by Canon Andrew Horsfall*

# The Gathering

*Please stand to sing*

## Processional

SHARPTORNE



Extol the God of justice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
remember all his wonders,  
recount them and rejoice.  
He stands with all who labour  
for what is true and right,  
till wickedness and falsehood  
are banished from his sight.

Extol the God of justice  
enthroned for evermore,  
a stronghold in affliction,  
a refuge to the poor:  
he hears the cries of victims  
and senses their despair;  
in faithfulness he honours  
the faith that sparks our prayer.

Extol the God of justice,  
however dark the day:  
the hope that calls for mercy  
will not be turned away;  
for evil shall not triumph,  
nor human sin prevail:  
the Lord is God eternal,  
whose judgements cannot fail.

*Martin E Leckebusch © 2003 Kevin Mayhew Ltd  
(Based on Psalm 9)*

## 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*

## Opening Prayer

God of all,  
you have named each and every one of us as your child.  
Remind us that we are God-breathed, beloved  
and imbued with beauty and dignity.  
as we gather in your presence on this Racial Justice Sunday:

**Unify us in your love  
and join our different and distant voices  
into one song of worship to you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Confession and Assurance

*The Deacon says*

Jesus, you walked beyond borders,  
healing, caring, showing the way to God.  
You spoke with those who were despised by others;  
You sat at tables with tax collectors and fishermen,  
loving all who came to eat and to drink and to meet with you.

We confess,  
there are times when we choose not to live as  
you have shown us, spurning the way of peace  
and placing our needs  
and desires before others.

When we choose not to love as  
you command us:  
In your mercy,  
**Forgive us, Lord.**

When we exclude others,  
contrary to how you lived and loved:  
In your mercy,  
**Forgive us, Lord.**

When we refuse to love our neighbour  
and dishonour our own humanity:  
In your mercy,  
**Forgive us, Lord.**

*The president says*

In your life – you showed us how to live.  
In your death – you reconciled us to God.  
In your resurrection – you made the way for love to win.  
May we know pardon and peace In the name of the Father and  
the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The choir sings*

## **The Gloria**

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.

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept – please remain standing*

Ever present God,  
you called us to be in relationship with one another  
and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered.  
In our community, we are many different people;  
we come from many different places,  
have many different cultures.  
Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of  
inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us.  
We pray in faith.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

*(Micah 6:1-8)*

*Read by Krystyna Adams*

Hear what the LORD says:  
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.  
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.  
'O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.  
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.'

'With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The choir sings*

**Psalm**

*Psalm 36 (1-9, 23-end)*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who alone does great wonders,  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who by wisdom made the heavens,  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who laid out the earth upon the waters,  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who made the great lights,  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
The sun to rule the day,  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
The moon and the stars to govern the night,  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who remembered us when we were in trouble,  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
And delivered us from our enemies,  
for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who gives food to all creatures,  
for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his mercy endures for ever.

## New Testament Reading

Read by Angela Lee

(Colossians 3:1-14)

A reading from the letter to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

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

Please stand to sing

## Gradual Hymn

MCKEE



In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord,  
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, all the human race,  
whate'er your nation be;  
all who my Father's image bear  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christlike souls are one in him,  
throughout the whole wide earth.

*William Arthur Dunkerley (John Oxenham) (1852-1941)*

## **The Gospel** (Luke 10:25-37)

*The deacon says*

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.' But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

**Glory to you, O Lord**  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Revd. Munawar Din

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

*Please stand with the president*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**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*

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

*Led by Camilla Hadcock*

Living and loving God,  
You made us in your image, each one beloved and unique:  
all of your dear children, beautiful and diverse,  
each with a story and experience treasured  
and held as precious by you, our Maker.  
Listen, O Lord, to the cries of your dear ones:  
**Lord, have mercy on us.**

Listen as we seek your mercy not just for ourselves,  
but for our loved ones, our communities, our world:  
**Lord, have mercy on us.**

Merciful God,  
to leaders, policy shapers, decision makers: grant wisdom and  
compassion.  
Hold them to account when their actions discriminate and  
dehumanise – whether empowering greed  
or forcing stark choices between eating and heating  
for those at the sharp end of their policies.  
Lord, hear the cries of those in debt and struggling.  
**Lord, have mercy on us.**

Compassionate God,  
to all those who are overwhelmed, struggling with addiction  
and sinking out of sight,  
to all those who are widowed, orphaned or abandoned,  
to the ones who need to know the tender touch of mercy rather  
than violence, Lord, hear the cries of the oppressed.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

God of creation, hear the sound of creation groaning,  
of prayers offered in desperation  
as the injustice of climate emergency makes living conditions  
unbearable.

Lord, hear the cry for your Kingdom to come.  
Break the heavens, Lord,  
let your justice roll.

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

**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

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace  
and builds up our common life.

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.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### Preparation of the Table

*The deacon prepares the table. Please remain standing to sing.*

*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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# Offertory Hymn

Two Oaks

(MARTY HAUGEN B. 1950)

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

As this bread was scattered  
and then gathered and made one;  
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house;  
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

## Eucharistic Prayer



You are worthy of our thanks and praise,  
Lord God of truth,  
for by the breath of your mouth  
you have spoken your word,  
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image  
and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion  
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets  
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,  
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,  
evermore praising you and saying:

*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.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.  
Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth, heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with Mary, Paul and all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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 cieux ... Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...**  
**Vater unser im Himmel ... Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...**  
**Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ... Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w niebie...**  
**Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،**  
**Téve Mūsų, 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*

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 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*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit no's in unum Christi  
amor.  
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.  
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, God is  
there.  
Christ's love has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.  
Let us fear and let us love the living  
God.  
And may we love each other with a  
sincere heart.

Words: *Hymn for the Exposition of the Holy Sacrament*  
Music: Paul Mealor (b. 1975)

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept*

O God, we thank you that you have inspired  
people in all nations and in all cultures.  
May we follow you, committed to your way of love and justice,  
united in the desire to recognise and respect the dignity and  
worth of every human being.  
In the name and the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

As we go:  
**Send us out with Your might.**

As we go:  
**Send us out with Your compassion.**

As we go:  
**Send us out.**  
to people and places that need your love:  
**Send us out.**

To seek justice and to love mercy:

**Send us out**

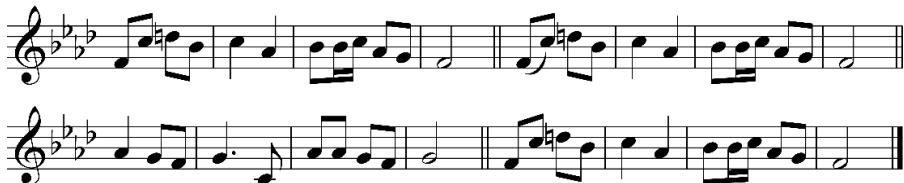
To walk humbly:

**We go in your name for your glory**

*Please stand to sing*

## Final Hymn

NOEL NOUVELET 115



Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;  
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.

Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,  
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.

In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;  
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.

Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,  
Where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.

Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.

On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,  
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."

Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.

Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

*John Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2020)*

## The Dismissal

*The president says*

The blessing of God the Father,  
who made from one every nation that occupies the earth;  
of God the Son, who bought us for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation;  
and of God the Spirit, who brings us together in unity,  
be with 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

*Toccata*

*Jackson (1917 – 2022)*

*Flowers today are given by Pat and Michael Wedgeworth and family in living memory  
of Marjory*

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# Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 8th February

## For your prayers

*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, John Bertalot

*and those who have requested prayer*

Christopher Browne, Susan Garlick, Isla Smith, Tracey Riley, Peter Howell-Jones, Sarah and Ian White, The Residents of Old Gates Care Home

*and those that mourn, remembering those who have died recently:*

*and those whose anniversaries fall this week*

Edgar Walker (9), Frank Moore, William Caddick, Pauline Farquar (11), Alan Pearson, Roger Brickell (14)

*(Dates are in brackets)*

## TIME by Luxmuralis

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February

This world-famous light installation arrives in Lancashire for the first time ever. You'll be taken on a journey through time, traversing wormholes, venturing inside the intricate working of clocks, and experiencing a dramatic narrative that spans from the very beginning of everything to the present day. For tickets and further information please see the Cathedral website.

## Organ Concerts

Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup>

Sebastian Johansson

Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>

No Concert

Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>

Charles Spanner

## Blackburn Foodbank –

This week the Foodbank would appreciate donations of tinned goods.

## Servers and Live Streamers wanted.

If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Alex or email [alex.barnes@blackburncathedral.co.uk](mailto:alex.barnes@blackburncathedral.co.uk)

## **Safeguarding**

The latest updates from the Safeguarding Improvement Board can be found at [blackburncathedral.com/safeguarding](http://blackburncathedral.com/safeguarding)

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