



**BLACKBURN  
CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral  
Eucharist  
on  
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Sunday, 6 April 2025*

*10.30am*

# Welcome to this morning's service

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

The Preacher and Deacon is  
**The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones**  
*The Dean*

The Subdeacon is  
**Dominic Eatwell**

The service is sung by  
**St. Paul's Voices**

Directed by  
**John Hosking**  
*Organist in Residence*

The Organist is  
**John Robinson**  
*Director of Music*

The setting for the service is  
*Messe Basse – Gabriel Fauré*

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Please note that they are unattended, and so you will need to stay with your child at all times. The wardens and stewards can give directions.

**The service is live streamed.**

*Before the service, the congregation is welcomed by Dean Peter Howell-Jones*

# The Gathering

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

*Please stand as the ministers enter*

## Processional

Bow Brickhill 94



We sing the praise of him who died,  
of him who died upon the cross;  
the sinner's hope though all deride,  
for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see  
in shining letters, 'God is love';  
he bears our sins upon the tree;  
he brings us mercy from above.

The Cross! it takes our guilt away:  
it holds the fainting spirit up;  
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,  
and sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,  
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
it takes its terror from the grave,  
and gilds the bed of death with light:

The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
the measure and the pledge of love,  
the sinner's refuge here below,  
the angels' theme in heaven above.

*Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)*

## 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*

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**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.**

*The choir sings*

Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>
Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>
Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>

*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 Collect

Let us pray to keep Lent faithfully.

*Silence is kept – please remain standing*

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross,  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please sit down*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

Read by Nigel Scales

*(Isaiah 43.16-21)*

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm

(126)

*The choir sings*

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion :  
then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter :  
and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen :  
The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already :  
whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord :  
as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears :  
shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed :  
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

## New Testament Reading

*(Philippians 3.4b-14)*

Read by Gary Wignall

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing*



# Gradual Hymn

GWALCHMI



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*

*(John 12.1-8)*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones*

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

*Please stand with the president*

## The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit  
who strengthens us  
with the power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*Please sit down for the prayers*

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

*Led by Mihaela Mladin*

*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,*

Bishop Stewart Cross, Hilda Sagar, Kilby Edwards (6),

Gerard Young, HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh (9),  
Dorothy Marie Bertalot, Harry Barnes, David Harding  
(10)

[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*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

*Romans 5.1,2*

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.

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



## 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

St Margaret



O love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee:  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller, be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee:  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee:  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain  
that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee:  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms red  
life that shall endless be.

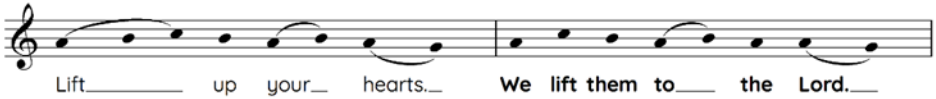
*George Matheson (1842-1906)*

# Taking of the Bread and Wine

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
accept all we offer you this day;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer



It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And now we give you thanks  
because for our salvation,  
he was obedient even to death on the cross.  
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;  
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The choir sings*

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
who, in your tender mercy,  
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world;  
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
a perpetual memory of his precious death  
until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we receiving these gifts of your creation,  
    this bread and this wine,  
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
in remembrance of his death and passion,  
may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through 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

Standing at the foot of the cross, 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 Mÿsu, 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*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

*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*

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
that we might evermore dwell in him  
and he in us.  
Amen.**

*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*

Ave verum Corpus,  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine;  
cujus latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine;  
esto nobis praegustatum  
mortis in examine.

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,  
O Jesus Fili Mariae;

*Hail true body  
born of the Virgin Mary:  
you truly suffered and were  
sacrificed on the cross for humanity;  
from your pierced side  
flowed water and blood;  
be to us our chosen food  
at the hour of our death.*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus Son of Mary;*

*Words: St Luke 1:28 and 42b Music by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
**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

Gonfalon Royal 128



The royal banners forward go,  
the cross shines forth in mystic glow,  
where he in flesh, our flesh who made,  
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was dyed,  
life's torrent rushing from his side,  
to wash us in that precious flood,  
where mingled water flowed, and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told  
in true prophetic song of old,  
the universal Lord is he,  
who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

O tree of beauty, tree of light,  
O tree with royal purple dight,  
elect on whose triumphal breast  
those holy limbs should find their rest!

Upon its arms, like balance true,  
he weighed the price for sinners due,  
the price which none but he could pay,  
and spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

To thee, eternal three in one,  
let homage meet by all be done:  
whom by thy cross thou dost restore,  
preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

*Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609) Tr J. M. Neale (1818-66)*

## The Dismissal

*The president pronounces God's blessing*

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,  
keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be among 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 in B Minor

*Eugène Gigout (1844 – 1925)*

*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.*

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## Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 6 April

### **Evening Prayer Today 4.00pm Lent Organ Meditation 5.30pm**

A service of evening prayer for Passion Sunday will be held, including a farewell for Archdeacon Mark Ireland. The Lent organ meditation featuring Michael Pain will start at 5.30pm

<b>Next Sunday</b>	Palm Sunday
Old Testament reading	Isaiah 50.4-9a
Psalm	31.9-16
New Testament reading	Philippians 2.5-11
Gospel Reading	Luke 19.28-40
The Passion according to John	

### **Forthcoming Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 12.15**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April organ concert: John Robinson

### **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 have written to us to thank us for all our contributions, which are greatly appreciated.

### **Safeguarding – for Safeguarding concerns please contact:**

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safeguardingadviser@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Under 18s Safeguarding Coordinator – Denise Sanderson – 07938793844

Vulnerable adults Safeguarding Coordinator – Stewart Hopkinson – 07515 652776

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### **Cathedral Weekend away 2025**

There are still spaces to sign up for the weekend away, taking place at Stoneyhurst College on the 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May. Please speak to Canon James for more details and pick up a flier.

### **Electoral Roll and APCM**

Make sure that you are signed up for the electoral roll. The cut off 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.

### **Holy Week Services**

Here are the list of Holy Week and Easter Service this year. Please consider coming and bring a friend.

Please note that the 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist on Palm Sunday gathers at 10.25am outside Checks and Greys Café before processing around the cathedral.

13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	9am Parish Eucharist 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist 4pm Evensong
17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	11am Chrism Eucharist 8pm Maundy Thursday with Foot Washing
18 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Good Friday</b>	10am Pilgrimage in Prayer Noon – 3pm Three Hours at the Cross
19 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	8pm Easter Vigil with Baptism and Confirmations
20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Day</b>	9am Parish Eucharist 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist with Baptism 4pm Evensong