



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral
Eucharist
on
The Sunday Next before Lent

Sunday, 2 March, 2025

10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President
Canon James Lawrence
Missioner

The Deacon and Preacher
Canon Dr Jenny Gaffin
Precentor

The Subdeacon
Nigel Scales

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Director of Music

The organist is
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

The setting for the service is
Ireland in C

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.

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*Before the service, the congregation is
welcomed by Canon Jenny*

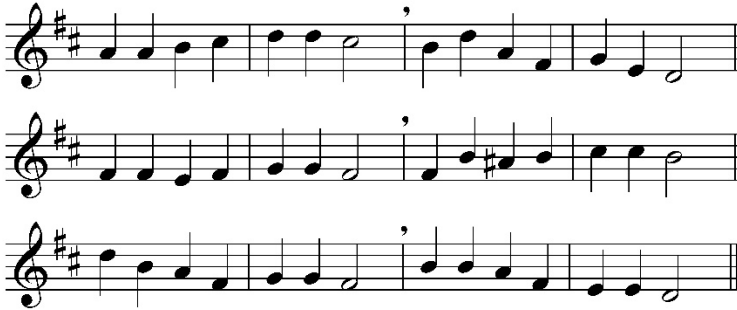
The Gathering

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

Please stand to sing

Processional

RATISBON



Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near,
daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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

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

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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

(Exodus 34.29-35)

Read by Gary Wignall

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

(99)

The choir sings

The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient :
he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.
The Lord is great in Zion : and high above all people.
They shall give thanks unto thy Name which is great, wonderful, and holy.
The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity :
thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.
O magnify the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among such as call upon his Name :
these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.
He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar :
for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.
Thou heardest them, O Lord our God :
thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.
O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill :
for the Lord our God is holy.

New Testament Reading

(2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2)

Read by Alison Harrigan-Doyle

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

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

BE STILL



Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Text David Evans (b. 1957)

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The Gospel

The deacon says

Luke 9.28-36)

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Jeremy Duerden

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

and those who mourn, remembering

Eileen Buckley

and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

May Sharples, Ruth Fielding, Jeff Bradshaw (2), Muriel Hirst (3), May Elizabeth
Brown, Frederick W Street (4), Robert Laurence Roberts (6),
George William, Durham, Evan Rimmer (7) Vasile Mladin (8)

[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

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.



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: 03060300

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

SHINE JESUS SHINE



Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth
you now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me.

*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light!*

Lord, I come to your
awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may
enter your brightness:
search me, try me,
consume all my darkness -
shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus.*

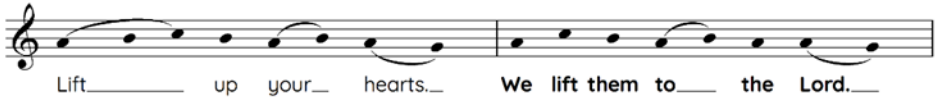
As we gaze on your kingly brightness
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here,
may our lives tell your story -
shine on me, shine on me. *Chorus*

Graham Kendrick (born 1950)

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

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.

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،
Têve 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

○ Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
○ Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
○ Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy 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.

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.

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.

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

○ sweet Jesus, ○ holy Jesus,
○ Jesus Son of Mary;

Text 14th century. Music by Colin Mawby (1936-2009)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

CARLISLE 178



'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night:
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!

Yet we may not remain;

but since thou bidst us leave the mount

come with us to the plain. *J. Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)*

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing.

The peace of God
that passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the 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.

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

Flourish for an Occasion

William Harris (1883 – 1973)

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Next Sunday – Lent I

Old Testament – Deut 26.1-11

New Testament – Rom 10.8b-13

Gospel – Luke 4.1-13

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 2 March

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.

Imposition of Ashes will be available at the 11.30am BCP service.

Please join Canon James in offering in the imposition of ashes on the street after the BCP service (weather dependant).

Blackburn Foodbank in March

We are collecting tinned fruit and custard. 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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safeguardingadviser@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Under 18s Safeguarding Coordinator – Denise Sanderson – 07938793844

Vulnerable adults Safeguarding Coordinator – Stewart Hopkinson – 07515 652776

Forthcoming Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 12.15

5th March – Abigail Birch-Price Concert

12th March – Tricola Concert

Electoral Roll revision. This year is a full revision of the Electoral Roll. If you wish to join or remain on the Electoral Roll please fill in a form at the back of the church, or register through the link on the website.

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

Interested in being confirmed? Confirmation classes for adults will take place as part of our **Alpha Course**, Tuesdays, 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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