



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**



**Evening Prayer for
Passion Sunday
with Farewell to
the Ven. Mark Ireland**

Sunday, 6 April 2025 at 4pm



Message from Mark Ireland

Thank you so much for coming today, and for your friendship and support over the years. It has been a joy and privilege to serve the parishes of the diocese as we seek to grow new and deeper disciples for Christ. It is very special to conclude my stipendiary ministry here in the cathedral where it began, when I was ordained deacon here in 1984.

Today we celebrate Passion Sunday, and our appointed readings for Evening Prayer focus on Jesus, the Lamb of God, who was slain for us.

I am grateful to the Dean and Chapter and all those contributing to this service in different ways, particularly our musicians from St Andrew's Leyland and the new All Nations Worship Group from St Luke's Brierfield and St Cuthbert's Burnley.

An offering will be taken during the service for the Gaza Appeal of the Friends of the Holy Land, a charity close to my heart, which I have had the privilege to represent in the diocese.

Welcome to this service of Evening Prayer for Passion Sunday

The Service is led by
The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The Preacher is
The Ven Mark Ireland
Archdeacon of Blackburn

The Music is led by
St Andrew's Church in Leyland,
and by **The All Nations Worship Band**
Led by The Revd Munawar Din

Children and young people are welcome at all our services, but if you feel your child needs a more informal space, the Temple Gallery and Cloister Garth are available as 'breakout' areas. Please note that they are unattended, and you will need to stay with your child at all times.

The wardens and stewards can give directions.

The service is live streamed.

Please do not use mobile phones or recording devices.

Order of Procession

Cross

Virger

Area Deans

The College of Canons and Cathedral Chapter

Assistant Archdeacons

Archdeacons

Virger

Assistant Bishops

Suffragan Bishops

Residentary Canons

Virger

The Dean

Bishop of Blackburn

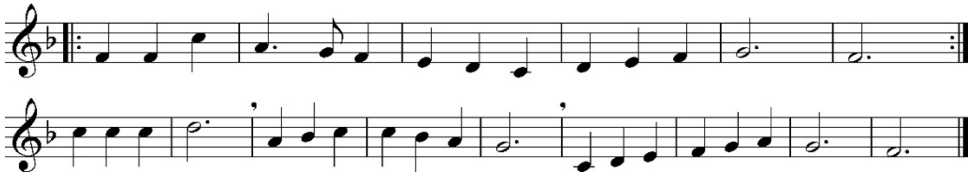
The Gathering

Please remain seated as the ministers gather in the North Transept

Processional Hymn

Please stand to sing

Lobe Den Herren



Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew all the almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.

German, Joachim Neander (1650-80) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) and others

The Dean greets the people and introduces the service

The light and peace of Christ be with you
and also with you.

Lead your people to freedom, O God.
And banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The Dean introduces the confession

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins 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 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.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,
stir up in us the fire of your love,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,
and walk with you in newness of life
singing the praise of him who died
for us and our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

The day is almost over and the evening has come,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen.

Worship Songs

The splendour of the King,
clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God,
sing with me: how great is our God.
And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, Three in One,
Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb,

Chorus

Name above all names, worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing: how great is our God.

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

(Repeat)

*Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus x 2

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

The Word of God

Old Testament Reading

(2 Chronicles 35.1-16)

Read by Ven Arthur Siddall, Mark Ireland's Training Incumbent

Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem; they slaughtered the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month. He appointed the priests to their offices and encouraged them in the service of the house of the LORD. He said to the Levites who taught all Israel and who were holy to the LORD, 'Put the holy ark in the house that Solomon son of David, king of Israel, built; you need no longer carry it on your shoulders. Now serve the LORD your God and his people Israel. Make preparations by your ancestral houses by your divisions, following the written directions of King David of Israel and the written directions of his son Solomon. Take position in the holy place according to the groupings of the ancestral houses of your kindred the people, and let there be Levites for each division of an ancestral house. Slaughter the Passover lamb, sanctify yourselves, and on behalf of your kindred make preparations, acting according to the word of the LORD by Moses.'

Then Josiah contributed to the people, as Passover offerings for all that were present, lambs and kids from the flock to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bulls; these were from the king's possessions. His officials contributed willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiyah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, the chief officers of the house of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand six hundred lambs and kids and three hundred bulls. Conaniah also, and his brothers Shemaiah and Nethanel, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave to the Levites for the Passover offerings five thousand lambs and kids and five hundred bulls.

When the service had been prepared for, the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their divisions according to the king's command. They slaughtered the Passover lamb, and the priests dashed the blood that they received from them, while the Levites did the skinning. They set aside the burnt-offerings so that they might distribute them according to the groupings of the ancestral houses of the people, to offer to the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. And they did the same with the bulls. They roasted the Passover lamb with fire according to the ordinance; and they boiled the holy offerings in pots, in cauldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the people. Afterwards they made preparations for themselves and for the priests, because the priests the descendants of Aaron were occupied in offering the burnt-offerings and the fat parts until night; so the Levites made preparations for themselves and for the priests, the descendants of Aaron. The singers, the descendants of Asaph, were in their place according to the command of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and the king's seer Jeduthun. The gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not need to interrupt their service, for their kindred the Levites made preparations for them.

So all the service of the LORD was prepared that day, to keep the Passover and to offer burnt-offerings on the altar of the LORD, according to the command of King Josiah.

Psalm
(Psalm 136 is sung in Urdu)

زبور 136

شکر کرو اور ہوا وہی کرو ، کرو شکر ہوا وہی
کورس

Chorus

Shukar Yahowah da he karo karo , Karo shukar Yahowa da

1

شکر کرو ٹی اور اجیہڑا ہے خداواں دا خدا ، کیوں جو اوہو بھلا بیگارِ رحمت اوہدی ہے خدا

1

Shukar karo tusee odha jerrah hay Khudawan da Khuda , Kun jo o-ho bhla hay-ga rahmat odhi ha sada

2

وڈے وڈے کم جو کر دا شکر کرو ٹی او سے دا ، جس نے بین آسمان بنائے رحمت اوہدی ہے خدا

2

Wady wady kum jo krda shukar karo tusee o say da , Jis ny han asman bna-ay rahmat odhi ha sada

3

جس پانی تے دھرتی رکھی شکر کرو ٹی او سے دا ، نالے جس نے نور بنائے رحمت اوہدی ہے خدا

3

Jis pani tay dhartee rakhi shukar karo tusee o say da , Naa-lay jis ny noor ban-aye rahmat odhi ha sada

4

دن دا پسرہ مورج کردار تیں کردا چن ادا ، تارے چن نون س تھی دے رحمت اوہدی ہے خدا

4

Din da pehra suraj karda rateen karda chan ada , taray chan nu-n sathi detay rahnat odhi ha sada

5

جس پلوٹھے مصر دے مارے چک اپنا ہتھ غضب دا ، کڈھے مصر دے اسرائیلی رحمت اوہدی ہے خدا

5

Jis pelothay misar day maray chuk apna heth qazab da , kddhay misron Isra-eili rahamat odhi ha sada

6

جس قلام دو جھنے کر کے لے اسرائیلی پار لنگھا ، فوج نئے مصر عون نون روہڑے رحمت اوہدی ہے

6

Jis qulzam dou hisay kar kay la-ay Isra-eil paar langha , Fouj san-ay fraa-oon nun rohrray rahamat odhi ha sada

Psalm 136, English Translation

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

to him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

who by his understanding made the heavens,

His love endures forever.

who spread out the earth upon the waters,

His love endures forever.

who made the great lights—

His love endures forever.

the sun to govern the day,

His love endures forever.

the moon and stars to govern the night;

His love endures forever.

to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt

His love endures forever.

and brought Israel out from among them

His love endures forever.

with a mighty hand and outstretched arm;

His love endures forever.

to him who divided the Red Sea asunder

His love endures forever.

and brought Israel through the midst of it,

His love endures forever.

but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

His love endures forever.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

New Testament Reading

(Luke 22.1-13)

Read by Mrs Kelly Quinn, Mark's PA

Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.' They asked him, 'Where do you want us to make preparations for it?' 'Listen,' he said to them, 'when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, "The teacher asks you, 'Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished.

Make preparations for us there. So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Magnificat

Woodlands 186



Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Timothy Dudley-Smith b 1926 based on St Luke 1.46-55 in the New English Bible

Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Offertory Songs

An offering will be taken for the Friends of the Holy Land Lent Appeal, providing practical support for Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank whose lives have met with adversity. If you wish to give directly to the Cathedral, please use the Gift Aid forms provided.

There is a Redeemer

Jesus God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.

*Thank You, O my Father
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit 'til
Your work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, O for sinners slain.

Chorus

When I stand in glory
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve
My King forever,
In that holy place.

Chorus

King of Kings

King of kings, Majesty
God of Heaven living in me
Gentle Saviour, closest friend
Strong Deliverer, beginning and end
All within me falls at Your throne

*Your Majesty, I can but bow
I lay my all before You now
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve Your Majesty*

Earth and Heaven worship You
Love eternal, Faithful and True
Who bought the nations, ransomed souls
Brought this sinner near to Your throne
All within me cries out in praise

(chorus x 2 end)

Prayers

Led by Revd Anna Walker, Director of Whalley Abbey, and Stephanie Rankin, Stewardship Resourcing Officer.

This response is used:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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.

Standing at the foot of the cross,
let us pray as our Saviour has taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and for ever. Amen.**

Farewells led by the Bishop of Blackburn

Hymn

During this hymn Mark returns the Archdeacon's cope and stole to the care of The Dean



How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many souls to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life –
I know that 'it is finished'.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart –
his wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

The Conclusion

Blessing by the Bishop of Blackburn

Christ crucified draw you to himself
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven.
And the blessing of God almighty
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Rest upon you now and remain with you always.
Amen.

***Please do stay for refreshments after the service,
served in the Cathedral Crypt.***

***The Lenten Organ Meditation will be given by Michael Pain,
starting at 5.30pm in the Nave***

The Organ Voluntary

Toccata (Symphony No. 5)

Charles-Marie Widor

Order of Recession

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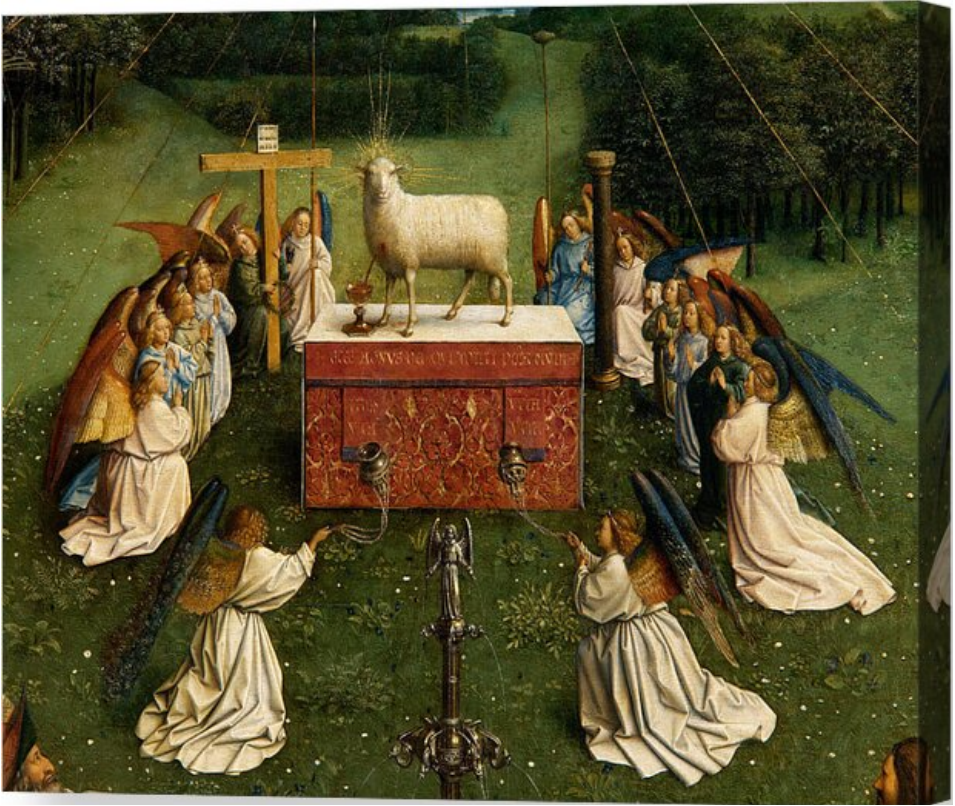
Bishop of Blackburn



Mark as a curate at Lancaster Priory

Mark's Biography

Trained	Wycliffe Hall Oxford	1982
Ordained Deacon		1984
Ordained Priest		1985
Curate	St Gabriel's Blackburn	1984 - 1987
Curate	Lancaster Priory	1987 - 1989
Vicar	St. John's Baxenden	1989 - 1997
Team Vicar	St. Matthew's, St. Luke's & St. Martin's Walsall	1998 - 2007
Missioner	Diocese of Lichfield	1998 - 2007
Vicar	All Saints Wellington with St. Catherine Eyton	2007 - 2016
Archdeacon	Diocese of Blackburn	2016 - 2025



Detail from the Ghent Altarpiece by the Van Eyck brothers.

From the front page: Agnus Dei by Zurbaran