



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**



The Assumption of the Virgin, Francesco Botticini (1446-1498)

The Cathedral Eucharist on The Nineth Sunday of Trinity

Including a commemoration of the
80th Anniversary of the end of
the Second World War

Sunday 17 August 2025, 10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
The Revd. Neil Kelly
Rector of St. Laurence's, Chorley, and Honorary Canon

The Deacon is
The Revd. Michael Wedgeworth
Canon Emeritus

The Subdeacon is
Ayodele Adabayo

The service is sung by
Charlie Trueman

The organ is played by
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

The setting for the service is - **Mass of St. Thomas, David Thorne**

The service is live streamed.
*Before the service, the congregation is
welcomed by Canon Michael*

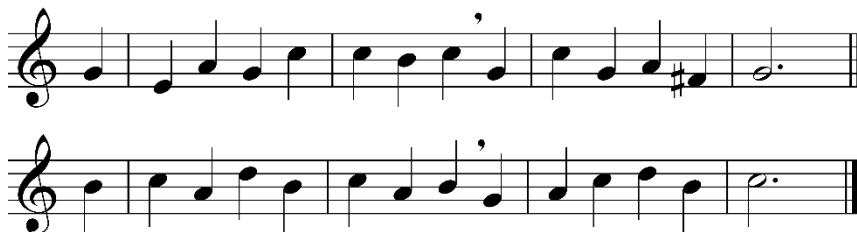
The Gathering

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

Please stand to sing

Processional Hymn

417 ST. ANNE



Come, O thou all-victorious Lord,
thy power to us make known;
strike with the hammer of thy word,
and break these hearts of stone.

Give us ourselves and thee to know,
in this our gracious day;
repentance unto life bestow,
and take our sins away.

Conclude us first in unbelief,
and freely then release;
fill every soul with sacred grief,
and then with sacred peace.

Impoverish, Lord, and then relieve,
and then enrich the poor;
the knowledge of our sickness give,
the knowledge of our cure.

That blessed sense of guilt impart,
and then remove the load;
trouble, and wash the troubled heart
in the atoning blood.

Our desperate state through sin declare,
and speak our sins forgiven;
by perfect holiness prepare,
and take us up to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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

Coventry Cathedral's Litany of Reconciliation

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class
from class,

Father, forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not
their own,

Father, forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the
earth,

Father, forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

Father, forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

Father, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

Father, forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another,

as God in Christ forgave you.

The Gloria

The cantor sings the refrain first which is then repeated at once by everyone.



Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father.

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
For you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

(Jeremiah 23.23–29)

Read by Krystyna Adams

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

(Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2)

Read by Nigel Scales

A reading from the book of Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

377 ST DENIO



Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

The Gospel

(Luke 12.49-56)

The deacon says

Alleluia, Alleluia

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is good news announced to you.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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

Sermon

The Revd. Neil Kelly, Rector of St. Laurence’s and Honorary Canon

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 Diane Warner

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:
for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
may God give peace.

God give peace.

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief
and the sadness of our loss;
may God give peace.

God give peace.

For all members of the armed forces
who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends
and all who pray for their safe return;
may God give peace.

God give peace.

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence
the anger and hatreds of humanity;
may God give peace.

God give peace.

For peacemakers and peacekeepers,
who seek to keep this world secure and free;
may God give peace.
God give peace.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious;
asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve
in the search for reconciliation and peace;
may God give peace.
God give peace.

O God of truth and justice,
we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,
and those whose names we will never know.
Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world,
and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.
As we honour the past,
may we put our faith in your future;
for you are the source of life and hope,
now and for ever.
Amen.

*In your personal prayers this week, please remember
those who are sick or for whom prayers have been asked,*
Eric Barnes, Jenni Bellamy, Arthur Blundell, Christopher Browne,
John Broughton, Jenny Gaffin, Susan Garlick, Liz Frayne, Carol and Clifford
Fishwick, Ray Duckworth, Chris Drewe, Peter Howell-Jones, Ray Hutchins, Pam
Jelly, Liam Johnson, Graham Jordan, Ruth McGaughey, Robert Moore, Tracey
Riley, Harry Searles, Isla Smith, Harvey Stansfield, Sue Penfold, Brian and Ruth
Whittle, Margaret Young
*and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,
and those whose anniversaries are at this time,*
Judith Broughton
Kenneth Simpson, Jack Walker, Patricia Pickering (17), Robert Lund, Shauna
Lamont (18), Kathleen Mary Miller, Grace Durham (19),
Keith Picton Evans, Annete Elizabeth Flynn (21)
[numbers are the day of the month]

Please stand with the president for the peace

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president says

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

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.

We share the peace with one another joyfully

*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.
If you would prefer to give online, please visit blackburncathedral.co.uk/donate*

Preparation of the Table

The president prepares the table

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

Offertory Hymn

2961 ST. HELEN



Lord, enthroned in heavenly
splendour
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Jesu, true and living bread.

Paschal lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou wast slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing souls from every stain.

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how.

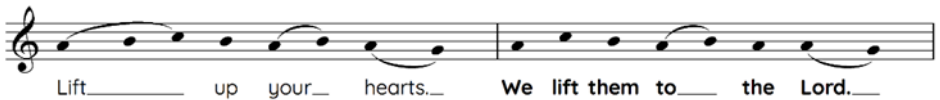
Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the lamb who died,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified!

George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925) alt.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer



Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Everyone sings

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na
in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

The deacon says

Jesus Christ is Lord
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Paul, all your saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we pray, each in our own language, as our Saviour taught us,

Notre père, qui es aux cieux ...	Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Vater unser im Himmel ...	Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ...	Ojcie nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ...	ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
Tève 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.**

Everyone Sings



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.

Communion is available in both kinds, and the minister distributing bread will say

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

To receive the bread, or a blessing, please walk down the central aisle as directed by a steward. To receive wine please move to the chalice at the side

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 side aisles of the Nave

While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit

During Communion

The Cantor sings

Pieta Signore

Allesandro Stradella (1643-1682)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

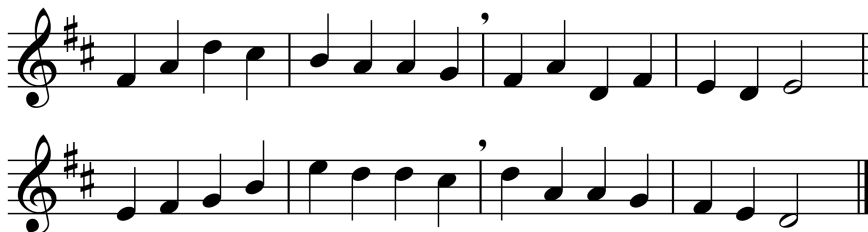
Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

272 ALL FOR JESUS



All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope nor Saviour
if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus! thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee hour by hour:
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus! at thine altar
thou dost give us sweet content;
there, dear Saviour, we receive thee
in thy holy sacrament.

All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,
all for Jesus! thou hast died,
all for Jesus! thou art with us,
all for Jesus, glorified!

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
till at last the flock is gathered
one in love, and one in thee.

W.J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
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 the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service

The president and ministers will leave in procession and go outside at first

The Organ Voluntary

NEXT SUNDAY – THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Isaiah 58.9b–14

Hebrews 12.18–29

Luke 13.10–17

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 17 August

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BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN AUGUST

We are collecting **toiletries** (toothpaste, brushes, soap, shampoo, sanitary products etc). If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Margery and Gary Wignall in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

MUSIC OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

24 th August	Cantor – Damian O’Keefe
31 st August	Cantor – Angela Hicks

ANNUAL CONGREGATION SUMMER BBQ

This year our summer BBQ will be held on Sunday 7th September after the 10.30am service – save the date.

CATHEDRAL NEWSLETTERS

We are working hard to improve our communications across the various Cathedral communities. Last week we published the first edition of the quarterly Cathedral Matters newsletter - please take a copy home with you and pass it to a friend.



If you use email, please ensure that you are on the list to receive the monthly Cathedral email newsletter too. If not, you can sign up at www.blackburncathedral.com/newsletter or by scanning the code.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Council of Nicaea Conference – 1700th Anniversary

Friday 12th – Saturday 13th September 2025

Blackburn Cathedral, in partnership with Churches Together, is honoured to host an Ecumenical conference to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. The event brings together theologians, ecumenical leaders and local participants to engage in meaningful conversations about unity, respectful disagreement and how faith communities can respond to conflict in the world today.

The conference will explore how the principles of honest disagreement and loving engagement can help address the challenges we face - with both passion and compassion - and reflect on the enduring legacy of Nicaea.

Tickets £0 – £30 – A range of packages including lunch and refreshments
To book and find out more visit www.blackburncathedral.com/nicaea

Creation Care Conference: God's World and Our Mission

Friday 31st October & Saturday 1st November 2025

This conference is for all who are passionate about the Church's response to the climate crisis, rooted in Christian theology and discipleship bringing together voices from across the Christian spectrum to explore how faith communities can respond to the environmental crisis.

Keynote speaker: **Dr Canon Ruth Valerio**

Tickets £0 – £30 – A range of packages including lunch and refreshments
To book and find out more visit www.blackburncathedral.com/creation