



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL



Lord's Prayer, James Tissot (1836-1902)

The Cathedral Eucharist on The Sixth Sunday of Trinity

Sunday 27 July 2025, 10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President is
The Revd. James Lawrence
Canon Missioner

The Preacher is
The Revd. Andrew Horsefall
The Interim-Dean

The Deacon is
The Revd. Michael Wedgeworth
Canon Emeritus

The Subdeacon is
Diane Warner

The service is sung by the
Belfast Cathedral Choir

The setting for the service is **Missa Brevis** by Neil Cox (b. 1955)

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

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

EVELYNS



At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty word.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:

All creation name him,
with love as strong as death,
but with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath!
He is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

Truly, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.

Caroline Noel (1817-77)

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

*Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.*

*Glory to God in the highest
and peace on earth
to those of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you.*

*Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu, in
gloria Dei Patris. Amen.*

*We give thanks to you
for your 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,
you that take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
You that take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You who are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy upon us.
For you alone are holy,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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

(Hosea 1.2–10)

Read by Dominic Eatwell

A reading from the book of Hosea.

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, ‘Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.’ So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, ‘Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.’

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, ‘Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.’

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, ‘Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.’

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people’, it shall be said to them, ‘Children of the living God.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

(138)

The choir sings

I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart
even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name,
because of thy loving-kindness and truth
for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy Word, above all things.

When I called upon thee, thou heardest me
and enduedst my soul with much strength.

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord
for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord
that great is the glory of the Lord.

For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly
as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine
enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the
works of thine own hands.

New Testament Reading

(Colossians 2.6–19)

Read by Alison Harrigan-Doyle

A reading from the book of Colossians.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live
your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith,
just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty
deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of
the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of
deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head
of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a
spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the
circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you
were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised
him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the
uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him,
when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood
against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the
cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example
of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink
or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a
shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not
let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of

angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

FRANCONIA



Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our king;

Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

John Keble (1792-1866) and others

The Gospel

(Luke 11.1–13)

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.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.’

And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

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

Sermon

The Revd. Andrew Horsfall, Interim-Dean

*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 Michael Wedgeworth

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Those who are sick or for whom prayers have been asked,

Eric Barnes, Jenni Bellamy, Christopher Browne, Judith Broughton, Ray Duckworth, Chris Drewe, Liz Frayne, Jenny Gaffin, Susan Garlick, Pam Jelly, Liam Johnson, Graham Jordan, Peter Howell-Jones, Ray Hutchins, Ruth McGaughey, Robert Moore, Agnes Perrin, Sue Penfold, Tracey Riley, Harry Searles, Isla Smith, Harvey Stansfield, Brian Whittle, Ruth Whittle, Margaret Young

and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,

and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

Christina Morren (27), Mona Pinder, Harold Thornber (28),
Douglas Joseph Coulson, Keith Maklin (1), Paul Milloy-Robinson (2)
[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

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name 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.
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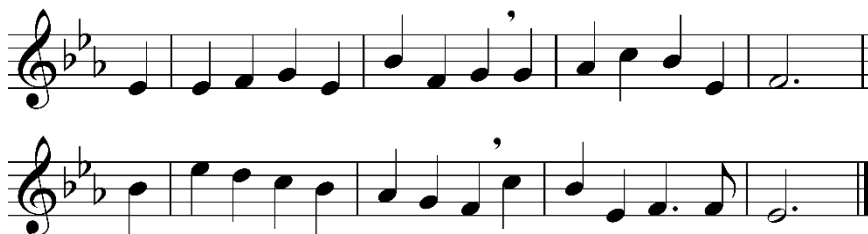
Preparation of the Table

The president prepares the table

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

Offertory Hymn

ST HUGH



Lord, teach us how to pray aright,
with reverence and with fear;
though dust and ashes in thy sight,
we may, we must draw near.

Give deep humility; the sense
of godly sorrow give;
a strong desiring confidence
to hear thy voice and live:

Faith in the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone;
to build our hopes, to fix our eyes,
on Christ, on Christ alone;

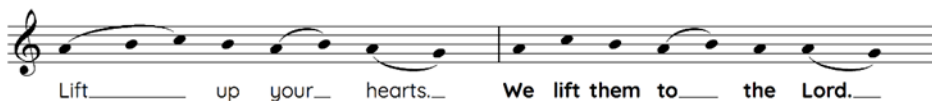
Give these, and then thy will be done:
thus strengthened with all might.
we by thy Spirit and thy Son
shall pray, and pray aright.

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

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:

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.*

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 Mary, Paul, and all the 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 ...	Ojcze 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.**

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

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 choir sings

O sacrum convivium!
in quo Christus sumitur:
recolitur memoria passionis eius:
mens impletur gratia.
O sacrum convivium!
in quo Christus sumitur:
mens impletur gratia:
et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

O sacred banquet!
in which Christ as food is taken:
revived is the memory of His Passion:
the mind is filled with grace.
O sacred banquet!
in which Christ as food is taken:
the mind is filled with grace:
and of future glory a pledge is given us.
Alleluia.

*Tr. Robert Ulery (March 1999)
Music by Dan Locklair (b. 1949)*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name 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

HANOVER



The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the lepers are cleansed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry glory to God all in all!

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

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The Dismissal

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

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY

4.00pm

Kelly in C

O Clap Your Hands - Rutter

Responses: Jack Wilson

Psalm 88.

NEXT SUNDAY – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Hosea 11.1–11

Colossians 3.1–11

Luke 12.13–21

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Jenny Price has stepped down from her role as Blackburn Cathedral's safeguarding adviser. If you have any safeguarding concerns, these should be addressed to the Diocesan safeguarding Officer:

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BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN JULY

We are collecting **Canned goods (soup, vegetables, meat)**. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION SUMMER BBQ

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

MUSIC OVER THE SUMMER VACATION

4 th August	Bury Parish Church Choir
10 th August	Cantor – Darcy Tayler
17 th August	Cantor – Charlie Truman
24 th August	Cantor – Damian O’Keefe
31 st August	Cantor – Angela Hicks

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 (theologian, environmentalist, and social activist)

Tickets £0 – £30 – A range of packages including lunch and refreshments

To book and find out more visit www.blackburncathedral.com/creation