



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL



Jesus, the Gerasene, and the Unclean Spirits, Luke the Cypriot (1583-1625)

The Cathedral Eucharist on The First Sunday of Trinity

Sunday 22 June 2025, 10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President is
The Very Revd. Peter Howell-Jones
Dean of Blackburn Cathedral

The Deacon and Preacher is
The Revd. Canon James Lawrence
Canon Missioner

The Subdeacon is
Diane Warner

The service is sung by the
The Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Director of Music, Blackburn Cathedral

The organ is played by
John Hosking
Organist in Residence, Blackburn Cathedral

The setting for the service is the **Missa Brevis** by **Thomas Tallis**

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

MICHAEL 333



All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he
guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,

beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Robert Bridges (1844-1930) based on the
German of Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*

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.
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.*

*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.
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

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
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 (Isaiah 65.1–9)

Read by Nigel Scales

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, 'Here I am, here I am',
to a nation that did not call on my name.
I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;
a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;
who sit inside tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
who say, 'Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'
These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.
See, it is written before me:
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
I will indeed repay into their laps
their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the Lord;
because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,
I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.
Thus says the Lord:
As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it',
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

(22. 19-28)

The choir sings

But be not thou far from me, O Lord
thou art my succour, haste thee to help me.
Deliver my soul from the sword
my darling from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth
thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns.
I will declare thy Name unto my brethren
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

O praise the Lord, ye that fear him
magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed
of Israel;

For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the
poor
he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he
heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation
my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat, and be satisfied
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live
for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be
turned unto the Lord
and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's
and he is the Governor among the people.

New Testament Reading *(Galatians 3.23–29)*

Read by Krystyna Adams

A reading from the book of Galatians

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law
until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian
until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith
has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus
you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were
baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no
longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer
male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong
to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the
promise.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

SOUTHWELL 701



Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from earthborn passions set me free,
and make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
with care and woe opprest;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
amid the battle's strife;
in all my pain and misery
be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
when flows the tempest high:
when on doth rush the enemy,
O Saviour, be thou nigh.

Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.

Greek, Synesius of Cyrene (375- 430) tr. A.W. Chatfield (1808-96)

The Gospel

(Luke 8.26–39)

The deacon says

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Revd. James Lawrence, Missioner

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.**

Please sit

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, Margaret Young, Sue Penfold,
Harry Searles, Liam Johnson, Ray Hutchins, Graham Jordan, Brian and Ruth
Whittle, Jenni Bellamy, Ruth McGaughey, Judith Broughton, Ray Duckworth,
Liz Frayne, Christopher Hargreaves, Robert Moore

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

and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

Doris Thompson (23), Lilian Clarke (24), Charles Henry Hare (25), Walter
Eddleston (27), Kathleen Masters,
Thomas Emery (28)

[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

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

SAFFRON WALDEN 294



Just as I am, without one plea
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidst me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come,

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am (thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down),
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.

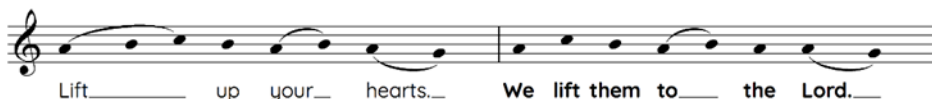
Just as I am, of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and height to prove,
here for a season, then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott (1789-1871)

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 Mùsù, 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
et futurae gloriae nobis
pignus datur.

O holy feast !
at which we take the body of Christ:
We recall the memory of his passion:
our minds are filled with grace
and a vision is granted us of
future glory.

Music by Oliver Messiaen

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake 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

Please stand to sing

Final Hymn

SAFFRON WALDEN 294



And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his
pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for
me?

'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above -
so free, so infinite his grace -
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray -
I woke, the dungeon flamed with
light,
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed
thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through
Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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

Prelude in C BWV 547

J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY *sung by The Cathedral Youth Choir*

4.00pm

Murrell in E

Abendlied - Rheinberger

Responses: Radcliffe

Psalm 57

NEXT SUNDAY – The Second Sunday after Trinity

Acts 12.1–11

2 Timothy 4.6–8, 17, 18

Matthew 16.13–19

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 22 June

BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN JUNE

We are collecting **Dried Pasta**. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate. The foodbank has written to us to thank us for all our contributions, which are greatly appreciated.

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Under 18s Safeguarding Coordinator – Denise Sanderson – 07938793844

Vulnerable adults Safeguarding Coordinator – Stewart Hopkinson –
07515 652776

Festival of Making

The cathedral will be hosting the Festival of Making on the 5th and 6th of July.
Please do not park on the cathedral forecourt on that Sunday morning.

Diocese of Blackburn Ordinations

Please do be praying for those who are preparing for ordination on the 28th June.

WHALLEY ABBEY AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Tickets are now available for the afternoon tea party at Whalley Abbey. The cost is £12 per head, you can pay on the day if needs be. Please join us at Whalley Abbey on Wednesday 9th July 2.30pm – 4.30pm. The visit will include a talk by abbey Director Rev'd. Anna Walker, a musical feature from Raymond Smith and an act of worship. Please do bring your friends. Tickets available from Pat and Michael Wedgeworth.