



# The Cathedral Eucharist with Baptism on Easter Day

Sunday, 20 April 2025, 10.30am

# Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is

The Right Reverend Philip North

The Bishop of Blackburn

The Deacon is
The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The Subdeacon is Mihaela Mladin

The service is sung by the Cathedral Choir

> Directed by John Robinson Director of Music

The Organist is John Hosking Organist in Residence

The setting for the service is **Schubert in G** 

Candidate for Baptism is **Ruth Alina Lawrence** 

The service is live streamed

# The Gathering

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

Please stand as the ministers enter

# **Processional**

EASTER HYMN I I 0



Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia, our triumphant holy day, Alleluia, who did once upon the cross, Alleluia, suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia, unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia, who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia, sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia.

But the pains which he endured Alleluia, our salvation have procured, Alleluia, now above the sky he's King, Alleluia, where the angels ever sing. Alleluia.

Surrexit Christus hodie Anon. Latin, Lyra Davidica (1708) and others

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president introduces the celebration then addresses the whole congregation
Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In baptism the Lord is adding to our
number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Ruth and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The president then says to the parents and godparents
Parents and godparents,
the Church receives Ruth with joy.
Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Ruth begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today.

Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church? With the help of God, we will.

# 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

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

# 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 choir sings

# The Gloria

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, lesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Oui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus sanctus, tu solus Dominus. tu solus Altissimus. Iesu 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, lesus 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 brayer. 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 that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**.

# The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Read by Jean Duerden

(Acts 10.34-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the assembled crowd in Caesarea: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

# The Easter Anthems

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast; Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I Corinthians 5:7

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin : but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:9

Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death: by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die:

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

I Corinthians 15:20 Setting by Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

# **New Testament Reading**

Read by Joyce Wicks

(1 Corinthians 15.19-26)

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

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

# **Gradual Hymn**

ELLACOMBE



The day of resurrection, earth, tell it out abroad!
The passover of gladness, the passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own 'All hail!' and, hearing may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end.

Anastaseos hemera John of Damascus (c.675-749) translated John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

# The Gospel

The deacon says (Luke 24.1-12)

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

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

Sermon

The Right Revd Philip North, Bishop of Blackburn

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Please stand with the president

# The Liturgy of Baptism

Ruth and her parents and godparents stand before the president, at the front of the Nave.

# The Decision

The president addresses the congregation and candidate for baptism

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore Lask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God? I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

# Signing with the Cross

The president makes the sign of the cross on Ruth's forehead, saying Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of his cross.

When the signing is complete the president says

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified. Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

The president leads the parents, godparents and candidates to the font as music plays Everyone follows the baptismal party into the South Transept

# Prayer over the Water

Praise God who made heaven and earth, who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us.

We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph.

Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# **Profession of Faith**

The president addresses the congregation

Let us affirm, together with Ruth our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father,
Son and Holy Spirit.

**Baptism** 

The president pours water on Ruth, saying

Ruth Alina, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

# The president says

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.** 

# The Welcome and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Ruth, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.

The congregation greets Ruth Alina with applause. The president says

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

cf I Corinthians 12.13; Romans 14.19

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

# The Liturgy of Eucharist

# **Preparation of the Table**

The deacon prepares the table

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 provide.

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

# Offertory hymn



Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he, who on the cross a victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits of the holy harvest-field, which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield: then the golden ears of harvest

will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace, rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face: and we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be, and by angel-hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia to the Saviour who has won the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

# 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**







Let us give thanks to the Lord\_ our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.\_

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

# The choir sings

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

# The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:** 

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Mary, Paul and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

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 ... 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 ... تو 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

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

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

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

When the stewards invite you to go forward, please approach the two communion stations for bread in single file along the side aisles of the Nave

Please do come and ask this first minister for any blessings

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

The body of Christ.

Amen.

After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the station near the central aisle, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave

The minister distributing wine will say

The blood of Christ.

### Amen.

If you do not wish to receive communion wine, please walk past that second distribution point, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.

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

# **During communion**

The choir sings

Lord of the Dance – John Bertalot, Organist Emeritus

**Prayer after Communion** 

Silence is kept

Author of life divine, in the resurrection of your Son, you set before us the mystery of his triumph over sin and death; may all who are washed in the waters of rebirth rise to newness of life and find the promised presence of your abundant grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand to sing. During the hymn Ruth, with her parents, steps forward to receive a lighted candle.



Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife; Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932) trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

# The president addresses Ruth

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The president pronounces God's blessing.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen**.

God the Son, who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you for ever.

# The deacon says

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

# The Organ Voluntary

O filii et filiae

Alexandre Guilmant (1837 - 1911)

Please stay behind after the service for refreshments served in the Temple Gallery in celebration of Ruth's Baptism.

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# Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 20 April

### **FLOWERS**

Flowers today are given by The Dean and Sîan Howell-Jones in memory of their fathers, and also by Denise Sanderson and Audrey Cunliffe in loving memory of Leslie Cunliffe.

Many thanks to members of the congregation who gave generously to the cost of the Easter flowers.

### **BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN APRIL**

We are collecting breakfast cereals. 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.

# **SAFEGUARDING – for Safeguarding concerns please contact:**

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## **ELECTORAL ROLL AND APCM**

Make sure that you are signed up for the electoral roll. The cutoff date is the Sunday 27th April. Please speak to a warden and fill out a form. Paper copies available at the back and digital forms available through the website.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held after the 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist on the 11th May 2025. The APCM will include a tour of the newly renovated Crypt, including the Builders Yard, and Archive room.

### **PARKING**

Please park responsibly if you park on the forecourt on Sunday mornings. For the next month a parking attendant will be present, please work with them to find an appropriate place to leave your vehicle.

# **ANZAC BRASS BAND**

Following Evensong on the 27<sup>th</sup> April we will be joined by the Anzac Brass Band. They are flying over from New Zealand to perform in Lancashire so please come and support if you are able.