



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**



Baptism of Jesus, Liz Valente (2021)

**The Cathedral Eucharist
with Baptism on
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
*Sunday 1 June 2025, 10.30am***

Welcome to this morning's service

The President is
The Revd James Lawrence
Canon Missioner

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

The Subdeacon is
Nigel Scales

The service is sung by
Olivia Hunt (soprano)

The organ is played by
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

The setting for the service is
Messa di San Giuseppe – *Johann Ernst Eberlin (1702 – 1762)*

The service is live streamed.

*Before the service, the congregation is
welcomed by The Dean*

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

Paderborn 476



Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have:
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and pow'r, all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

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.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The president introduces the celebration

Presentation

The president 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 Justice
and uphold him in his 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 Justice with joy.
Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith.

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

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Justice begins his journey in faith.
You speak for him today.

Will you care for him, and help him to take his place
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

Please stand.

The Gloria

The cantor 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 King of Glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading

(Acts 16.16-34)

Read by Diane Warner

A reading from the book of Acts.

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe."

The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.

But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

Psalm **(8)**

The cantor sings

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world
thou that has set thy glory above the heavens!
Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained
strength, because of thine enemies
that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger.
For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.
What is man, that thou art mindful of him
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
Thou madest him lower than the angels

to crown him with glory and worship.
Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;
All sheep and oxen
yea, and the beasts of the field;
The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.
O Lord our Governor
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

New Testament Reading

(Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21)

Read by Joyce Wicks

A reading from the book of Revelation.

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

ST MAGNUS 134



The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
is his, is his by right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heaven's eternal light;

The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below,
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is given:
their name an everlasting name,
their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)

The Gospel

The deacon says

(John 17.20-26)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

The Liturgy of Baptism

The president stands.

Justice and his godparents stand before the president.

The Decision

The president addresses Justice through his parents and godparents.

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 I ask:

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 Justice's forehead, saying

Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

The president invites parents and godparents to sign Justice with the 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 Justice to the font.

Everyone follows the baptismal party to the font in the South transept.

The cantor sings

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessèd unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
with the abundance of thy grace:
keep far our foes, give peace at home;
where thou art guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Based upon Veni, creator Spiritus trans. John Cosin (1594-1672)

Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

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 baptized 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 Justice and his family,
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 Justice saying

Justice, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:
Justice, 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 the newly baptized Justice with applause.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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.

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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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

GOPSAL 443



Rejoice! The Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing;
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

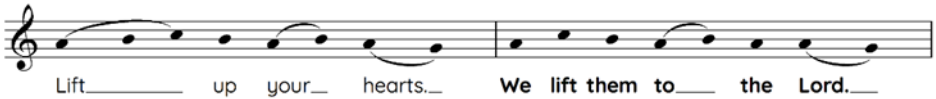
He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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



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 cantor 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 ...	Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Vater unser im Himmel ...	Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ...	Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ...	ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
Têve 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 cantor sings

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*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.

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

Ave verum corpus natum,
de Maria Virgine;
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine;
cuius latus perforatum
unde fluxit sanguine;
esto nobis praegustatum,
mortis in examine.
O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae;
miserere mei. Amen

Hail true body
born of the Virgin Mary:
you truly suffered and were
sacrificed on the cross for humanity;
blood flowed from
your pierced side:
be to us our chosen food at
the hour of our death.
O tender, O holy, O Jesus Son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen

Music by Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
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

Final Hymn

Fulda 486



We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the
earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the Cross;
for all he loved his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and
hell
that we might share his victory.

Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his Church
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward J. Burns (b.1938).

The Sending Out

The Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

The Deacon gives Justice's godparent a candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) Candle.

The president says

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

George, 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 Dismissal

The deacon says

Go in the light and 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

Praeludium in C BuxWV 137

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

Please stay behind after the service for tea and coffee.

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THERE IS NO CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY, EVENING PRAYER WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE JESUS CHAPEL

NEXT SUNDAY – PENTECOST

Acts 2.1-21

Romans 8.14-17

John 14.8-17

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 1 June

FLOWERS

The flowers today are donated by Peter Hardman.

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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Vulnerable adults Safeguarding Coordinator – Stewart Hopkinson –
07515 652776

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.

VOLUNTEER ROADSHOW

On the 14th of June from 1-3pm, in the newly refurbished cathedral crypt, we will be holding a volunteering roadshow. This is a great opportunity to see the different opportunities that the cathedral offers for volunteering.

If you know anyone who is interested in volunteering with us please invite them along.