



**BLACKBURN  
CATHEDRAL**



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

**The Parish**  
**Eucharist on**  
**The First Sunday of Trinity**  
*Sunday 22 June 2025, 9.00am*

# Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is  
**The Revd. Canon James Lawrence**  
*Canon Missioner, Blackburn Cathedral*

The Choir is  
**The Cathedral Youth Choir**  
Conducted by  
**Helen Davies**

The Organist is  
**John Hosking**  
*Organist in Residence*

The setting is – **Mass of St. Thomas, David Thorne**

## Preparation

*For individual use before the service begins.*

## **The Old Testament Reading** *(Isaiah 65.1–9)*

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.

# The Gathering

*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

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.**

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 the refrain first which is then repeated at once by everyone.*



Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father.  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
**Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.**

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

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

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept – please remain standing*

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### New Testament Reading

*(Galatians 3.23–29)*

*Read by Terry Givens*

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 70 I



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)*

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

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles:  
this we have received,  
and this we believe.  
Amen.**

*Please sit*

## The Prayers of Intercession

*Led by John Wilson*

*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.**

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.  
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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

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**

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.  
You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Everyone sings

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

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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

## The Lord's Prayer

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

<b>Notre père, qui es aux cieux ...</b>	<b>Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...</b>
<b>Vater unser im Himmel ...</b>	<b>Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...</b>
<b>Padre nostro che sei nei cieli ...</b>	<b>Ojcie nasz, któryś jest w niebie...</b>
<b>Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ...</b>	<b>ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،</b>
<b>Tève Mūsų, kuris esi danguje! ...</b>	<b>Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...</b>
<b>Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...</b>	

**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.**



## 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*

Ubi caritas et amor,  
Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos  
in unum Christi amor.  
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.  
Et ex corde diligamus  
nos sincero. Amen

Where there is love and charity,  
God is there.  
The love of Christ has brought us  
together in one body.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in Him.  
Let us fear and love the living God.  
And let us love Him with all our  
hearts. Amen

*Music by Ola Gjeilo (b. 1978)*

## **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.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Please stand as 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.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service*

## **The Organ Voluntary**

Festal Flourish

*Gordon Jacob (1895 – 1984)*

## **CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY** sung by *The Cathedral Youth Choir*

4.00pm

Murrell in E

Abendlied - Rheinberger

Responses: Radcliffe

Psalms 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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### **BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN JUNE**

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### **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.