



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL



The Good Samaritan, JESUS MAFA, 1973

The Parish Eucharist on The Fourth Sunday of Trinity

Sunday 13 July 2025, 9.00am

*Welcome
to this morning's
service*

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

The Choir is
The Cathedral Youth Choir
Conducted by
Helen Davies

The Organist is
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

The setting is – **Ireland in C**

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

The Old Testament Reading

(Amos 7.7–17)

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said,

‘See, I am setting a plumb-line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,

and Israel must go into exile

away from his land.”’

And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’

Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

‘Now therefore hear the word of the Lord.

You say, “Do not prophesy against Israel,

and do not preach against the house of Isaac.”’

Therefore, thus says the Lord:

“Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,

and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,

and your land shall be parcelled out by line;

you yourself shall die in an unclean land,

and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.”’

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional Hymn

DUNDEE



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

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy 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,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost, art the Most High,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

(Colossians 1.1–14)

Read by Mihaela Mladin

A reading from the book of Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

CORVEDALE



There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's
sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven:
there is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness

with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in that upper home of bliss.

Second half of tune

If our love were but more simple,
we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

The Gospel

(Luke 10.25–37)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.”

‘Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Sermon

The Revd. James Lawrence, Canon 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 Terry Givens

This response is used

**Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

Those who are ill at home or in hospital,

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, Robert Moore, Harvey Stansfield

*and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,
and those whose anniversaries are at this time,*

Alice Nicholls (14), Anne M Spibey (16), Ronald Johnson (17), James Halliwell, Ann Wilson Ashworth (18), Arthur Ormerod, John Stirrup (19)
[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

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

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.
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*

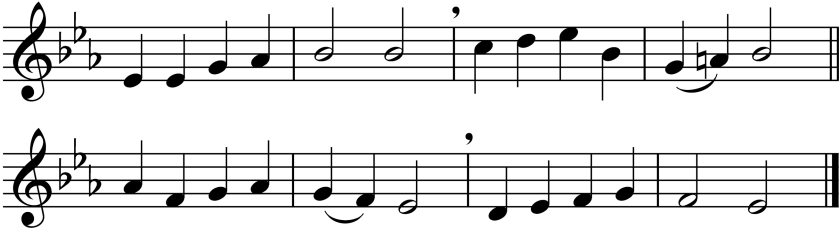
Preparation of the Table

The president prepares the table

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

Offertory Hymn

RAVENSHAW



Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth,
light and joy receiveth.

When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!

H W Baker (1821-77)

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:

The choir sings

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.
Blessed is he that cometh 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.

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 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,

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 ...	Ojcie nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ...	ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
Têve Mûsų, 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.**

The choir sings

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy 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 sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, Thine only crown.

How pale Thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn!

O sacred Head, now wounded;
O sacred Head, now wounded!

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain,

mine, mine was the transgression,
but Thine the deadly pain.

Lo, here I fall, my Saviour!
Tis I deserve Thy place;
look on me with thy favour,
vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, Thy dying sorrow
Thy pity without end?

O sacred Head, now wounded;
O sacred Head, now wounded!

Mary MacDonald

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son 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

Alla Marcia

John Ireland (1879 – 1962)

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY

4.00pm

Brewer in D
I Was Glad - Parry

Responses: Leighton
Psalm 77

NEXT SUNDAY – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Amos 8.1–12

Colossians 1.15–28

Luke 10.38–end

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 13 July

FOR SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT

Under 18s Coordinator	Denise Sanderson	07938793844
Vulnerable adults Coordinator	Stewart Hopkinson	07515 652776

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

Catherine Smith – Mobile: 07711485170 Telephone: 01254503088

Email: catherine.smith@blackburn.anglican.org

BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN JULY

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

The Foodbank have contacted us to say thank you for our donations and to let us know that in the last three months (April, May and June) we have donated **224.5kg of food**.

THE DEAN OF BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

The Bishop of Blackburn has made an announcement concerning the Dean of Blackburn, this can be found on our website www.blackburncathedral.com/blog/

INEQE Report

INEQE is an independent safeguarding organisation that has carried out an audit on Blackburn Cathedral and Diocese. **The report was published on Thursday 3rd July** and is available on our website, and the Church of England's website. Thank you to everyone who engaged in the audit process.

We will hold a **congregational meeting today at 12.30pm** in the newly refurbished **Builders Yard**.

THANK YOU TO OUR CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHOIR!

This week marks the end of term and the start of a well-deserved summer vacation for our cathedral choirs. Thank you to everyone who sings with us and enables our worship to be so beautiful.

Over the summer our worship will be led by:

20 th July	Rawstone Singers
27 th July	Belfast Cathedral Choir
4 th August	Bury Parish Church Choir
10 th August	Cantor – Darcy Tayler
17 th August	Cantor – Charlie Truman
24 th August	Cantor – Damian O'Keefe
31 st August	Cantor – Angela Hicks

ANNUAL CONGREGATION SUMMER BBQ

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