



**BLACKBURN  
CATHEDRAL**



*Baptism of Jesus, Liz Valente (2021)*

**The Parish  
Eucharist on  
The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

*Sunday 1 June 2025, 9.00am*

# Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is  
**The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones**  
*The Dean*

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

## Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

## **New Testament Reading**

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

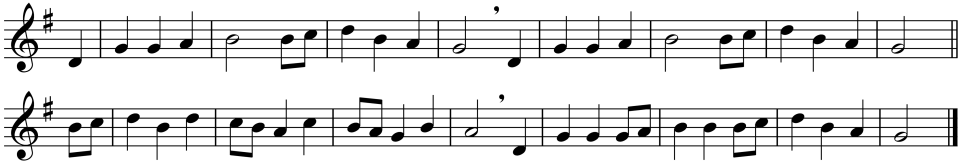
"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It 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.

# The Gathering

*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*

## The Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

# The Prayers of Penitence

*The president says*

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.**

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

EVELYNS 338



Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!  
Peace to all your people through the earth be given!  
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,  
singing Hallelujah to our heavenly king;

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!  
With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone!  
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,  
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer;

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy One,  
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:  
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:  
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

*Christopher Idle after Gloria in Excelsis*

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept – please remain standing*

Rise, ascended Lord,  
as we rejoice at your triumph,  
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,  
that all who are estranged by sin  
may find forgiveness and know your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## The First Reading

*(Acts 16.16-34)*

*Read by Dominic Eatwell*

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.**

## 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**

*(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*

*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 kneel or sit down*

## The Prayers of Intercession

*Led by Linda Cronshaw*

*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,*

John North

Fred Burdekin (2), Anne Williams (4),  
Sarah Chew (5), David Edward Sharples (7)  
[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 risen Christ came and stood among the disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you'.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.  
**and also with you. Alleluia!**

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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## Preparation of the Table

*Please remain standing to sing*

# 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

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.**

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:

*Everyone sings*



Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,  
 in power and wisdom for ever adored!  
 The earth and the heavens are full of your love;  
 our joyful hosannas re-echo above!  
 Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he  
 whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us free;  
 who comes in the name of the Father of light,  
 let endless hosannas resound in the height!

*Michael Forster (born 1946)*  
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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.

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 Mûşu, 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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer 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 you are ready to receive communion please approach the president in single file and return to your seat by one of the side aisles. Please do come forward for a blessing if you would prefer.*

*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 next minister before returning to your place. 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 minister and return to your place.*

*Silence is kept*

## **Prayer after Communion**

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*

## The Dismissal

*The president pronounces God's blessing*

God the Father,  
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

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

## The Organ Voluntary

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