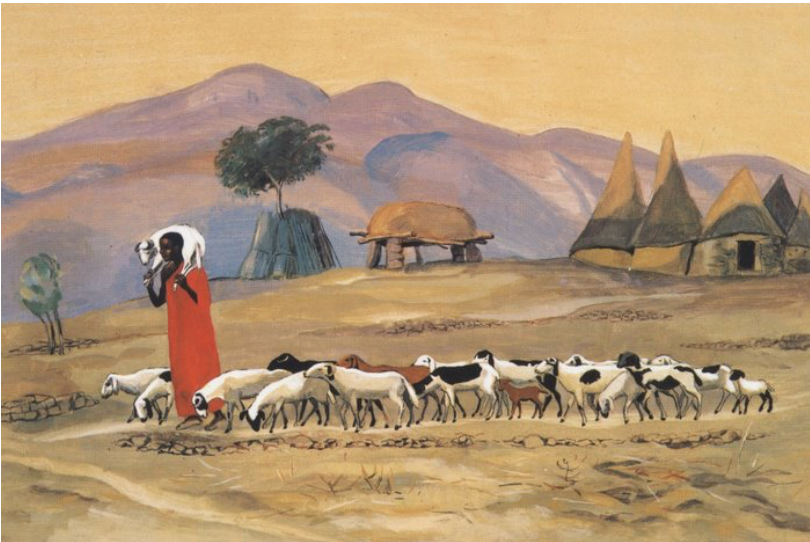




BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL



The good shepherd, Jesus Mafa, Cameroon, 1973

The Parish Eucharist on The Fourth Sunday of Easter

11 May 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
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

New Testament Reading

(Revelation 7.9-17)

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

Alleluia



*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation: *Chorus*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen: *Chorus*

We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live for ever: *Chorus*

God has proclaimed the just reward:
New life for all! Alleluia! *Chorus*

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour: *Chorus*

Donald Fishel (born 1950)

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

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

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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

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The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading *(Acts 9.36-43)*

Read by Michael Wedgeworth

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

Buckland



Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.

I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above
happy in thy precious love.

Loving Saviour, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

Jane E Leeson (1809-81)

The Gospel

(John 10.22-30)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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 or kneel

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, or otherwise in need of prayer:

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

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

William Edward Woolley (11), Peter Cecil Chadwick, Delia Ewan, Joan Bennetts (12).
Meda Forshaw (13), George Sagar, Mary Haworth, Leslie Matthew, Richard Abraham,
Terry Duerden (15), Leslie E H Swan (17)
[numbers are days 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

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.

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.

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Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing to sing

Hymn

Caithness



Where love and loving-kindness dwell,
there God will ever be:
One father, Son and Holy Ghost
in perfect Charity.

Brought here together into one
by Christ our Shepherd-king,
now let us in his love rejoice,
and of his goodness sing.

Here too let God, the living God,
both loved and honoured be;
and let us each the other love
with true sincerity.

Brought here together by Christ's love,
let no ill-will divide,
nor quarrels break in unity
of those for whom he died.

Let envy, jealousy and strife
and all contention cease,
for in our midst serves Christ the Lord,
our sacrament of peace.

*From the Latin "Ubi Caritas" of Maundy Thursday
tr. Geoffrey Preston (1936 – 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.

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 St Mary, St 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 ...	Ojcie nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ...	ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
Têve Mûsû, 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

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 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 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.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
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, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
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

Intrada

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

Please stay behind after the service for tea and coffee.

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NO CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY – VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

4.00pm Youth Choir
 For The Fallen - Jenkins

NEXT SUNDAY – EASTER 5

Acts 11.1-18
Revelation 21.1-6
John 13.31-35

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 11 May

THE FLOWERS

Flowers today are given by the family of Doreen Salisbury (Marr) in her loving memory.

BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN MAY

We are collecting **Tinned Fruit**. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

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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.

VE DAY SERVICE

Today at 4pm the cathedral will commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE day. We will need every car parking space available, please remove your car soon after the 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist.

CIVIC SERVICE

Please note a change to our service times **on Sunday 18th May**. The Parish Eucharist will be held at 9am, at the usual time, and the Civic service will be held at 11.15am. There will be no 10.30am Cathedral Eucharist.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Cathedral APCM will take place **this afternoon at 12 noon**, immediately following the 10.30am Eucharist and refreshments. At this meeting we will elect four Cathedral Wardens and Deputy Wardens. We also need to appoint two Deanery Synod representatives to serve for three years.