



**BLACKBURN  
CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral  
Eucharist  
on  
Christ the King

*Sunday, 24 November, 2024*

*10.30am*

# *Welcome* to this morning's service

The President is  
**Canon James Lawrence**  
*Missioner*

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

The Deacon is  
**Canon Dr Jenny Gaffin**  
*Precentor*

The Subdeacon is  
**Ayodele Adebayo**

The service is sung by the  
**The Cathedral Choir**

Directed by  
**John Robinson**  
*Organist and Director of Music*

The setting for the service is  
**Langlais Messe Sonelle**

*Before the service, the congregation is  
welcomed by Canon Dr Jenny Gaffin*

# The Gathering

*Please stand to sing*

## Processional

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

## 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 then addresses the whole congregation*

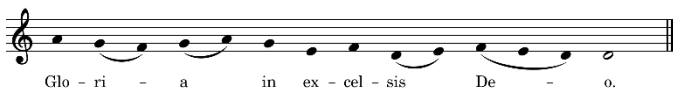
Faith is the gift of God to his people.  
In baptism the Lord is adding to our number  
those whom he is calling.  
People of God, will you welcome Aurora  
and uphold her in her new life in Christ?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

*The president then says to the parents and godparents*

Parents and godparents,  
the Church receives Aurora with joy.  
Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.  
Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the  
community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism Aurora begins her journey in faith.  
You speak for her today.  
Will you care for her, and help her to take her place  
within the life and worship of Christ's Church?  
**With the help of God, we will.**

## The Gloria



The choir sings

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.

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*

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

*Read by Jeremy Duerden*

*(Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14)*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The choir sings*

The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel :  
the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength.

He hath made the round world so sure :  
that it cannot be moved.

Ever since the world began hath thy seat been prepared :  
thou art from everlasting.

The floods are risen, O Lord, the floods have lift up their voice :  
the floods lift up their waves.

The waves of the sea are mighty, and rage horribly :  
but yet the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier.

Thy testimonies, O Lord, are very sure :  
holiness becometh thine house for ever.

## **New Testament Reading**

*Read by Krystyna Adams*

*(Revelation 1.4b-8)*

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand with the president to sing*

## Gradual Hymn

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Let all the world in every corner  
sing, my God and King!  
The heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly:  
the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner  
sing, my God and King!

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

Let all the world in every corner  
sing, my God and King!  
the Church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but above all the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner  
sing, my God and King!

## Gospel

*The deacon says*

*(John 18.33-37)*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**



# The Liturgy of Baptism and Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*The president stands*

*Aurora, her parents and godparents stand before the president*

## The Decision

*The president addresses the 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 turn to Christ?  
***I turn to Christ.***

Do you repent of your sins?  
***I repent of my sins.***

Do you renounce evil?  
***I renounce evil.***

## Signing with the Cross

*The president makes the sign of the cross on Aurora's forehead, saying*

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

*When the signing is complete the president says*

**All** 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 Aurora to the font as music plays. Everyone follows the baptismal party.*

## 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 baptised 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 servant who is 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 her,  
bring her to new birth in the household of faith  
and raise her 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 Aurora 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 Aurora, saying*

I baptise you  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Aurora, 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 and Peace

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Aurora 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 Aurora with applause. 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.

*cf 1 Corinthians 12.13; Romans 14.19*

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.

## Preparation of the Table

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 tax payer please use and sign the blue gift aid form provided on your chair. Alternatively, The Parish Giving Scheme is the easy way to give regularly to support the ongoing ministry of Blackburn Cathedral and you can find out more and sign up by using the QR code provided here. Blackburn Cathedral's Parish Giving Scheme Code is: 030603001



## Preparation of the Table

*The deacon prepares the table.*

*Please remain standing to sing the hymn during which there will be a collection with the stewards handing the collection plates.*

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Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King,  
Lord of heav'n, our lives sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:  
*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, th'eternal name.*

Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
Pow'r and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

*Yours the glory....*

Suffring servant, scorned, ill-  
treated, victim crucified!  
Death is through the cross  
defeated, sinners justified:

Priestly King, enthroned for ever  
high in heav'n above!  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

*Michael Seward (1932-2015)*

*Please remain standin*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed be God,  
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.  
May we feed upon the bread of God  
and drink the royal wine of heaven.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## Eucharistic Prayer



The\_\_ Lord be\_\_ with\_\_ you and\_\_ al - so\_\_ with\_\_ you.



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,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
For with the oil of gladness  
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,  
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.  
As priest, he offered himself once for all  
upon the altar of the cross  
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace.  
As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,  
that he may bring before your infinite majesty  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.  
And so with angels and archangels  
and all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending hymn of praise:

*The choir sings*

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.</i>
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	<i>Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.	<i>Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

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**

Joining our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say,  
each in our own language, the prayer 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 ... الذي في السموات...  
Têve Mûsù, 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.**



Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

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

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

Lamb of God you take away the sins of  
the world, grant us 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.**

*After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the station near the  
central aisle, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.*

*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 central aisle of the Nave.*

*While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit down.*

## During communion

*The choir sings*

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The Kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord  
and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever;  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!  
*from "Messiah" by Handel (1685-1759)*

## Prayer after Communion

*Silence is kept*

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you be plenteously rewarded;  
through 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.**

*Please stand to sing*

## **Final Hymn**

VULPIUS 345



Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
tell all the earth he is your choice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of  
ancient days.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his  
Word proclaim.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let Love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

G.G.A. Bell (1883-1958)

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# The Dismissal

Christ our King make you faithful  
and strong to do his will,  
That you may reign with him in glory.  
And the blessing of almighty God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The president addresses Aurora*

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

With the light of Christ within you,  
go in the 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

Fête

*Jean Langlais (1907 – 1991)*

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Flowers today are given by Eileen Ranson in loving memory of her father Leslie.

## **For your prayers**

*We pray today for those who are sick at home or in hospital:*

Stephen Birch, Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Lilah Jane, Graham Jordan, Lynn Martin, Margaret Ingham, Margaret Young, Oliver Colville, Sue Penfold, Irfan Masih, Harry Searles, Liam Johnson, Lorraine, Ray Hutchings  
*for those who mourn, and remember those who have recently died,*

Lorraine Aldritt, Hannah Green

*and those whose anniversaries fall this week*

Eddie Hart (24), Elizabeth Rockley (25), Mary Chambers (26), May Abbott, Ada Fielding, Philip Roberts (27), Dorothy Anderson (28), Lesley Ranson, Isobel Galilee, Norman Wicks (30)

## **Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 24 November, 2024**

**Today - 4pm Choral Evensong** with Lancashire Mayors and Chorister Promotions

**The Red Chair Project:** a campaign to highlight the issue of Domestic Violence to Christian Communities. It runs from the 25<sup>th</sup> of November until the 10<sup>th</sup> of December to coincide with the UN's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Look out for our Red Chair.

### **Blackburn Foodbank in November**

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

### **Wednesday Organ Concerts – 12.15 Free entry**

27 November – David Hardie

### **Safeguarding Survey**

As part of the independent audit into Safeguarding in the diocese and cathedral, we warmly invite you to participate in a survey. This is confidential and anonymous. Please pick up a letter for more information and follow the link to complete the survey online.

### **Museum of the Moon**

For a full schedule of events please see the website. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering with us – we greatly appreciate everyone's help.

### **Christmas Organ Music**

Our Organist in Residence, John Hosking, will be playing free concerts of Christmas organ music as follows:

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 12.15pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00am at St. Silas Church.