



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

The Parish
Eucharist
on
Christ the King

Sunday, 24 November, 2024

9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

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

The service is sung by the
The Cathedral Youth Choir
Directed by
Helen Davies

The setting for the service is
A Blackburn Mass by James Davy

Preparation For individual use before the service begins.

Old Testament Reading

(Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14)

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 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.

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional



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

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 says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our
sins in penitence and faith.

cf Matthew 4.17

**O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name,
Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you
to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The president says

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 choir sings the refrain of the Gloria first which is then repeated at once by everyone
and sung again after each section as indicated.*

The Gloria



Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

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 in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

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 in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.
Amen.

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Read by Simon Mott

(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!

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!

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Gospel

(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

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Please stand with the president

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit
who strengthens us
with the power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Please sit

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Sylvia Roberts

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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,

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)

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

To crown all things there must be love,
To bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



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.

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Hymn

Guiting Power

Please remain standing to sing



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.*

Suff'ring servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
Death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
Yours the glory and the crown

So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon y ou gazing,
This shall be our song:
Yours the glory...

Michael Saward (1932-2015)

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 also 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:

Everyone sings

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
8 full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est *mf* Bles - sed is he that
12 comes in the name_ of the Lord *f* Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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 ... Ojczce nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... الذي في السموات...
Tëve Mūsų, 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 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.**

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.

During communion

The choir sings

Alleluia!

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own:
awake my soul and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Crown him the Lord of life
who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring
and lives that death may die.
Alleluia Alleluia!

Crown him the Lord of heaven,
One with the Father known;
One with the Spirit through him giv'n
from yonder glorious throne.
To thee be endless praise,
for thou for us has died;
be thou, O Lord, through endless days
adored and Magnified!
Alleluia

*Matthew Bridges (1800-94) and Godfrey
Thring (1823-1903)*

*Music Diademata by George J. Elevey (1816-
1893) quoting Hymn to Joy (L. V
Beethoven) arr. Dan Forrest.*

Silence is kept

Prayer after Communion

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

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on Vulpius

Healey Willan (1880 – 1968)

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

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Notices for the week beginning 24 November

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

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 Nov – 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 during this time – 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 4th December, 12.15pm in the Cathedral

Saturday 7th December, 11.00am at St. Silas Church.

The Red Chair Project is a campaign to highlight the Issue of Domestic Violence to Christian Communities. It runs from the 25th of November until the 10th of December to coincide with the UN's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. Look out for our Red Chair and the information associated with it