



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

**The Parish Eucharist
for
Racial Justice Sunday**

Sunday 8th February 2026, 9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President is
Canon Andrew Horsfall
Interim Dean

The Preacher is
The Revd Munawar Din
*Vicar of St Cuthbert's Burnley and St Luke's Brierfield
Dean of Global Heritage Ministry the Diocese of Blackburn*

The Organist is
Nigel Spooner
Associate Organist

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

Old Testament Reading

(Micah 6:1-8)

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

‘O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.’

‘With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

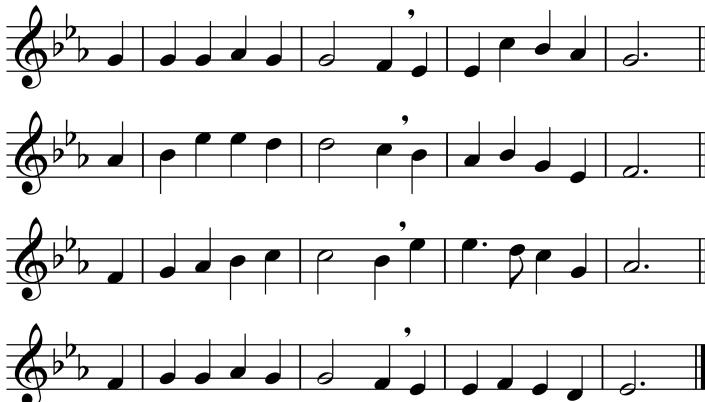
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?’

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Gathering

AURELIA



Extol the God of justice
with heart and soul and voice;
remember all his wonders,
recount them and rejoice.
He stands with all who labour
for what is true and right,
till wickedness and falsehood
are banished from his sight.

Extol the God of justice
enthroned for evermore,
a stronghold in affliction,
a refuge to the poor:
he hears the cries of victims
and senses their despair;
in faithfulness he honours
the faith that sparks our prayer.

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(Based on Psalm 9)*

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.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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 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

The Collect

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Ever present God,
you called us to be in relationship with one another
and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered.
In our community, we are many different people;
we come from many different places,
have many different cultures.
Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of
inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us.
We pray in faith. **Amen.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Read by Linda Cronshaw

(Colossians 3:1-14)

A reading from the letter to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

MCKEE



In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, all the human race,
whate'er your nation be;
all who my Father's image bear
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

William Arthur Dunkerley (John Oxenham) (1852-1941)

The Gospel

(Luke 10: 25-37)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord

Just then 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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Revd Munawar Din

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
**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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by John Wilson

This response is used

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

For those who are sick

Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Margaret Young, Liam Johnson, Graham Jordan, Brian and Ruth Whittle, Jenni Bellamy, Ruth McGaughey, Harvey Stansfield, Eric Barnes, Carol Fishwick, Frank Haworth, John Bertalot

and those who have requested prayer

Christopher Browne, Susan Garlick, Isla Smith, Tracey Riley, Peter Howell-Jones, Sarah and Ian White, The Residents of Old Gates Care Home

and those that mourn, remembering those who have died recently:

and those whose anniversaries fall this week

Edgar Walker (9), Frank Moore, William Caddick, Pauline Farquar (11), Alan Pearson, Roger Brickell (14)
(Dates are in brackets)

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

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

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. Blackburn Cathedral's Parish Giving Scheme Code is: 030603001

Offertory Hymn

NOEL NOUVELET 115



Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

John Bell (b.1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2020)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven. **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:

Everyone sings

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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)a

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 Mary, Paul and all the 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

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 ... Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ي السُّمَوَاتِ،
Téve Műsų, 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.**

**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

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.*

Silence is kept

Prayer after Communion

O God, we thank you that you have inspired people in all nations and in all cultures.

May we follow you, committed to your way of love and justice, united in the desire to recognise and respect the dignity and worth of every human being.

In the name and the Spirit of Jesus. **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

The blessing of God the Father,
who made from one every nation that occupies the earth;
of God the Son, who bought us for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation;
and of God the Spirit, who brings us together in unity,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

The Organ Voluntary

Processional

William Mathias (1934 – 1992)

Flowers today are given by Pat and Michael Wedgeworth and family in loving memory of Marjory.

Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service.

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Notices for the Week Beginning 8th February

TIME by Luxmuralis Tuesday 24th February – Saturday 28th February

This world-famous light installation arrives in Lancashire for the first time ever. You'll be taken on a journey through time, traversing wormholes, venturing inside the intricate working of clocks, and experiencing a dramatic narrative that spans from the very beginning of everything to the present day.

For tickets and further information please see the Cathedral website.

Organ Concerts

Wednesday February 11th

Sebastian Johansson

Wednesday February 18th

No Concert

Wednesday February 25th

Charles Spanner

Blackburn Foodbank

This week the Foodbank would appreciate donations of tinned goods.

Servers and Live Streamers wanted

If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Alex or email alex.barnes@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Safeguarding

The latest updates from the Safeguarding Improvement Board can be found at blackburncathedral.com/safeguarding

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