



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**



Coventry Cathedral - Archangel Michael and the Devil, *Sir Jacob Epstein*

The Parish Eucharist on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels

Sunday 28 September 2025, 9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
The Revd. Andrew Horsfall
Interim Dean

The Choir is
The Cathedral Youth Choir
Conducted by
Helen Davies

The Organist is
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

The setting is – **The Blackburn Mass, Davy**

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

The Old Testament Reading *(Genesis 28.10-17)*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional Hymn

DARWALL'S 148TH NEH 475



Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.

My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love;
let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

*R. Baxter (1615-1691), J. H. Gurney
(1802-1862), R. R. Chope (1830-1928)*

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

We have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem, to myriads of angels, to God, the judge of all,
and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

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



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

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted the ministries
of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

New Testament Reading

(Revelation 12.12-17)

Read by Linda Cronshaw

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

A read And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

Angel Voices NEH 336



Angel voices ever singing
round thy throne of light,
angel-harps for ever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.

Yea, we know that thou rejoicest
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
makers art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine. (F. Pott 1832-1909)

The Gospel

(John 1.47-end)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Revd. Andrew Horsfall, Interim Dean

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

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by John Wilson

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Those who are sick or for whom prayers have been asked,

John Bertalot, Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Margaret Young, Sue Penfold,
Harry Searles, Liam Johnson, Ray Hutchins, Peter Hardman, Graham Jordan,
Brian and Ruth Whittle, Jenni Bellamy, Ruth McGaughey, Ray Duckworth, Liz
Frayne, Robert Moore, Harvey Stansfield, Eric Barnes, Frank Haworth,
Clifford and Carol Fishwick, Pam Jelly Christopher Browne, Susan Garlick, Isla
Smith, Tracey Riley, Peter Howell-Jones

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

and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

Michael Emery(28), Parnel Rothwell (30), Arthur Walley (1), John
Tattersall (3)

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

Hear again the song of the angels:

‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share the peace with one another

During the offertory hymn a collection is taken, please give what you prayerfully can.

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UK taxpayer, please use the blue gift aid form provided.*

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Preparation of the Table

The president prepares the table

Please remain standing to sing the hymn during which there will be a collection

Offertory Hymn

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Around the throne of God a band
of glorious angels ever stand;
bright things they see, sweet harps they hold,
and on their heads are crowns of gold.

Lord, give thy angels every day
command to guide us on our way,
and bid them every evening keep
their watch around us while we sleep.

So shall no wicked thing draw near,
to do us harm or cause us fear;
and we shall dwell, when life is past,
with angels round thy throne at last.

John M Neale (1818-1866)

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 and good,
 our duty and our salvation,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks,
 Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
 through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
 You reveal your wise purpose
 for the salvation of the human race
 by assigning to the angels and archangels
 the ministry of your steadfast love and protection.
 While they contemplate your glory,
 standing before you and singing your praise,
 they keep a faithful vigil for us,
 guarding us along the way that leads to life,
 and guiding us towards the kingdom of your light.
 In joyful gladness we unite our voices with theirs
 and sing the ageless hymn of your praise:

Everyone sings

2
 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.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
 enthroned in splendour and light,
 yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
 you reveal the power of your love
 made perfect in our human weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity,
 Jesus showed us the way of salvation;

loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with St Michael, St Mary, St Paul and all your saints

at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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 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.**

Andante con moto *mf*

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world have

8 *mp*

mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the

14 *mf*

world have mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God you

19 *dim.* 3

take a - way the sin 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.**

To receive the bread, or a blessing, please walk down the central aisle as directed by a steward. To receive wine please move to the chalice at the side

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 side aisles of the Nave

While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit

During Communion

The choir sings

Lord, I trust thee, I adore thee.
Ah! thou friend of man, restore me!
On thy loving grace relying,
for the bread of life I'm sighing.
Quench my thirst and let my hunger cease,
fill my heart with joy and endless peace.
When the breath of life has left me,
may my soul be blended with thee.

George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
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.

The Dismissal

Please stand as the president pronounces God's blessing

God keep you in the fellowship of his saints;
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;
the Spirit make you holy in God's service;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

The Organ Voluntary

Te splendor et virtus

Marcel Dupré (1886 – 1971)

Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY

4.00pm

Blair in B Minor

War In Heaven – Neil Cox

Responses: Maggie Burk

Psalms 134 & 135 (1-14)

NEXT SUNDAY – The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Habakkuk 1.1–4; 2.1–4 2 Timothy 1.1–14 Luke 17.5–10

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BLACKBURN FOODBANK IN SEPTEMBER

We are collecting **Spreads and Spices** (Jam, peanut butter, salt, pepper etc). If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

THE LORD'S PRAYER TOUR *Friday 10th October 2025*

In less than 70 words, Jesus gives us a prayer to learn by heart and a prayer that gets inside our hearts, shaping the way we live. This special *Faith in the North* event will be led by archbishop Stephen Cottrell, with teaching, music film, Q&A, and space for reflection. Tickets £0 – but please book online

To book and find out more visit www.blackburncathedral.com/event/the-lords-prayer-tour

CREATION CARE CONFERENCE: GOD'S WORLD AND OUR MISSION

Friday 31st October & Saturday 1st November 2025

This conference is for all who are passionate about the Church's response to the climate crisis, rooted in Christian theology and discipleship bringing together voices from across the Christian spectrum to explore how faith communities can respond to the environmental crisis.

Keynote speaker: **Dr Canon Ruth Valerio**

Tickets £0 – £30 – A range of packages including lunch and refreshments

To book and find out more visit www.blackburncathedral.com/creation

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Kathleen Emery and family in loving memory of Michael.

EMERGENCY HOLY DUSTERS – 5TH OCTOBER

In preparation for the *Gaia* exhibition, we would like to do a deep clean of the cathedral after the 10.30am service on the 5th October. Please do join us if you can.