



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Parish
Eucharist

on

The Last Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday, 2 February, 2025

9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is

Canon Dr Jenny Gaffin

Precentor

The service is sung by the

The Cathedral Youth Choir

Directed by

Helen Davies

The setting for the service is the

Mass of St Thomas by David Thorne

Preparation:

For individual use before the service begins.

(Exodus 13.1-14)

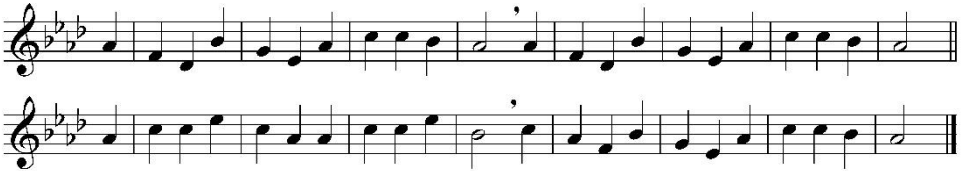
The LORD said to Moses: Consecrate to me all the firstborn; whatever is the first to open the womb among the Israelites, of human beings and animals, is mine. Moses said to the people, 'Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the LORD brought you out from there by strength of hand; no leavened bread shall be eaten. Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this observance in this month. For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a festival to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen in your possession, and no leaven shall be seen among you in all your territory. You shall tell your child on that day, "It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt." It shall serve for you as a sign on your hand and as a reminder on your forehead, so that the teaching of the LORD may be on your lips; for with a strong hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt. You shall keep this ordinance at its proper time from year to year. 'When the LORD has brought you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your ancestors, and has given it to you, you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your livestock that are males shall be the LORD's. But every firstborn donkey you shall redeem with a sheep; if you do not redeem it, you must break its neck. Every firstborn male among your children you shall redeem. When in the future your child asks you, "What does this mean?" you shall answer, "By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

The Gathering

Please remain seated as the choir enters, and stand for the hymn

Processional

St Denio



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 Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

**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.**

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.



Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father.

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glorify to God, Glorify to God, Glorify to God in the highest.

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.

Glorify to God, Glorify to God, Glorify to God in the highest.

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
in the glory of God the Father.

Glorify to God, Glorify to God, Glorify to God in the highest.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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

(Romans 12.1-5)

Read by Jane Hollins-Gibson

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

Blaenwern



Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Gospel

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Please sit

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Mihaela Mladin

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Those who are ill at home or in hospital,

Stephen Birch, Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Graham Jordan, Margaret Young,
Sue Penfold, Irfan Masih, Harry Searles, Liam Johnson, Lorraine,
Ray Hutchings, Brian and Ruth Whittle, Jenni Bellamy, Ruth McGaughey,
Joy and Mike Singleton

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

Mary Nolan (2), Philip McClumph, Philip Wilson (6), Charles Potts (7),
Elizabeth Bromely (8)
(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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

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

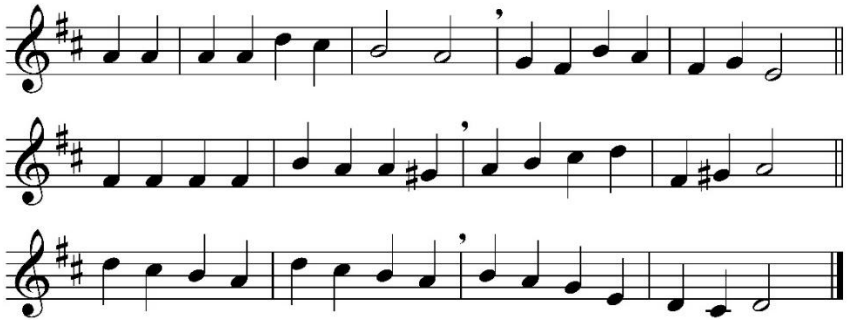


Please give what you prayerfully can. You may prefer to use the collection point or card reader on the way out. If you are a UK tax payer please use and sign the blue gift aid form provided on your chair. Alternatively, The Parish Giving Scheme is the easy way to give regularly to support the ongoing ministry of Blackburn Cathedral and you can find out more and sign up by using the QR code provided here.

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Offertory

PRAISE MY SOUL



Praise, my soul, the king of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour
to our forebears in distress;
praise him still the same as ever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him;
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;
accept the gifts we bring before you
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

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,
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.
For on this day he appeared in the Temple
in substance of our flesh to come near to us in judgement.
He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him
as the light to lighten the nations
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.
Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

Everyone sings

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na
 in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
 and as we follow his example and obey his command,
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us his body and his blood;
 who in the same night that he was betrayed,
 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.
 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.
 Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we remember now his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross;
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
 and as we look for the coming of his kingdom,
 we make with this bread and this cup
 the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with Mary, Paul and 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

As we join our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so
we say, 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 ... ،الَّذِي فِي 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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The first staff begins with a fermata over a whole note G, followed by a double bar line with a '2' above it, indicating a second ending. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the' are written below the notes. The second staff continues with 'sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.' and ends with a double bar line. The third staff continues with 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' and ends with a double bar line.

The Giving of Communion

The president says

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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.

Communion is in both kinds, and the minister distributing communion will say

The body of Christ. Amen.
The blood of Christ. Amen.

If you, or someone with you would like a blessing, please ask.

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

During communion

The choir sings

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
dignare clemens supplicum
laudes precesque sumere.

*O light born of light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.*

Qui carne quondam contegi
dignatus es pro perditis
nos membra confer effici
tui beati corporis.

*You who once did deign
to be clothed in flesh for those who are lost,
grant us to be members
of your blessed body.*

From Lux Aeterna by Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

Silence is kept

Prayer after Communion

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in 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

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be among 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

Prelude in G

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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

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Next Sunday

Fourth Before Lent

Old Testament reading

Isaiah 6.1-8

Psalm

Ps 138

New Testament reading

1 Cor 15.1-11

Gospel Reading

Luke 5.1-11

Flowers today are given by Jill and David Kay in loving memory of David's parents Joe and Annie and brothers Bill and Joe Kay.

Notices for the Week Commencing 2nd February

Today – 4pm – Eucharist to celebrate Candlemas, followed by refreshments.

Next Sunday morning readings

Malachi 3.1-5 Hebrews 2.14-end Luke 2.22-40

Literary lunch with Patrick Grant. 18 Feb, 12noon – 3.30pm in the crypt.
Tickets £36 which includes a two course meal and refreshments. Tickets can be purchased through the cathedral website or at Checks and Greys.

Sunday 16 February – Racial Justice Sunday.

9am and 10.30 Eucharists, preacher: Azariah France-Williams

Choir Church Festival Evensong – Tuesday 4 March (Shrove Tuesday) – 5pm Choral Evensong. All are welcome to hear this combined choir sing.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 5 March, 7.30pm service. All welcome.

Blackburn Foodbank in February

We are collecting tinned fruit. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate. The foodbank have written to us to thank us for all our contributions.

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Forthcoming Lunchtime Concerts, Wednesdays 12.15

5th Feb - Damian O’Keeffe, Baritone, Concert

12th Feb - Benjy Bloor Organ Concert

19th Feb – Janet Thomas Organ Concert

26th Feb – Christopher Stokes Organ Concert

5th March – Abigail Birch-Price Concert

12th March – Tricola Concert

Interested in being confirmed? Confirmation classes for adults will take place as part of our **Alpha Course**, Tuesday 4 February 4, 5.30pm, for six weeks.

Confirmation classes for children will take place on Saturday mornings at 11am, starting mid February. The confirmation service will take place on Easter Eve (Saturday 19 April) at 8pm.

Contemplative Prayer Group. This new group meets on the 2nd Friday of every month, at 11am in the St Martin Chapel. All are welcome.