



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Parish Eucharist
on
The Sunday Next before Lent

Sunday, 2 March, 2024

9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher
Canon Dr Jenny Gaffin
Precentor

The service is sung by
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 34.29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

RATISBON



Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near,
daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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.

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.



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory 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.

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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

Read by Mary Singleton

(2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2)

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

BE STILL



Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here;
come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Text David Evans (b. 1957)

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The Gospel

(Luke 9.28-36)

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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 for

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.**

Please sit

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Terry Givens

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, Judith Broughton

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

Eileen Buckley

and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

May Sharples, Ruth Fielding, Jeff Bradshaw (2), Muriel Hirst (3), May Elizabeth
Brown, Frederick W Street (4), Robert Laurence Roberts (6),
George William, Durham, Evan Rimmer (7) Vasile Mladin (8)

[numbers are days of the month]

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

God is love, and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



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Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing to sing

Offertory hymn

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'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night:
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount
come with us to the plain.

J. Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

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

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po-³wer and might,
Hea-³ven and earth are full of your glo-³ry. 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.

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 ... Ojczy nasz, któryś jest w niebie...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... ي السَّمَاوَاتِ،
Têve MÛsu, kuris esi danguje! ... Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri ...

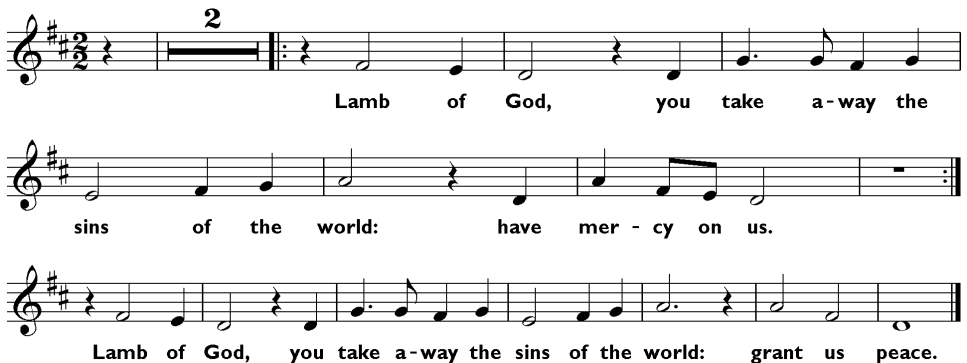
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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.**

Everyone sings



Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

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

Ave verum Corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine;
cujus latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine;
esto nobis praegustatum
mortis in examine.

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,
O Jesus Fili Mariae;

Music: Mozart

*Hail true body
born of the Virgin Mary:
you truly suffered and were
sacrificed on the cross for humanity;
from your pierced side
flowed water and blood;
be to us our chosen food
at the hour of our death.*

*O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus Son of Mary;*

Silence is kept

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask 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 peace of God that passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
and of his Son Jesus Christ
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Organ Voluntary: Fugue in C BuxWV 137 - Dietrich Buxtehude

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 2 March

**This evening: 4pm Choral Evensong with Mothers' Union
Commissioning**

**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.

Imposition of Ashes will be available at the 11.30am BCP service.

Please join Canon James in offering in the imposition of ashes on the street after
the BCP service (weather dependant).

Electoral Roll revision. This year is a full revision of the Electoral Roll. If you
wish to join or remain on the Electoral Roll please fill in a form at the back of
the church, or register through the link on the website.

Forthcoming Lunchtime Concert, Wednesday 12.15

5th March – Abigail Birch-Price Concert

Blackburn Foodbank in March

We are collecting tinned fruit and custard. 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, which are greatly appreciated.

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

Interested in being confirmed? Confirmation classes for adults will take place as part of our **Alpha Course**, Tuesdays, 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.



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