



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral Eucharist
on
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10th May 2026

10.30 am

*Welcome
to this morning's
service*

The President is
Canon Andrew Horsfall
Interim Dean

The Deacon and Preacher is
Canon David Arnold
Interim Succentor

The Subdeacon is
Alison Harrigan-Doyle

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Director of Music

The setting for the service is
Jackson in G

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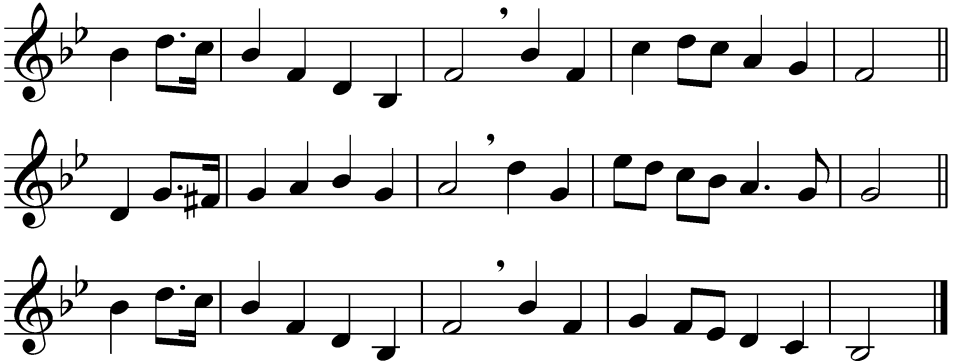
*Before the service, the congregation is
welcomed by Canon David Arnold*

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

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For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light:

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony,
Linking sense to sound and sight:

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth, and buds of heaven:
For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:
FS Pierpoint (1835-1917)

The Greeting

The president greets the people

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

The deacon says

Jesus Christ,
risen Master and triumphant Lord,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins,
and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

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 sing

The Gloria

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
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

Acts Reading

(Acts 17.22-34)

Read by Jean Duerden

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’ At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm
(66.7-end)

The choir sing

O praise our God, ye people :
and make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life :
and suffereth not our feet to slip.

For thou, O God, hast proved us :
thou also hast tried us, like as silver is tried.

Thou broughtest us into the snare :
and laidest trouble upon our loins.

Thou sufferedst men to ride over our heads :
we went through fire and water,
and thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.

I will go into thine house with burnt-offerings:
and will pay thee my vows, which I promised with my lips,
and spake with my mouth, when I was in trouble.

I will offer unto thee fat burnt-sacrifices, with the incense of rams :
I will offer bullocks and goats.

O come hither, and hearken, all ye that fear God :
and I will tell you what he hath done for my soul.

I called unto him with my mouth :
and gave him praises with my tongue.

If I incline unto wickedness with mine heart :
the Lord will not hear me.

But God hath heard me :
and considered the voice of my prayer.

Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer :
nor turned his mercy from me.

New Testament Reading

Read by Camilla Hadcock

(1 Peter 3.13-end)

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from

you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Please stand to sing

The Gradual Hymn



Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
With your living fire of judgment
Purge this realm of bitter things:
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
For the hour that brings release:
And the city's crowded clangour
Cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands
Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
Cleave our darkness with your sword;
Feed the faithless and the hungry
With the richness of your word:
Cleanse the body of this nation
Through the glory of the Lord.
Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

The Gospel

The deacon says

(John 14.15-21)

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him..

Alleluia

(John 14.23)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Canon David Arnold

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Please stand with the president for

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please kneel or sit down

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Tuppy Morrissey

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The names of those who have requested prayer are available in the Jesus Chapel

And at the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand as the president says

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you. Alleluia.

The deacon says

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 on the collection plate. You may prefer to use the collection point on the way. If you are a UK taxpayer please use and sign the blue gift aid forms provided on your chair.

Offertory Hymn

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Al-le-lu - ia! A - men.

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,
Your sweetest notes employ,
The Paschal victory to hymn
In strains of holy joy.

How Judah's Lion bursts his chains,
And crushed the serpent's head;
And brought with him, from death's domains,
The long-imprisoned dead.

From hell's devouring jaws the prey
Alone our Leader bore;
His ransomed hosts pursue their way
Where he hath gone before.

Triumphant in his glory now
His sceptre ruleth all,
Earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
And at his footstool fall.

While joyful thus his praise we sing,
His mercy we implore,
Into his palace bright to bring
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,
All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
While endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.

St Fulbert of Chartres (d.1028) Tr. Robert Campbell (1814-68)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
In your loving care you spread before us the table of life
and give us the cup of salvation to drink.
Keep us always in the fold of our Saviour and our Shepherd,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

The_ Lord be_ with_ you. R And_ al - so_ with_ you.

Lift____ up your hearts. R 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,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels
and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

The choir sings

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

The deacon says

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

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,

**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

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

If you are able, please remain standing while the choir sing

○ Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
○ Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
○ Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Giving of Communion

The president says

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

If you wish to receive communion the stewards will guide you

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

During Communion

The choir sings

View me, Lord, a work of thine;
Shall I then lie drowned in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine,
I should seem made all of light.

Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel
At thine altar, pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel,
Gaze no more on earth's delight.

Text Campion (1567-1620) Lloyd (1933-2021)

Worldly joys, like shadows, fade
When the heavenly light appears;
But the covenants thou hast made,
Endless, know nor days nor years.

In thy word, Lord, is my trust,
To thy mercies fast I fly.
Though I am but clay and dust,
Yet thy grace can lift me high

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Jesus lives! our hearts know well
Nought from us his love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell
Tear us from his keeping ever. Alleluya!

Jesus lives! to him the throne
Over all the world is given;
May we go where he is gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven. Alleluya!
Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918)

Please stand

The president pronounces God's blessing

The Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

The Dismissal

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

The Organ Voluntary

Please stay for refreshments at the back of the Cathedral after the service

Next Sunday

Acts reading

Psalm

New Testament reading

Gospel Reading

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.6-14

68. 1-10, 32- end

1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5. 6-11

John 17.1-11

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 10th May

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by the family of Doreen Salisbury (Marr) in her loving memory.

Years' Mind

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries fall this week: 10th Kathleen Kitchener, Iain Duerden 11th William Woolley 12th Peter Chadwick, Delia Ewan, Joan Bennetts 13th Meda Forshaw 15th George Sagar Mary Haworth, Leslie Matthew, Richard Abraham, Terry Duerden

Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

The Cathedral APCM will take place today at 12.00noon, immediately following the 10.30am Eucharist and refreshments. We need to elect four Cathedral Wardens and Deputy Wardens.

Safeguarding

The seventh Board meeting took place on 6th May 2026 and the three key messages from the meeting are:

1. Blackburn Diocese Safeguarding Advisory Panel (DSAP) / Cathedral Safeguarding Advisory Panel (CSAP) chair Victoria Gibson attended the meeting to observe and to ensure that the Improvement Board and the DSAP/CSAP are aligned and working together.
2. The Safeguarding Improvement Board and Chapter need to work closely together to coordinate and drive the activity required to ensure change happens as we continue on the safeguarding improvement journey.
3. Tracy Simpson has been appointed as the new Cathedral Safeguarding Adviser and started on the 30th April.

Report a Concern

Any safeguarding concerns at Blackburn Cathedral can be raised with the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer Catherine Smith: **07711 485170**

Email: catherine.smith@blackburn.anglican.org

Cathedral Culture Survey May 2026

As part of our commitment to ongoing improvement, we invite you to tell us how you feel about your experience of Blackburn Cathedral.

This ten question survey is completely anonymous and no data identifying you will be collected. It can be completed online at:

blackburncathedral.com/survey or paper copies are available from (and can be returned to) the Welcome Desk.

The closing date for submission is Sunday 24th May 2026. We thank you for your support by participating in this survey.

Blackburn Foodbank in May

During May we are collecting **TOILETRIES** If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts 12.15pm

May 13th Tom Bell

May 20th Galina Vale (Guitar)

A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for Volunteers across the Diocese.

Saturday 6th June 2026, 4.00pm

We would like to invite all our volunteers - especially those who support our services - readers, intercessors, element bearers, chalice bearers, sub-deacons, flower arrangers, stewards virgers etc. to join us in this celebration.

The service will be followed by refreshments and the chance to meet up with fellow volunteers from across the Diocese.

For more information and to book your place please visit blackburncathedral.com/vcs or if you need help, contact Julie Eatwell who will be able to make the booking for you.

Future Events: Dates for your Diary

International Evening around the Table for the Nations:

Wednesday 10th June 6pm - 7.30pm

Whalley Abbey Garden Party:

Wednesday 12th August 2.30pm - 4.00pm

Summer BBQ (with special guest: Chris Armstrong):

Sunday 6th September 12 noon

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