



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral
Eucharist on
Easter Day

Sunday 5th April 2026 10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President is
The Right Reverend Philip North
The Bishop of Blackburn

The Preacher is
Bishop Rowan Williams

The Deacon is
Canon James Lawrence
Canon Missioner

The Subdeacon is
Alison Harrigan - Doyle

The service is sung by the
Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Director of Music

The Organist is
William Fielding
Paris

The setting for the service is
Schubert: Mass in G

The service is live streamed
Please do not use mobile phones or cameras

The Gathering

Please stand as the ministers enter

Processional

EASTER HYMN
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Jesus Christ is risen today, *Alleluia*,
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia*,
who did once upon the cross, *Alleluia*,
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia*.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia*,
unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia*,
who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia*,
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia*.

But the pains which he endured *Alleluia*,
our salvation have procured, *Alleluia*,
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia*,
where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia*.

Sing we to our God above, *Alleluia!*
Praise eternal as His love, *Alleluia!*
Praise Him, all you heavenly host, *Alleluia!*
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, *Alleluia!*

Surrexit Christus hodie Anon. Latin, *Lyra Davidica* (1708) and others

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Blessed be God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
**Blessed be his kingdom,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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 sings

The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.
Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Filius Patris,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,
miserere nobis.
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus Altissimus,
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu,
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest
and peace on earth
to those of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we worship you, we glorify you.
We give thanks to you
for your 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,
you that take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
You that take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
You who are seated at the right hand of
the Father, have mercy upon us.
For you alone are holy,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Read by Ceri Davies

(Acts 10.34-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the assembled crowd in Caesarea: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Easter Anthems

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us :
therefore let us keep the feast;
Not with the old leaven,
nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness :
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:7.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more :
death hath no more dominion over him.
For in that he died, he died unto sin once :
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin :
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:9.

Christ is risen from the dead :
and become the first-fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death :
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die :
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:20.

Setting by Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

New Testament Reading

Read by: Louise Hicks

(Colossians 3.1-4)

A reading from the first letter of Paul 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

ELLACOMBE



The day of resurrection,
earth, tell it out abroad!
The passover of gladness,
the passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that has no end.

*Anastaseos hemera John of Damascus (c.675-749)
translated John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

The Gospel

The deacon says

(John 20.1-18)

Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus said to them 'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending

to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Sermon

Bishop Rowan Williams

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Please stand with the president

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 sit down for the prayers

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Jeremy Duerden

This response is used

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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 Peace

The president says

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.
and also with you. Alleluia.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

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

Please give what you prayerfully can. .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.

Preparation of the Table

The deacon prepares the table

Offertory hymn

Lux Eoi 103



Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise:
he, who on the cross a victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits
of the holy harvest-field,
which will all its full abundance
at his second coming yield:
then the golden ears of harvest
will their heads before him wave,
ripened by his glorious sunshine
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;
shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory
from the brightness of thy face:
and we, with our hearts in heaven,
here on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel-hands be gathered,
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

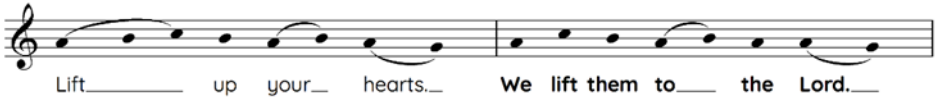
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour
who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)

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



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

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes 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,

**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

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 sings

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God you take away the sins of
the world, grant us 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 Holy 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

I danced in the morning when the world
was begun,
I danced in the moon and the stars and
the sun,
I came down from heaven and I danced on
the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance then, wherever you may be,
for I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would
not follow me,
I danced for the fishermen, for James and
John;
they came to me and the dance went on.

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the
lame,
the holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they
hung me on high,
and left me there on a cross to die.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that will never, never die,
I'll live in you if you live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Text Carter (1915- 2004) Tune Shaker melody arr. John Bertalot (1931- 2026)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Author of life divine,
in the resurrection of your Son, you set before us
the mystery of his triumph over sin and death;
may all who are washed in the waters of rebirth
rise to newness of life
and find the promised presence of your abundant grace;
through 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 to sing

Final Hymn

MACCABAEUS 120



Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932) trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

The Blessing

The president pronounces God's blessing.

The deacon says

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Organ Voluntary

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 29th March

Next Sunday	The Second Sunday of Easter
New Testament reading	Acts 2. 14a, 22-32
Psalm	16
New Testament reading	1 Peter 1.3-9
Gospel Reading	John 20. 19-end

Cathedral Flowers

Many thanks to members of the congregation who made donations for the Easter Flowers.

Friends of Blackburn Cathedral

The Friends of Blackburn Cathedral (FoBC) wishes to welcome two new people to join us as **Treasurer** and **Secretary**. Over the past ten years, the Friends have helped fund more than **£150,000** of projects and being part of the committee is a genuinely rewarding way to support the life of our wonderful cathedral while working alongside a friendly, committed group. If you'd like to know a bit more, why not have a chat with either Paul Mason or Karen Brooke after one of the Sunday Eucharists? We look forward to hearing from you.

Foodbank

Thank you for all your recent donations. This week we are collecting toiletries.

Bank Holiday Monday Concert Series

6th April

Dr Colin Walsh

Entry is £10 on the door in aid of The Lantern Music Trust

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

Please consider staying for tea or coffee after the service

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