



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral Eucharist
on
Trinity Sunday

Sunday 31st May 2026

10.30 am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
Canon James Lawrence
Canon Missioner

The Deacon is
Canon Michael Wedgeworth

The Subdeacon is
Ayodele Adabayo

The service is sung by
The Alleyn Singers

Directed by
Julian Parkin-Haig
Director of Music

The Organist is
Darren Williams

The setting for the service is
Howells: Missa Collegium Regale
and
Missa de Angelis

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

*Before the service, the congregation is
welcomed by Canon James Lawrence*

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

LEONI 148



The God of Abraham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days,
And God of love;
To him uplift your voice,
At whose supreme command
From earth we rise and seek the joys
At his right hand.

There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin,
The Prince of Peace;
On Sion's sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.

Before the great Three-One
They all exulting stand,
And tell the wonders he hath done
Through all their land:
The listening spheres attend
And swell the growing fame,
And sing in songs which never end,
The wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, holy, holy,' cry,
'Almighty King!'
Who was, and is, the same,
And evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM,
We worship Thee.'

The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
'Hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost.'
They ever cry:
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays),
All might and majesty are thine,
And endless praise.
Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

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.

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

God the Father forgives us in Christ
and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice,
and confess our sins to God our redeemer. *cf Ephesians 4.30,32*

Father, you come to meet us when we return to you:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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

Old Testament Reading

Read by Jeremy Duerden

(Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31)

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

'My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God'?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm (8)

The choir sing

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world : thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies : that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

For I will consider the heavens, even the works of thy fingers : the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the anges : to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands “ and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

All sheep and oxen : yea and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air and the fishes of the sea : and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor : how excellent is thy Name in all the world!.

New Testament Reading

Read by Alison Harrigan - Doyle

(2 Corinthians 13.11-13)

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

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Please stand to sing

The Gradual Hymn

ST FLAVIAN 147



Most ancient of all mysteries,
Before thy throne we lie;
Have mercy now, most merciful,
Most holy Trinity.

When heaven and earth were yet unmade,
When time was yet unknown,
Thou in thy bliss and majesty
Didst live and love alone.

Thou wert not born; there was no fount
From which thy Being flowed;
There is no end which thou canst reach;
But thou art simply God.

How wonderful creation is,
The work which thou didst bless,
And O, what then must thou be like,
Eternal loveliness!

Most ancient of all mysteries,
Before thy throne we lie;
Have mercy now, most merciful,
Most holy Trinity.

FW Faber (1814-63)

The Gospel

The deacon says

(John 17.1-11)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Go, and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord,
and remember I am with you always to the end of the age.

Alleluia

(Matthew 28.19,20)

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.

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Canon James Lawrence

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 Louise Hicks

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

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

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

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange 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 at the back of the Cathedral. If you are a UK taxpayer please use and sign the gift aid forms provided.

Offertory Hymn

COE FEN



How shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluyas be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
 In flame it with love's fire;
 Then shall I sing and bear a part
 With that celestial choir.
 I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
 With all my fire and light;
 Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
 Lord, treasure up my mite.

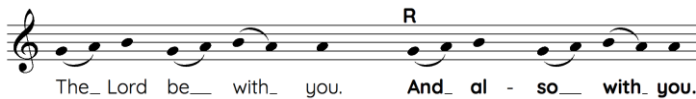
How great a being, Lord, is thine,
 Which doth all beings keep!
 Thy knowledge is the only line
 To sound so vast a deep.
 Thou art a sea without a shore,
 A sun without a sphere;
 Thy time is now and evermore,
 Thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (c 1645-94)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Holy God,
 holy and strong,
 holy and immortal,
 give us the bread of everlasting life,
 and make us branches of the true vine.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For with your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit
you are one God, one Lord.

All that you reveal of your glory,
the same we believe of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit, without any difference or inequality.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you,
Father of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Three Persons we adore,
one in being and equal in majesty.
And so with angels and archangels,
with cherubim and seraphim,
we sing for ever of your glory:

The choir sings

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit in nomine
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

*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,

**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.**

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

Jesus is the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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

The choir sing

During Communion

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum.
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Iesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Jacobus Handl Gallus (1550- 1591)

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and in the hour of our death. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,

now and for ever.

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 to sing

Final Hymn

NICAEA 144



Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Please stand

The president pronounces God's blessing

The Blessing

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
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.

Thanks be to God.

The Organ Voluntary

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

Next Sunday

Old Testament reading

Psalm

New Testament reading

Gospel Reading

First Sunday after Trinity

Hosea 5.15—6.6

50.7-15

Romans 4.13-25

Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 31st May

Recently Departed

We remember in our prayers the family and friends of Jenni Bellamy.

Years' Mind

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries fall this week:
2nd Fred Burdekin, 4th Anne Williams, 5th Sarah Chew, 6th David Smalley

Corpus Christi Thursday 4th June 7.30pm

Join us for a solemn and joyful celebration of Corpus Christi, giving thanks for the gift of Holy Communion.

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.

'The Journey' 21st Anniversary Evensong Sunday 7th June 4pm

All are warmly welcome to join us as we celebrate the 21st anniversary of 'The Journey, Penny Warden's stunning artwork

International Evening Wednesday, 10th June, 6-8pm

Please join us for an International Evening with a bring-and-share dinner. This will be an opportunity to enjoy food together, learn more about one another and celebrate the different cultures and countries in our community.

For details, please contact Canon Michael Wedgeworth

michael_wedgeworth@hotmail.com

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

Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts 12.15pm

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| 3 rd June | Eira Lynn Jone Harp |
| 10 th June | Stonyhurst Stars Students from Stonyhurst College |
| 17 th June | Lucy Farrimond Soprano |
| 24 th June | Shaun Ward Organ |

Blackburn Foodbank in June

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

Future Events: Dates for your Diary

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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