



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Cathedral Eucharist
on
The Third Sunday
after Trinity

Sunday 21st June 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
Mihaela Mladin

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Choir

Directed by
John Robinson
Director of Music

The setting for the service is
Rheinberger in G

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

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

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

EVERTON 498



Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
Thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,
For thine own dost ever plead,
Fill us with thy love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
So may we for others live;
Freely have thy gifts been granted,
Freely may thy servants give.
Thine the gold and thine the silver,
Thine the wealth of land and sea,
We but stewards of thy bounty,
Held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love, and Prince of peace,
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease;
By thy patient years of toiling,
By thy silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Shame our selfish greed of gain.

Dark the path that lies behind us,
Strewn with wrecks and stained with blood;
But before us gleams the vision
Of the coming brotherhood.
See the Christlike host advancing,
High and lowly, great and small,
Linked in bonds of common service
For the common Lord of all.

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
Thou who prayedst, thou who willest
That thy people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth thy will be done.
Tune Smart (1813-79) Words Somerset Lowry (1855-1932)

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

My brothers and sisters,
as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ
in word and sacrament,
let us call to mind and confess our sins.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
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 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.

Silence is kept

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 Ayodele Adabayo

(Jeremiah 20.7-13)

A reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, 'I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name',
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;

I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering:

‘Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

‘Perhaps he can be enticed,

and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.’

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,

you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,

for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy

from the hands of evildoers.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

(69.8-11, 18-20)

The choir sings

I am become a stranger unto my brethren : even an alien unto my mother’s children.

For the zeal of thine house hath even eaten me : and the rebukes of them that rebuked thee are fallen upon me.

I wept and chastened myself with fasting : and that was turned to my reproof.

I put on sackcloth also : and they jested upon me.

And hide not thy face from thy servant for I am in trouble : O haste thee and hear me.

Draw nigh unto my soul and save it : O deliver me because of mine enemies.

Thou hast known my reproof, my shame and my dishonour : mine adversaries are all in thy sight.

New Testament Reading

Read by Jean Duerden

(Romans 6.1b-11)

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

The Gradual Hymn

BRESLAU 76



Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.

Take up thy cross; let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave,
'Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
All praise forevermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
The heavenly life that knows no end.

Tune Mendelssohn (1809-47) Words Charles Everest (1814-77)

The Gospel

The deacon says

(Matthew 10.24-39)

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of truth will be my witness;
and you too will be my witnesses.

Alleluia

(John 15.26,27)

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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 Jeremy Duerden

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

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,
that you may be kept safe and blameless
in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

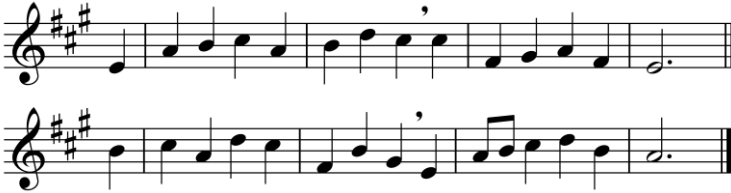
Preparation of the Table

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 electronic collection point on the way. If you are a UK taxpayer please use and sign the blue gift aid envelopes.

Offertory Hymn

ST JAMES 318



My God, accept my heart this day
And make it always thine,
That I from thee no more may stray,
No more from thee decline.

Before the cross of him who died,
Behold, I prostrate fall;
Let every sin be crucified,
And Christ be all in all.

Anoint me with thy heavenly grace,
And seal me for thine own,
That I may run this earthly race
In thy strong might alone.

Let every thought and work and word,
To thee be ever given,
Then life shall be thy service, Lord,
And death the gate of heaven.

The vision of thy glory there
Shall be my hope and song,
That where thou dost a place prepare,
I may at length belong.

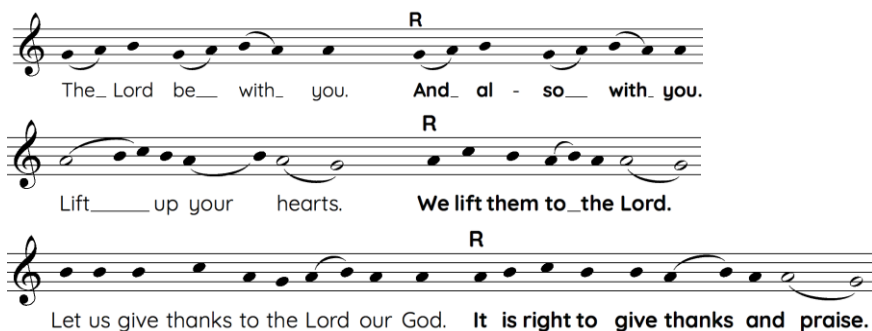
Matthew Bridges (1800-94) and editors of NEH

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

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 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. R It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

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.*

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Blessed Mary,
St Paul and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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 sings

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

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

*As usual, a standing communion point will be available at the chancel step.
Alternatively, we are reintroducing a communion point at the altar rail. If you would
prefer to receive Holy Communion kneeling at the rail, please follow the stewards'
directions up the centre of the chancel, returning via the transepts. A ramp will be
provided in the South transept for those who require it.*

During Communion

The choir sings

Come Lord, come to us.
Enter our darkness with your light,
Fill our emptiness with your presence,
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.
In our sadness, come as joy,
In our troubles, come as peace,
In our fearfulness, come as hope,
In our darkness, come as light,
In our frailty, come as strength,
In our loneliness, come as love,
Come, refresh, restore, renew us.

Text: David Adam (1936-2020) Music: Eleanor Daley (b.1955)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Please stand with the President

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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

ABBOT'S LEIGH 185



Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
Come ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Hast thou not seen
All that is needful hath been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work, and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
All the Almighty can do,
He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for ay we adore him.

Joachim Neander (1650-80) Tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) et al

The president pronounces God's blessing

The Blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the 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.
Thanks be to God.

The Organ Voluntary

Toccata (from The Plymouth Suite)

Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

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

Next Sunday

Old Testament reading

Psalm

New Testament reading

Gospel Reading

St Peter and St Paul

Acts 12.1-11

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2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16.13-19

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 21st June

Flowers

Flowers today are given by Sue and Roy Kirkbride in celebration of their wedding anniversary:

Years' Mind

21st Norman Dorricott, 23rd Doris Thompson, 24th Lilian Clarke, 25th Charles Hare, 27th Walter Eddleston.

The Cathedral Choristers Entertain

Friday 3rd July 7pm

The Choristers Entertain features our young choristers performing in styles you wouldn't normally get to hear.

Three Choirs Choral Evensong

Sunday 5th July 4pm

Join the choirs of Blackburn, Chester and Liverpool Cathedrals for a spectacular Choral Evensong.

Civic Sunday

Sunday 12th July 11am

The rearranged Civic Sunday Service will now take place on Sunday 12th July at 11am. Our main Cathedral Eucharist, on that day, will therefore take place at 9am.

Safeguarding Information

Report a Concern

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Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

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blackburncathedral.com/report

Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts 12.15pm

24th June

Shaun Ward

1st July

Alessandro Bianchi

8th July

Jonathan Vaughn

Blackburn Foodbank in May

During May 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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