BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

Requiem Eucharist commemorating those who have died as a result of war

Sunday 8th November 2026

10.50 am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President is
The Rt Revd Philip North
Bishop of Blackburn

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
Nigel Spooner
Associate Organist

The setting for the service is
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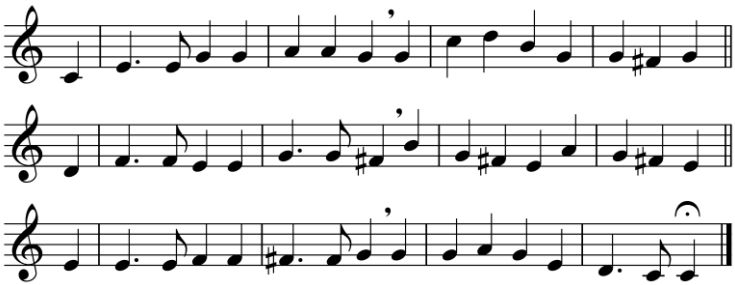
Before the service, the congregation is welcomed by Canon James Lawrence

The Gathering

Please stand as the choir and ministers enter

Processional

MELITA 354



Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.
William Whiting (1825-78)

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

We meet in the presence of God.
We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith
for reconciliation between the nations,
that all people may, together,
live in freedom, justice and peace.
We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain
continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.
We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow
those whose lives,
in world wars and conflicts past and present,
have been given and taken away.

Sentences

The president reads sentences of scripture

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble.
Psalm 46.1

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121.1,2

This I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Lamentations 3.21-23

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.

Isaiah 40.31

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6.8

Remembering

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his safe keeping,
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died
in the service of the peoples of the world.

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.
We will remember them.

Two minute silence

At the end of the silence the Choir Sings the Introit (Requiem aeternam)

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the king of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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

First Reading

Read by Diane Warner (*Amos 5.18-24)*

A reading from the Prophet Amos.

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
    and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
    I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
    I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
    I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
    and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

Second Reading

Read by Jean Duerden (*I Thessalonians 4.13-end)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.
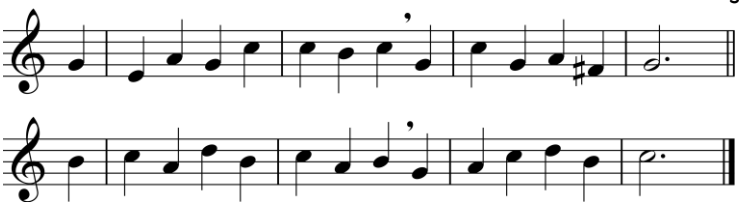
But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Please stand to sing

The Gradual Hymn

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O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
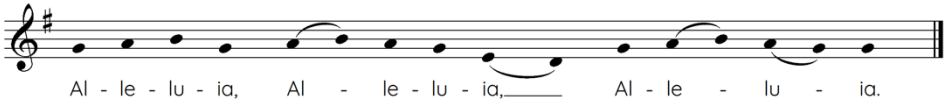
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

The Gospel Acclamation
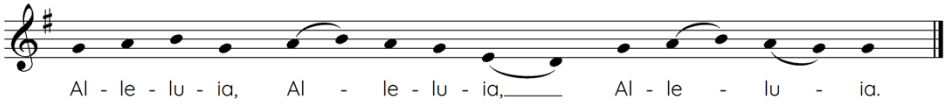
The choir sings the alleluia, which is then repeated by all



The choir sings

'Blessed are those who die in the Lord,
for they rest in their labour.

All sing *(cf John 6.39)*



The Gospel

The deacon says *(Matthew 25.1-13)*

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.

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Sermon

The Rt Revd Philip North

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

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 choir sings

Pie Jesu Domine	*Sweet Lord Jesus,*
dona eis requiem sempiternam.	*grant them everlasting rest.*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand as the president says

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

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 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.

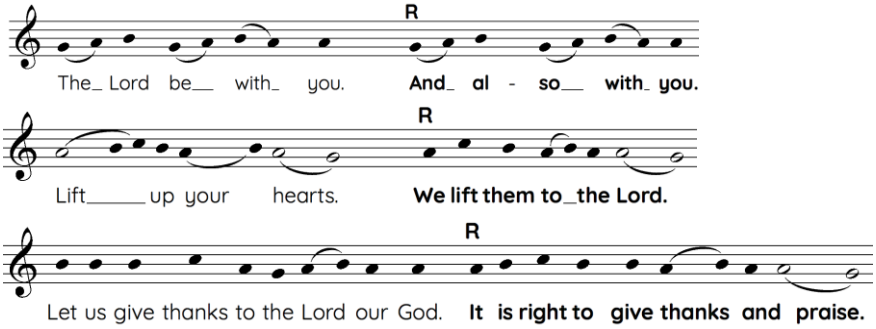
Offertory

The choir sings Domine Jesu Christe

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer



Blessed are you, Lord of life,
creator of heaven and earth,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

For through his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil,
and by his glorious resurrection
has opened for us the gate of life eternal.
In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives
have been shattered and torn apart.

In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself,
enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love.

And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ
may come to the peace of heaven,
there, with angels and archangels,
to sing your praise for ever:

The choir sings

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth	*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.*
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.	*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.*
Hosanna in excelsis.	*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.*

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:
Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence, each in our own language,
as our Saviour has 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 is the living bread which came down from heaven:
if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.
Lord, give us this bread always.

The choir sings Agnus Dei

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 to the chancel steps or the altar rail

During Communion

The choir sings Lux aeterna

Silence is kept.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Please stand with the President

God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ
which we have celebrated in this eucharist
bring us, with the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.
Amen.

The choir sings In Paradisum

The Dismissal

The Blessing

God grant to the living grace,
to the departed rest,
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people,
unity, peace and concord,
and to us and all god's servants,
life everlasting
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

Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Organ Voluntary

Thema met Variaties Hendrik Andriessen, (1892-1981)

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

Next Sunday	**Second Sunday before Advent** **Safeguarding Sunday**
Old Testament reading	Ezekiel 34.1-16
Psalm	89.19-29
New Testament reading	1 Corinthians 13.1-end
Gospel Reading	John 15.1-17

Notices for the week beginning Sunday 8th November

Flowers

Flowers today are given by Joy and Stuart Rothwell in loving memory of Tom .

Years Mind

8th George Kirby, Lorraine Aldritt, Ruth Taylor, 11th Kathrine Kearney, Tom Wilkinson, 12th Carol Eccles, Minnie Lewis,13th Beryl Urmston 14th Gerald Whitelock, Margaret Ingham

Diocesan Centenary Service Thursday 12th November 7.30pm

If you wish to attend this service please book your tickets at blackburncathedral.com/centenaryservice.

The Cathedral will be open by 6.15pm, please be seated by 7pm.

Due to the large numbers attending there will be no parking at the Cathedral.

Survivors of Suicide Day Service Saturday 21st November 7pm

All are warmly invited to gather to remember loved ones lost to suicide. This reflective service offers those – of all faiths and none – who have been affected by suicide, the chance to come together in a safe and supportive space. There will be music, words, space for reflection and an opportunity to remember loved ones in the company of others bereaved by suicide. The service, which lasts for around an hour, will be followed by refreshments. Organisations supporting people bereaved and those affected by suicide will be in attendance.

Vision and Values: Listening Together

On All Saints' Sunday, we began a process of listening as we shape the vision and values that will guide the Cathedral over the next five years.

Each of us has a part to play in the Body of Christ, and we want to hear your views. **What does the Cathedral look and feel like from where you stand? What matters to you, and what should be important as we look to the future?** You can take part by picking up a leaflet from the Welcome Desk, completing a listening sheet on paper or online, or speaking to any member of the Vision and Values Working Group. Thank you. Canon James Lawrence.

Prayer Requests

Prayer is at the heart of our life together and we are pleased to introduce a new way of submitting names and prayer requests for our services. Prayer Request forms will be available from the Welcome Desk and may be completed and placed in the Prayer Box, or requests may be submitted **online** at https://blackburncathedral.com/worship/prayer-request/ A list of the names received will be placed in the Jesus Chapel**,** and the names will also be included in the Prayers of Intercession at our Sunday services**.** To be included in the coming Sunday's service, please submit your request by 9.00am on Thursday**.** Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts and ideas as we develop this new approach to prayer requests. Canon David Arnold.

Small Groups

We have some small groups that meet to study the Bible together. It's a great way to get to know each other more whilst learning more about our faith and how we can live it out in everyday life. Currently, one group meets fortnightly online Mondays 7.30-8.30, and one meets fortnightly at the Cathedral on Fridays, 1-2pm. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Canon James Lawrence.

Prayer Meeting

We have started a monthly Prayer Meeting on the 4th Friday of each month from 6pm – 7pm in Caedmon. The next meeting will be on Friday. 27th November. All are welcome, please see Canon James Lawrence for more information.

Contemplative Prayer

Our next Contemplative Prayer meeting, held in St Martin's Chapel, will take place on Friday 14th November at 11am. Subsequent meetings will take place at 11am on the second Friday of the month

Lunchtime Concerts **Wednesday 12.15pm – 1pm**

11th November Salvatore Pronesti Rome

Blackburn Foodbank in November

During November we are collecting tinned goods.

Checks and Greys Café

Our popular Cathedral Café is open seven days a week, fully accessible and wheelchair friendly it is the perfect place for a meeting business or pleasure.

checksandgreys.co.uk

Safeguarding Information

Report a Concern

Any safeguarding concerns at Blackburn Cathedral can be raised with the

Cathedral Designated Safeguarding Leads

Alex Barnes _Gill. Broom 01254845308

Cathedral Safeguarding Adviser

Tracy Simpson **07483933792**

Email: **safeguarding@blackburncathedral.co.uk**

You can also report a safeguarding concern online by visiting:

blackburncathedral.com/report

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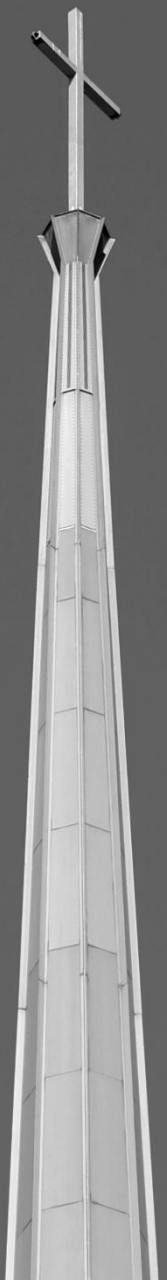
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BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL CENTENARY SERVICE



Our Centenary Songs of Praise Thanksgiving Service takes place on Sunday 22nd November, at which the Rt. Revd. Sam Corley, Bishop of Stockport, will preach.

Friends old and new are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate our centenary together in worship.

This relaxed and joyful celebration will bring together favourite hymns chosen by members of our congregations and memorable moments to mark this once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

Sunday 22nd November, 4pm

Learn more at:

blackburncathedral.com/thanksgiving