



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Parish Eucharist on Easter Day

Sunday 5th April 2026 9.00am

*Welcome
to this morning's
service*

The President and Preacher is
Bishop Rowan Williams

The service is sung by the
Cathedral Youth Choir

Directed by
Helen Davies

The Organist is
John Robinson
Director of Music

The setting for the service is
Ireland in C

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

Old Testament Reading

(Jer.31. 1-6)

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,
the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

'Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.'

Before the service begins, at 8.55am in their seats, the choir sings the introit

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and
sorrow!
My love, the crucified,
hath sprung to life this
morrow.

*Had Christ that once was
slain,
ne'er burst his three day
prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now hath Christ
arisen.*

G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

Harmony by Charles Wood (1866 –1926)

My flesh in hope shall
rest,
and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to
west
shall wake the dead in
number.

Death's flood hath lost
his chill,
since Jesus crossed the
river:
lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.

The Gathering

Please stand as the minister enters

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,

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

The Greeting

The president greets the people

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

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 Gloria

The choir sings

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 – 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Read by Dominic Eatwell

(Acts 10.34-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then 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.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

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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 (1818-18)*

The Gospel

(John 20.1-18)

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.

Bishop Rowan Williams

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Please stand with the president for

The Creed

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

Please sit for the prayers

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Mihaela Mladin

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president says

The risen Christ came and stood among the 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!

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

During the offertory hymn a collection is taken, please give what you prayerfully can. You may prefer to use the collection point or card reader on the way out. If you are a UK taxpayer, please use the blue gift aid envelope provided.

Preparation of 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

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts
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.

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.**

The choir sings

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O 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 take communion the wardens will guide you

During Communion

The choir sings

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world

Is become the kingdom of our Lord

And of His Christ, and of His Christ

And He shall reign for ever and ever

King of kings (Forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

And Lord of lords (Forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)

King of kings (Forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
And Lord of lords (Forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
King of kings (Forever and ever, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
And Lord of lords (King of kings and Lord of lords)
And He shall reign
And He shall reign forever and ever
King of kings (Forever and ever)
And He shall reign (Hallelujah! Hallelujah!)
And He shall reign forever and ever
King of kings! And Lord of lords!
King of kings! And Lord of lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever
Forever and ever, forever and ever
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Handel (1685 -1759)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we w
ere 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.**

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

The Organ Voluntary

Please stay behind after the service for tea and coffee.

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 29th March

Next Sunday

New Testament reading
Psalm
New Testament reading
Gospel Reading

The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2. 14a, 22-32
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1 Peter 1.3-9
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

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