



# **BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL**

The Parish Eucharist  
on  
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

*10<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
9.00 am*

*Welcome*  
to this morning's  
service

The President and Preacher is  
**Canon David Arnold**  
*Interim Dean*

The service is sung by the  
**The Cathedral Youth Choir**  
Directed by  
**Helen Davies**

The Organist is  
**James Lonsdale**

The setting for the service is  
*A Blackburn Mass by James Davy*

# Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

## **New Testament Reading**

*(1 Peter 3.13-end)*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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# The Gathering

Please stand to sing

**Processional**

THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE 121

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line. The second and third staves continue the melody. The fourth staff features two double bar lines with repeat signs (//) and concludes with a final double bar line. The music is written in treble clef.

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.*

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:

*Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

## 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

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.  
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread.  
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 Gloria

*The choir sings the refrain first which is then repeated by all  
and sung again after each section as indicated*



Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
For you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God  
in the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

Amen.

## **The Collect**

Let us pray

*Silence is kept*

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

*Please sit*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Acts Reading**

*Read by Dominic Eatwell*

*(Acts 17.22-31)*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, 'We will hear you again about this.' At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

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

*Please stand to sing*

## Gradual Hymn

VICTORY 119



Al-le-lu-ia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluya!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluya!

On the third morn he rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluya

*Latin 17<sup>th</sup> century Tr. Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

# The Gospel

*(John 14.1-14)*

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.**

Jesus said to the disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection  
Please stand with the president for*

## The Affirmation of Faith

**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 kneel or sit for*

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

*Led by Mihaela Mladin*

*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.**

*Please stand with the president for the peace*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The president says*

Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

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

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

# Preparation of the Table

*Please remain standing to sing*

## The Offertory Hymn

*Please give what you prayerfully can on the collection plate. You may prefer to use the collection point on the way out. If you are a UK taxpayer please use and sign the blue gift aid envelopes provided on your chair. Please do consider joining our Parish Giving Scheme.*

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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.

*German, Joachim Neander (1650-80)*

*tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-78) and others*

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognise you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to your world.  
**Amen.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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:

*Everyone sings*

2  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are

8  
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est Bles-sed is he that

12  
comes in the name\_ of the Lord Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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,

**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.**

*Everyone sings*

Andante con moto  
2 *mf*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world have

8 *mp*

mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the

14 *mf*

world have mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God you

19 *dim.* 3

take a - way the sin 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.**

The body of Christ.  
**Amen.**

*If you wish to receive communion the stewards will guide you*

*The choir sing*

Ave, verum corpus natum  
de Maria Virgine:  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum,  
in mortis examine.  
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,  
O Jesu Fili Mariae.  
Miserere mei. Amen.  
*Mozart (1756-1791)*

*Hail the true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed  
on the cross for the sake of man.  
From whose pierced flank  
flowed water and blood:  
Be a foretaste for us  
in the trial of death.  
O sweet, O merciful,  
O Jesus, Son of Mary.  
Have mercy on me. Amen.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept*

God our Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**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*

# The Dismissal

## The Blessing

*The president pronounces God's blessing*

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your 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. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## The Organ Voluntary

*Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service.*

### **Next Sunday**

Acts reading

Psalm

New Testament reading

Gospel Reading

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.6-14

68. 1-10, 32- end

1 Peter 4. 12-14; 5. 6-11

John 17.1-11

# Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 10th May

## Flowers

Today's flowers are given by the family of Doreen Salisbury (Marr) in her loving memory.

## Years' Mind

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries fall this week: 10<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Kitchener, Iain Duerden 11<sup>th</sup> William Woolley 12<sup>th</sup> Peter Chadwick, Delia Ewan, Joan Bennetts 13<sup>th</sup> Meda Forshaw 15<sup>th</sup> George Sagar Mary Haworth, Leslie Matthew, Richard Abraham, Terry Duerden

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

The Cathedral APCM will take place today at 12.00noon, immediately following the 10.30am Eucharist and refreshments. We need to elect four Cathedral Wardens and Deputy Wardens.

## 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 of 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](mailto:catherine.smith@blackburn.anglican.org)**

## Cathedral Culture Survey May 2026

As part of our commitment to ongoing improvement, we invite you to tell us how you feel about your experience of Blackburn Cathedral.

This ten question survey is completely anonymous and no data identifying you will be collected. It can be completed online at:

**blackburncathedral.com/survey** or paper copies are available from (and can be returned to) the Welcome Desk.

The closing date for submission is Sunday 24th May 2026. We thank you for your support by participating in this survey.

### **Blackburn Foodbank in May**

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

### **Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts 12.15pm**

May 13<sup>th</sup> Tom Bell

May 20<sup>th</sup> Galina Vale (Guitar)

### **A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for Volunteers across the Diocese.**

#### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://blackburncathedral.com/vcs) or if you need help, contact Julie Eatwell who will be able to make the booking for you.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> August 2.30pm - 4.00pm

#### **Summer BBQ (with special guest: Chris Armstrong):**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 12 noon

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