

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

The Parish Eucharist
on
Trinity Sunday

*31st May 2026
9.00 am*

Welcome
to this morning's
service

The President and Preacher is
Canon James Lawrence
Canon Missioner

The Organist is
Ed Jones

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

Old Testament Reading

(Isaiah 40.12-17,27-end)

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;

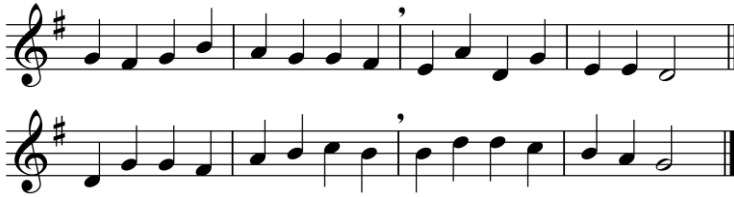
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

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Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'

With his seraph train before him,
With his holy Church below,
Thus conspire we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'

Richard Mant (1776-1848)

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.

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

We have too often exchanged the worship of the living God
for idols of our own imagining.

As we gather to offer our praises
to the holy and undivided Trinity,
and to worship him in spirit and in truth,
let us call to mind our sins.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Woe is me, for I am lost: I am a person of unclean lips:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven:
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

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Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing Hallelujah to our heavenly king;

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!
With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer;

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy One,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Christopher Idle after Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect

Let us pray

Silence is kept

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Read by Mihaela Mladin

(2 Corinthians 13.11-end)

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

Gradual Hymn

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Father of Heaven, whose love profound
A ransom for our souls hath found,
Before thy throne we sinners bend;
To us thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
Our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
The soul is raised from sin and death,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
To us thy quickening power extend.

Thrice Holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
Before thy throne we sinners bend:
Grace, pardon, life to us extend. Amen.

Edward Cooper (1770-1833)

The Gospel

(Matthew 28.16-end)

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.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given

to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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*

Canon James Lawrence

The Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Please kneel or sit for

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Terry Givens

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

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 risen Christ be always with you.
and also with you. Alleluia!

Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

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

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, it is 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:

Everyone sings



Holy, most holy, all holy the Lord,
 in power and wisdom for ever adored!
 The earth and the heavens are full of your love;
 our joyful hosannas re-echo above!

Blessèd, most blessèd, all blessèd is he
 whose life makes us whole and whose death sets us free;
 who comes in the name of the Father of light,
 let endless hosannas resound in the height!

Michael Forster (born 1946)

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:

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.**

Everyone sings

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O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
and take our sin away.

O Lamb of God, your grace impart,
and let our guilty fear depart,
have mercy, Lord we pray.

O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
our guilty souls release.

Into our lives your spirit pour
and let us live for evermore
in perfect heavenly peace.

Michael Forster, based on the Agnus Dei (1946-2023)

The Giving of Communion

The president says

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

If you wish to receive Communion the stewards will guide you

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Please stand with the President

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.

**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.

The Dismissal

The Blessing

The president pronounces God's 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 do consider staying for tea or coffee 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

3rd June Eira Lynn Jone Harp

10th June Stonyhurst Stars Students from Stonyhurst College

17th June Lucy Farrimond Soprano

24th 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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