



# **BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL**

The Parish  
Eucharist  
for  
The Second  
Sunday of Lent

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March*

*9.00am*

# Welcome to this morning's service

The President is  
**Canon Andrew Horsfall**  
*Interim Dean*

The Preacher is  
**Revd Canon Professor Jeremy Duff**  
*Principal St Padarn's Institute, Cardiff*

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

The Organist is  
**Nigel Spooner**  
Associate Organist

The setting for the service is  
**St. Anne's Mass, James Macmillan**

## Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

## Old Testament Reading

*(Genesis 12.1-4a)*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So, Abram went, as the Lord told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

# The Gathering

*Please stand to sing*

ST DENIO NEH 377



Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

*Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)*

## 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

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Everyone sings*

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Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, -have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.

Christ, -have mer-cy Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, -have mer-cy.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat. The first staff begins with a '4' above the first measure. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, -have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy.' The second staff continues with: 'Christ, -have mer-cy Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, -have mer-cy.'

*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 Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept – please remain standing*

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit down for*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## New Testament Reading

*Read by Simon Mott*

*(Romans 4.1-5,13-17)*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

*Please stand to sing*

# Gradual Hymn

DOWN AMPNEY NEH 137



Come down, O love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing.  
O comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,  
with which the soul will long,  
shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till we become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Italian Bianco Da Siena (d. 1434) tr. R.F. Littledale (1833-90)*

# The Gospel

*(John 3.1-17)*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Sermon

Revd. Canon Professor Jeremy Duff

*There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection.*

*Please stand with the president for*

## The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and 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 the power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*The president invites the congregation to kneel or sit down*

# The Prayers of Intercession

*Led by Canon Michael Wedgeworth*

*Canon Emeritus*

*Please sit down or kneel for the prayers*

*For those who are sick*

Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, , Margaret Young, Liam Johnson, Graham Jordan,  
Brian and Ruth Whittle, Jenni Bellamy, Ruth McGaughey, Harvey Stansfield, Eric  
Barnes, Carol Fishwick, Frank Haworth

*and those who have requested prayer*

Christopher Browne, Susan Garlick, Isla Smith, Tracey Riley, Peter Howell-Jones,  
Sarah and Ian White, Sheila Heap

*and those that mourn, remembering those who have died recently:*

John Bertalot, June Hodge

*and those whose anniversaries fall this week*

Muriel Hirst (1), May Brown, Frederick Street (2), Robert Roberts (4),  
George Durham,  
Evan Rimmer (5) Vasile Mladin (6)

*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*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

*Romans 5.1,2*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of the peace*

*Please give what you prayerfully can in the collection basket.*

*If you are a UK tax payer please use and sign the blue gift aid forms provided on your chair. Please do consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme.*

## Preparation of the Table

*Please remain standing to sing*

### Offertory Hymn

MICHAEL 333



All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own

Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.

But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.

Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.

Christ doth call one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

*based on the German of Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
accept all we offer you this day;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

*Everyone sings*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. A '4' is written above the first measure, indicating a four-measure rest. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly\_ Lord God of\_ power and'. The second staff continues with: 'might.\_ Heav'n and earth are\_ full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in\_ the\_'. The third staff continues with: 'high - est. Bless-ed is he, ble - ssed is\_ he who comes in the name of the'. The fourth staff continues with: 'Lord.\_ Ho - san - na in the\_ high -'. The fifth staff concludes with: 'est, ho - san - na\_ in\_ the high - est.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:  
**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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, David 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

Joining our prayers with those of the Church Universal, so we say, each in our own language, the prayer 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 Mūsū, 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:*

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

Everyone sings

Slowly

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the\_ world, have  
mer- cy\_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the\_ world, have  
mer - cy\_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way 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 Holy Communion the stewards on duty will guide you*

*While you are waiting to go for communion you may wish to sit down*

## During communion

*The choir sings*

Wash me throughly from my wickedness,  
and forgive me all my sin,  
Wash me throughly from my wickedness,  
and forgive me all my sin,  
and forgive me all my sin,  
Wash me throughly from my wickedness,  
and forgive me all my sin, all, all my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults,  
and my sin is ever before me, my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Wash me throughly from my wickedness,  
and forgive me all my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults, my faults.  
Wash me throughly from my wickedness,  
and forgive me all my sin,  
and forgive me all my sin.  
*S.S. Wesley (1810 – 1876)*

*Silence is kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts  
which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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*

# The Dismissal

*The president pronounces God's blessing*

God,  
Who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,  
Keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory.  
and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be  
with you and remain with you for ever.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## The Organ Voluntary

Sonata No. 1, 1st mov.

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

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

# Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 1st March

## Next Sunday

### The Third Sunday of Lent

Old Testament Reading	Exodus 17. 1-7
Psalm	95
New Testament Reading	Romans 5. 1-11
Gospel Reading	John 4. 5-42

## John Bertalot Funeral

The funeral for Dr John Bertalot, Organ Emeritus of Blackburn Cathedral will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am and all are warmly invited to attend. The service will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Crypt.

The committal will follow at 1.30pm at Pleasington Crematorium to which all also are invited to attend.

The service will be streamed live on our website and will also feature on the Cathedral's YouTube channel.

## David Briggs Organ Concert

On the evening of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, David Briggs, International Celebrity Organist, will be giving a concert in John's memory as he improvises a live accompaniment to the 1925 silent film The Phantom of the Opera.

Please book tickets at [blackburncathedral.com/briggs](http://blackburncathedral.com/briggs).

## Prayer for Healing and Renewal During Lent

Throughout Lent, on Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm, the cathedral will hold a prayer meeting in the offices for healing and renewing of our communal life. We appreciate that not everyone is able to travel in the evenings but please pray with us from home. More details can be found on the letter available on the welcome desk. Canon James Lawrence, Canon Missioner

## Foodbank

Thank you for all your recent donations. This week we are collecting toiletries.

## Wednesday Organ Concerts: March

Starting at 12.15pm, there is no entry charge and no ticket is required. A donation of £5 per person is suggested and all are welcome to join us.

4 <sup>th</sup> March	Joshua Simoes
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Nigel Spooner
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Roger Judd
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Tom Bell