



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

The Parish Eucharist
on
The Third Sunday
after Trinity

*21st June 2026
9.00 am*

Welcome
to this morning's
service

The President and Preacher is
Canon David Arnold
Interim Succentor

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

The Organist is
Ed Jones

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

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

Old Testament Reading

(Jeremiah 20.7-13)

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me.
For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
 I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!'
For the word of the Lord has become for me
 a reproach and derision all day long.
If I say, 'I will not mention him,
 or speak any more in his name',
then within me there is something like a burning fire
 shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.
For I hear many whispering:
 'Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!'
 All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.
'Perhaps he can be enticed,
 and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.'
But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
 therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.
O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,
 you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
 for to you I have committed my cause.
Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
 from the hands of evildoers.

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

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O Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me,
My Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking
In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me,
To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised
To all who follow thee,
That where thou art in glory
There shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,
And in them plant mine own;
My hope to follow duly
Is in thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
Uphold me to the end;
And then in heaven receive me,
My Saviour and my Friend..

Tune: Ferguson (1874-1950) Words: Bode (1816 -74)

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.

**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

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please sit

Onward, Christians, onward go,
Join the war, and face the foe;
Will ye flee in danger's hour?
Know ye not your Captain's power?

Let your drooping hearts be glad;
March in heavenly armour clad;
Fight, nor think the battle long,
Victory soon shall tune your song.

Let not sorrow dim your eye,
Soon shall every tear be dry;
Let not fears your course impede,
Great your strength, if great your need.

Onward then in battle move,
More than conquerors ye shall prove;
Though opposed by many a foe,
Christian soldiers, onward go..

Henry Kirke White (1785-1806) et al

The Gospel

(Matthew 10.24-39)

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.

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

Sermon

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Canon David Arnold

Please stand with the president

The Affirmation of Faith

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.**

Please kneel or sit for

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by John Wilson

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

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace..

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

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 electronic collection point on the way out. If you are a UK taxpayer please use and sign the blue gift aid envelopes provided.

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Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might,
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Be thou mine inheritance now and always,
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish c 8th Century Tr Mary Byrne (1880-1931)
versified Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
 unfolds for us your word,
 and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
 And though the night will overtake this day
 you summon us to live in endless light,
 the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
 And so, with choirs of angels
 and with all the heavenly host,
 we proclaim your glory
 and join their unending song of praise:

Everyone sings

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est Bles - sed is he that
 comes in the name_ of the Lord Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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..

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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

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:

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

Everyone sings

Andante con moto
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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world have
8 mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the
14 world have mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God you
19 take a - way the sin 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 communion the stewards will guide you

The choir sings

My song is love unknown,
 my Savior's love to me,
 love to the loveless shown
 that they might lovely be.
 O who am I
 that for my sake
 my Lord should take
 frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way,
 and his strong praises sing,
 resounding all the day
 hosannas to their King.
 Then "Crucify!"
 is all their breath,
 and for his death
 they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
To cause this rage and spite?
He made the lame to walk,
he gave the blind their sight.
What injuries.
Yet these are why,
the Lord most high,
so cruelly dies
Molly Iijames (b.1978)

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine:
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
will gladly spend.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
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 Blessing

The president pronounces God's blessing

The God of all grace,
who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the 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.
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

St Peter and St Paul

Acts 12.1-11

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2 Timothy 4.6-8, 17-18

Matthew 16.13-19

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday 21st June

Flowers

Flowers today are given by Sue and Roy Kirkbride in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Years' Mind

21st Norman Dorricott, 23rd Doris Thompson, 24th Lilian Clarke, 25th Charles Hare, 27th Walter Eddleston

The Cathedral Choristers Entertain

Friday 3rd July 7pm

The Choristers Entertain features our young choristers performing in styles you wouldn't normally get to hear.

Three Choirs Choral Evensong

Sunday 5th July 4pm

Join the choirs of Blackburn, Chester and Liverpool Cathedrals for a spectacular Choral Evensong.

Civic Sunday

Sunday 12th July 11am

The rearranged Civic Sunday Service will now take place on Sunday 12th July at 11am. Our main Cathedral Eucharist, on that day, will therefore take place at 9am.

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You can also report a safeguarding concern online by visiting:

blackburncathedral.com/report

Wednesday Lunchtime Concerts 12.15pm

24th June

Shaun Ward

1st July

Alessandro Bianchi

8th July

Jonathan Vaughn

Blackburn Foodbank in May

During May we are collecting **CEREALS** If you can afford to give, please add 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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