

Holy Week and Easter Worship

The *Blackburn Director of Public Health* has indicated his recommendation that faith communities should not be open for public worship will be withdrawn from Monday 8 March.

Since the government advice is still to stay at home and work from home wherever possible, the Cathedral will be open for public worship from Tuesday 9 March, but with services shortened and simplified in order to limit the amount of time spent in the building and limited to three singers.



All major holy days will be supported by online worship, as we have been doing on Sundays, so if you would rather stay at home be assured that you are following government advice and still able to participate in the worshipping life of the Cathedral.

From Monday 8 March morning prayers will be available Monday to Friday from about 9.30am on YouTube.

From Monday to Friday you can participate in Evening Prayer by Zoom – the login details are available from precentor@blackburncathedral.co.uk

Details of main services

Lent 5 21 March

Online worship with *Cathedra Voices*. Live worship will be kept short – no choir.

Palm Sunday 28 March

Online worship with *Cathedra Voices* including Sung Passion. Live worship will be kept short, said passion, no procession, *Cathedra Voices*.

Monday to Friday of Holy Week 29-31 March

MP only Monday to Friday but with two minute reflection live and recorded on YouTube. EP by Zoom.

Maundy Thursday 1 April

Online worship with *Cathedra Voices*. Live worship will be kept short – *Cathedra Voices*.

One hour service at 8.00pm with no foot washing followed by optional Watch until 10.00pm

Good Friday 2 April

Cathedral open from 12 noon to 2.00pm for private prayer.

Online worship with *Cathedra Voices* from 2.00pm.

Live worship at 2.00pm will be kept short – *Cathedra Voices* - a one hour Liturgy of Good Friday only with Sung Passion Reproaches, Intercession.

Holy Saturday: Vigil, Service of Light and Eucharist 3 April

From 6.00pm Vigil Service of readings on line. Lasts an hour.

8.00pm Service of Light and Eucharist with *Cathedra Voices*. This service will start outside and move indoors for Easter Gospel and Liturgy of the Eucharist. **The whole service will be celebrated standing by everyone.**

It will be possible to buy a paschal candle for use at home during Eastertide – this may be obtained by ordering online and collecting from the Cathedral before Easter. Either light the candle at home for the first time on Holy Saturday evening during the Service of Light either at home or bring your candle to the service outside the cathedral - cost £10.00.

Easter Day 4 April

Online worship - *Cathedra Voices*. Live worship will be brief – *Cathedra Voices*. Bp Julian will Preside and Preach.

Music at *Parish Eucharists*, 9.00am Sunday, will be provided by a cantor until at least the Third Sunday of Easter.