

**The Cathedral  
Eucharist  
on  
The Third Sunday  
before Lent**

**Sunday, 5 February, 2023**

**10.30am**

# Welcome to this morning's service

The President  
**Canon James Lawrence**  
*Canon Missioner*

The Preacher is  
**The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones**  
*The Dean*

The Deacon is  
**Canon Gary O'Neill**  
*interim Precentor*

The Subdeacon is  
**Mihaela Mladin**

The service is sung by  
**The Cathedral Choir**

Directed by  
**John Robinson**  
*Organist and Director of Music*

The setting for the service is  
*Missa brevis by Jonathan Dove (b. 1959)*

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*Before the service, the congregation is  
welcomed by Canon Gary O'Neill*

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To encourage us to enter more deeply into our worship we are having regular Liturgy and Worship meetings at the beginning of each new season. This occasional page will explore different aspects of our worship together.

*Common Worship* is the name given to the collection of books, services and prayer which the Church of England has used since the year 2000.

## Liturgy

The two major headings in the Common Worship Holy Communion service (also called *The Eucharist* or *The Lord's Supper*) are *Liturgy of the Word* and the *Liturgy of the Sacrament*. We worship God in many different ways: at home on our own or with family; in small groups with other members of Church e.g. study groups. *Liturgy* is the word we use to describe the worship of the whole people of God when we come together on a Sunday or other important day. *Liturgy* is often described as the *work of the people* – it is something we all do together.

## President

When the Church of England compiled the *Alternative Service Book* in 1980 a long time was spent trying to find a word to describe the person who leads the service. One fact is clear – the person has to be a priest. However, it was thought that a word was required not to describe what the person is, but what the person *does*. The entire congregation *celebrates*, and within that the priest has a unique role: to *preside* over the worship, hence the name *President*.

[Our sisters and brothers in other denominations had the same struggle – the Methodists settled on *presiding minister* and the Roman Catholics on *presider*.]

## Collect

The Church has been praying in the form of Collects for over 1500 years. In *Common Worship* as in the *Book of Common Prayer* there are different Collects for each Sunday and special day. The Collect comes at the end of the *Gathering* part of the service when the president gathers together (collects) our thoughts and prayers into one prayer: the *Collect*. We are then ready to hear God's word in the *Liturgy of the Word*.

## The Seasons

The Church's year, often called *The Calendar*, is made up a of number of different seasons, each with its own liturgical colour. Currently we are in the season of *Ordinary Time*, which runs from the period between *The Presentation of Christ in the Temple* (Candlemas) until *Lent*, and the period of *Sundays after Trinity* until we reach *Advent*. The seasonal colour is green, and in the Cathedral we use Eucharistic Prayers G and F at our celebrations.

# The Gathering

*Please remain seated as the choir and ministers move to the west end of the Cathedral before the notices.*

*Please stand to sing*

## Processional

SHARPTHORNE



What does the Lord require  
for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice desire  
or tribute bid you bring?  
Do justly,  
love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear!  
Should you not justice know?  
Will God your pleading hear,  
while crime and cruelty grow?  
Do justly,  
love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.

Leaders of wealth and trade.  
all you for whom folk toil,  
think not to win God's aid,  
if lies your commerce soil.  
Do justly,  
love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.

Still down the ages ring  
the prophet's stern commands.  
To merchant, worker, king,  
he brings God's high demands.  
Do justly,  
love mercy;  
walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfil  
God's law so hard and high?  
Let Christ endue our will  
with grace to fortify.  
Then justly, in mercy;  
we'll humbly walk with God.

*Albert F. Bayly (1901–1984)*

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## 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 deacon says*

God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

*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 choir sings*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax  
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

## The Gloria

*Glory to God in the highest  
and peace on earth  
to those of good will.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite,  
Jesu Christe.  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you.  
We give thanks to you  
for your great glory.  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord the only-begotten Son,  
Jesus Christ.  
O Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you that take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.  
You that take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You who are seated at the right hand of  
the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For you alone are holy,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## The Collect

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept – please remain standing.*

Almighty God,  
who alone can bring order  
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
give your people grace  
so to love what you command  
and to desire what you promise,  
that, among the many changes of this world,  
our hearts may surely there be fixed  
where true joys are to be found;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*Please sit down.*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Old Testament Reading

(Isaiah 58.1-9a [b-12])

Read by Jean Duerden

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practised righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,  
they delight to draw near to God.

'Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;  
when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The choir sings*

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord :  
he hath great delight in his commandments.  
His seed shall be mighty upon earth :  
the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.  
Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house:  
and his righteousness endureth for ever.  
Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness :  
he is merciful, loving, and righteous.  
A good man is merciful, and lendeth :  
and will guide his words with discretion.  
For he shall never be moved :  
and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.  
He will not be afraid of any evil tidings :  
for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.  
His heart is established, and will not shrink :  
until he see his desire upon his enemies.  
He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor :  
and his righteousness remaineth for ever;  
his horn shall be exalted with honour.

**Psalm**

(112.1-9)

## New Testament Reading

Read by Joyce Wicks

(1 Corinthians 2.1-12 [13-16])

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,  
nor the human heart conceived,  
what God has prepared for those who love him’

– these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

‘For who has known the mind of the Lord  
so as to instruct him?’

But we have the mind of Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## The Gospel

*The deacon says*

*(Matthew 5.13-20)*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the crowds 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

## Sermon

*The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones*

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

*Please stand with the president for*

## The Creed

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

## **The Prayers of Intercession**

*Led by Ruth Watton*

*This response is used*

**Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

*Those who are unwell,*

Arthur Blundell, Bohdi Broderick, David Morris, Deacon Thomson,  
Doreen Lowe, Jeanette, Jordan Hudson, Juliet Stansfield, Karen Kennedy, Lisa,  
Lorraine Aldritt, Lynn Martin, Martyn Strickett, Stephanie Wilson,  
Stuart Roberts, Sue Penfold and Zack Kerr;

*or those who mourn, and remembering those who have died recently,*

Graham Grove, Michael Stone and Ruan Crighton;

*and those whose anniversaries fall this week,*

Philip McClumpha, Philip Wilson (6), Charles Potts (7),

Elizabeth Bromley (8), Edgar L S Walker (10),

Frank Leslie Moore, William Caddick, and Pauline Farquar (11).

[numbers are days of the month]

*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 introduces the Peace and then says*

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

*The deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*When offering a greeting and please respect those who may wish to keep their distance  
and not pass the peace physically.*

Please give what you prayerfully can in the collection basket. You may prefer to use the collection point on the way out or use the Cathedral's Just Giving scheme which you can access using the QR code provided here.



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## Preparation of the Table

*The deacon prepares the table.*

*Please remain standing to sing the hymn during which there will be a collection.*

## Offertory Hymn

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Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?



Alleluia, bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest;  
thou on earth both priest and victim  
in the Eucharistic feast.

*W Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

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

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

**Amen.**



How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, 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.

*The deacon says*

Jesus Christ is Lord

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with Mary, Paul and all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours 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:*

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.**

*If you are able, please remain standing while the choir sings*

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins  
of the world, grant us peace.

# The Giving of Communion

*The president says*

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*When the stewards invite you to go forward, please approach the two communion  
stations for bread in single file along the side aisles of the Nave.*

*Please do come and ask this first minister for any blessings.*

*Communion is available in both kinds, and the minister distributing bread will say*

The body of Christ.

**Amen.**

*After receiving the bread, if you wish to receive wine please move to the station near  
the central aisle, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.*

*The minister distributing wine will say*

The blood of Christ.

**Amen.**

*If you do not wish to receive communion wine, please walk past that second distribution  
point, and return to your place by the central aisle of the Nave.*

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

## **During communion**

*The choir sings*

My eyes for beauty pine,  
my soul for Goddes grace :  
no other care nor hope is mine,  
to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed  
from all the stars above:  
'tis named when God's name is said,  
'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,  
that burns with true desire,  
is lit from eyes that mirror part  
of that celestial fire.

*Text Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)*

*Music by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

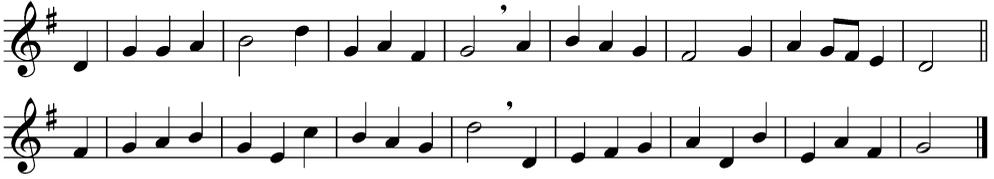
Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**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 to sing*

# Final Hymn

HANOVER 433



The kingdom of God is justice and joy,  
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,  
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,  
the lepers are cleansed, the sinners find place,  
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,  
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,  
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,  
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,  
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;  
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,  
and all things cry glory to God all in all!

*Bryn Rees (1911-1983)*

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## The Dismissal

*The president pronounces God's blessing*

*The deacon says*

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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

*The president and ministers will leave in procession and go outside at first.*

*Please take your service paper home with you.*

## The Organ Voluntary

*Healey Willan (1880-1968)*

Interlude for a Festival

# Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 5 February, 2023

Flowers today are given by Mihaela Mladin in loving memory of her father Vasile.

## Choral Evensong Today

4.00pm

*Stanford in G*  
*Ave Maris Stella - Grieg*

Responses *Leighton*  
Psalm 4

## Next Sunday *The Second Sunday before Lent*

Old Testament reading Genesis 1.1 - 2.3

Psalm 136.1-9

New Testament reading Romans 8.18-25

Gospel Reading Matthew 6.25-34

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## Baptism, Confirmation and Reception into the Church of England

For adults Confirmation is a special church service in which they confirm the promises that were made by parents and godparents on their behalf at their baptism. For those who come to faith as adults and are ready to affirm these promises for themselves, committing their lives to following Jesus Christ, baptism takes place at the same time as confirmation. Easter is a good time of year for everyone to renew baptismal promises and for those new to the journey of faith to be baptized and confirmed.

If you are an adult who wishes to be confirmed this Easter at the Vigil Service on Saturday 8 April 2023 at 8.00pm please speak to one of the clergy. And if you know of a child who would love to be baptized or confirmed, again, please speak with the clergy. If you have been baptized and or confirmed in another denomination and would like to be received into the Church of England, again , please have a conversation with someone.

## Friends lunchtime talks.

The next meeting will take place at 12 noon on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February in the library at the cathedral. Mrs Jean Pratt will speak on her life as a female cricket umpire “ A woman in a mans’ world.” Please join us for an interesting and no doubt amusing talk. This will be followed by lunch at 1pm in the Temple Gallery –cost £15. To book please e-mail secretary @fobc.info or write to Friends of Blackburn Cathedral, 10 Cathedral Close, Blackburn, BBI 5AA.

## Blackburn Foodbank in February

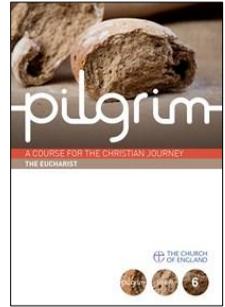
During February we are collecting **FEMALE SANITARY PRODUCTS**. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

## Checks & Greys

Checks & Greys is now open from Monday to Saturday (8.30-4.30pm) and, from 5 Feb, Sundays (9.30-3.00pm) as well as a special event on 11 Feb.

## Study Groups in the Spring

In the three months before Advent 2022 the Cathedral's study groups engaged with a Church of England's Pilgrim course book, **The Eucharist**. The course books were provided by the Cathedral. There is also an accompanying short video for each session. Three sessions were completed in the Autumn, which leaves three to be undertaken in the New Year.



There will again be a Monday night group hosted online by Christiane Bode, a group in the Cathedral Conference suite on Fridays at 1.00pm (following the optional Eucharist at 12.30pm) hosted by Canon James Lawrence and a Wednesday evening group in the Cathedral Conference suite hosted by Canon Gary O'Neill. The Monday and Friday groups will follow the Pilgrim material as published. At the Wednesday group Gary will offer more detailed discussion on aspects of the Eucharist drawing upon his liturgical and teaching experience.

It is **not** necessary to have participated in the Autumn groups to join in the Spring sessions – everyone is welcome to come to any of the advertised sessions.

### Session Four

Mon	6 Feb	at 7.00pm <i>online via Zoom</i>
Wed	8 Feb	at 7.30pm at the Cathedral
Fri	10 Feb	at 1.00pm in the Cathedral Conference Suite

### Session Five

Mon	6 March	at 7.00pm <i>online via Zoom</i>
Wed	8 March	at 7.30pm at the Cathedral
Fri	10 March	at 1.00pm in the Cathedral Conference Suite

### Session Six

Mon	17 April	at 7.00pm <i>online via Zoom</i>
Wed	19 April	at 7.30pm at the Cathedral
Fri	21 April	at 1.00pm in the Cathedral Conference Suite

In addition Gary will offer a standalone session exploring the seasons of Holy Week and Easter as part of his regular *Liturgy and Worship* meetings exploring worship in different seasons.

### Holy Week and Easter

Wed 29 March at 7.30pm  
in the Cathedral Conference Suite

### Racial Justice Sunday

Please take time, if possible, to read the prayers and texts in next Sundays Service paper ahead of time.

