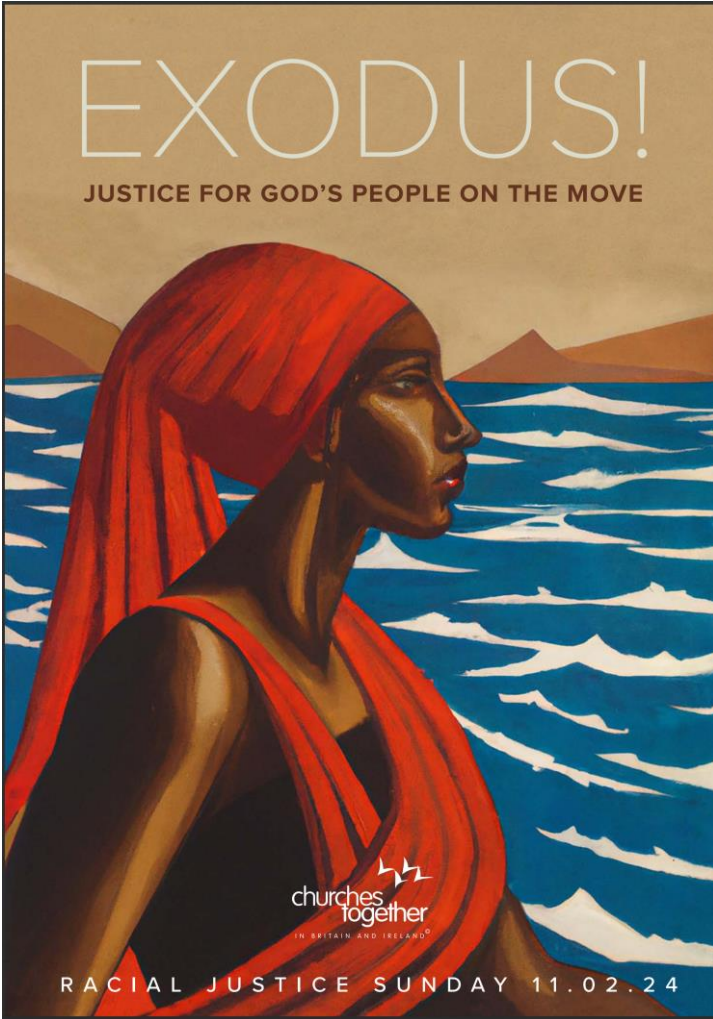




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EXODUS!

JUSTICE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE ON THE MOVE



churches
together
IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 11.02.24

The Cathedral Eucharist

Welcome
to this morning's
Cathedral Eucharist

The President
Canon Jenny Gaffin
Canon Precentor

The Preacher is
Canon Grace Thomas
Manchester Cathedral Missioner

The Deacon is
The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The Subdeacon is
Ayodele Adebayo

The service is sung by
St Paul's Voices

Directed by
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

Organist
John Robinson
Organist and Director of Music

The setting for the service is
Messe Brève Dubois

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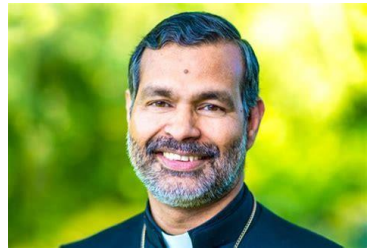
*Before the service, the congregation is
welcomed by The Dean.*

Introduction

The theme for Racial Justice Sunday this year is EXODUS! Justice for God's people on the move.

The Bishop of Liverpool comments: Racial prejudice plays a dominant role in the hostile approach to refugees. Racism is at the root of the 'hostile environment' that is promoted as an official policy in our country. Therefore, on Racial Justice Sunday this year, it is appropriate that we focus on the justice dimension of our hospitality to those who are fleeing persecution.

The affirmation that every human being carries the image of God regardless of their race, colour or geographical location is foundational to our Christian understanding of humanity. It is a tragic effect of our sin that a huge number among us live in poverty and conflict – which compels them to look for places of safety and security elsewhere – while many of us live in comfort and relative peace. Offering hospitality to the most vulnerable among us is part of reparation as we repent of our corporate sin.



God called out a people to be His own to serve the world that He loves and to be a light to the nations. He commanded welcome to aliens and strangers among His chosen people (Leviticus 19:34). The people of God in the New Testament are also called aliens and strangers in this world (1 Peter 2:11). We are people on a journey; pilgrims. In that sense we are not hosts, which makes others guests and at our mercy, but co-pilgrims and sojourners with those who arrive on our doorstep, seeking sanctuary.

And the God who called us is also on the move with those who journey! The Tabernacle represented a God who pitches His tent among the people on the move. In Jesus Christ we find a God who chose to be a refugee Himself – one who had to flee to North Africa from the Middle East in search of a safe place (Matthew 2:13-14).

I pray that these resources will help us to affirm and celebrate our calling as the people of God to work for justice in our world, and to offer safe passage to those fleeing inhuman living conditions or hostility.

The Rt Revd Dr John Perumbalath

Bishop of Liverpool and Chair, Churches' Refugee Network

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



Extol the God of justice
with heart and soul and voice;
remember all his wonders,
recount them and rejoice.
He stands with all who labour
for what is true and right,
till wickedness and falsehood
are banished from his sight.

Extol the God of justice
enthroned for evermore,
a stronghold in affliction,
a refuge to the poor:
he hears the cries of victims
and senses their despair;
in faithfulness he honours
the faith that sparks our
prayer.

Extol the God of justice,
however dark the day:
the hope that calls for mercy
will not be turned away;
for evil shall not triumph,
nor human sin prevail:
the Lord is God eternal,
whose judgements cannot fail.

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(Based on Psalm 9)*

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.

Opening Prayer

God of all,
You have named each and every one of us as Your child.
Remind us that we are God breathed, beloved
And imbued with beauty and dignity.
As we gather in Your presence on this Racial Justice Sunday,

**Unify us in Your love
And join our different and distant voices
Into one song of worship to You
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The president introduces the celebration.

Confession and Assurance

The Deacon says

God of all compassion, in Your mercy,
Hear our prayers.
God of all compassion, in Your mercy,
Hear our groans and cries.
God of all compassion, in Your mercy,
Sense our despair and our hope.
God of all compassion, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayers.

When we say we will strive to make a difference,
But falter at the first hurdle, misstep or trespass,
God of all compassion, in Your mercy,

Guide our steps.

When we seek to challenge practices and systems that oppress,
But end up wounding ourselves or others,
God of all compassion, in Your mercy,

Tend our wounds.

When we seek to defend the honour and dignity of others,
But instead protect our privilege or reputation,
God of all compassion, in Your mercy,

Forgive our sins.

When we cling to ideals and/or old habits
that sow seeds of racism,
Or cling to wrong thinking and ways of being that hold us to
ignorance and arrogance,

God of all compassion,

Deliver us from evil.

God of all compassion, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayers.

God of all compassion, in Your mercy,

Hear our groans and cries.

God of all compassion, in Your mercy,

Sense our despair and our hope.

God of all compassion, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayers.

Amen

The choir sings

The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo
et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,

*Glory to God in the highest
and peace on earth
to those of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,*

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 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

Merciful God,
you are righteous and love justice:
stir the hearts of your people that,
rejoicing in our diversity,
we may repent of the wrongs of the past,
and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives 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

Read by Mihaela Mladin

(Proverbs 22:1-9)

A reading from the book of the prophet Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:
the Lord is the maker of them all.

The clever see danger and hide;
but the simple go on, and suffer for it.

The reward for humility and fear of the Lord
is riches and honour and life.

Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse;
the cautious will keep far from them.

Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray.

The rich rules over the poor,
and the borrower is the slave of the lender.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The cantor sings

A Song of Freedom

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion,
then were we like to those that dream.

(Psalm 126)

Then was our mouth filled with laughter :
and our tongues with joy.

Then said they among the heathen,
the Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already,

whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord, as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed,
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Whereof we rejoice,
the Lord hath done great things for us.

From Six Biblical Songs by Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924)

New Testament Reading

Read by Ruth Watton

(Colossians 3.1-11)

A reading from the letter to the Colossians

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things - anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

McKee



In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, all the human race,
whate'er your nation be;
all who my Father's image bear
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christlike souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

William Arthur Dunkerley (John Oxenham) (1852-1941)

The tune is an African-American spiritual 'The angels changed my name' in Jubilee Songs, 1875 and was adapted by Henry Thacker Burleigh (1866-1949)

Born at Erie, Pennsylvania, USA. Henry Burleigh was a chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral in Erie, studied at the National Conservatory in New York where he met Dvorak and introduced him to African American Spirituals. For 52 years he sang baritone at St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church in New York and twice sang in command performances for King Edward VII. He was a music editor and arranger for many publishers and one of the first African American classical musicians to achieve professional success. Died at Stamford, Connecticut, USA.



Source: Hymnquest 2023.

The Gospel

The deacon says

(Luke 4.14-21)

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

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

Sermon

Canon Grace Thomas

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

Please stand with the president to say

An Affirmation for Racial Justice

**Our God is King over all the earth.
Our God has made us a little lower than the angels.
Our God sent His Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, into our unjust world.
Our Lord was rejected, suffered and died for our sins.
Our Lord rose again in triumph and ascended into heaven.
Our Lord now intercedes for us:
 for the forgiveness of our sin;
 for our faithfulness in adversity;
 for our welfare, well-being and wholeness;
 for our justice, mercy and grace.
Our Lord has sent His Holy Spirit
To help us, comfort us and guide us into all truth.
Come, Holy Spirit,
help us, comfort us, guide us, we pray.
Amen**

The president invites the congregation to kneel or sit down.

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Louise Hicks

This response is used

God of mercy,
hear our prayers.

And at the end:

We come to you,
merciful God, in hope.

God of mercy,
hear our prayers.
God of justice,
answer our prayers.
Inspire us anew
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, please respect those who may wish to keep their distance and who may not wish to 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.

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

The deacon prepares the table.

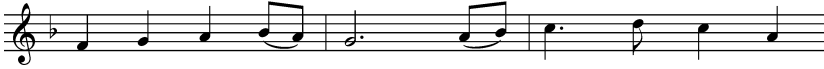
Please remain standing to sing the hymn during which there will be a collection.

Offertory Hymn

TWO OAKS



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
3. Let us build a house where love is found In
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, And live the Word they've
taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions,
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus,
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter,



Rock of faith and vault of grace; Here the
And as sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
Is re - vealed in time and space; As we
Bear the im - age of God's face; Let us
Prayers of faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one;
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

Glory to you, O God, for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer



President All President

The Lord be with you and al- so with you. Lift up your

 All President

 hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord

 All

our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and saying:

The choir sings

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with Mary, Paul and all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in 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

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 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 Director of Music plays

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen.

arr. Florence B. Price.

Florence Beatrice Price was an American classical composer, pianist, organist and music teacher. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Price was educated at the New England Conservatory of Music, and was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1953. Price is noted as the first African-American woman to be recognized as a symphonic composer, and the first to have a composition played by a major orchestra. Florence Price composed over 300 works: four symphonies, four concertos, as well as choral works, art songs, chamber music and music for solo instruments. In 2009, a substantial collection of her works and papers was found in her abandoned summer home.



Source Wikipedia and University of Arkansas: [University of Arkansas Libraries \(uark.edu\)](http://uark.edu)

The choir sings

Shall we gather at the river
where bright angel feet have trod
with it's crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God.

Yes, we'll gather at that river
the beautiful, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach that shining river
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Soon we'll reach the shining river
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

Words by Robert Lowry (1826-99)

Music by Victor Johnson.

Minister of Worship and Arts at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Victor C. Johnson, a native of Dallas, Texas, attended the University of Texas at Arlington where he majored in music education with a concentration in organ. While attending UTA, he served as student conductor of the university's choral ensembles and opera workshop accompanist. From 2000-2018, he was the choral director at the Ft. Worth Academy of Fine Arts (FWAFA). At FWAFA, Victor served as the director of the Academy Singers, Academy Men's Choir and Artistic Director of the Singing Girls of Texas and Children's Choir of Texas.



Source Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church <https://www.smbcplano.org/>

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

O God, we thank you that you have inspired people in all nations and in all cultures.

May we follow you, committed to your way of love and justice, united in the desire to recognise and respect the dignity and worth of every human being.

In the name and the Spirit of Jesus.

Amen.

As we go,

Send us out with Your might.

As we go,

Send us out with Your compassion.

As we go,

Send us out

to people and places that need Your love.

Send us out

to seek justice and to love mercy.

Send us out

to walk humbly.

We go in Your name for Your glory.

Please stand to sing



Final Hymn

NOEL NOUVELET | 15

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing, healing in the streets;
curing those who suffer, touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active, healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too.
On suspicion's graveyard let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be few.
Walk one step before me; I will follow you.

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The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

May the Lord bless you.
May the Lord keep you upright and dignified.
May the Lord provoke you to walk in the shoes of others.
May we all journey towards justice and the Kingdom of God
made real, For all our sakes;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Organ Voluntary

Errollyn Wallen b. 1958

Tiger

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

Please take your service paper home with you.

This year marks major anniversaries of important church music composers, including Charles Villiers Stanford (1852 – 1924), Gabriel Fauré (1845 – 1924) and Edward Bairstow (1874 – 1946). Théodore Dubois (1837 – 1924) was an influential musician in Paris, eventually being appointed to the prestigious post of Director of the Paris Conservatoire. Today he is better known for his organ works, but during his lifetime was a popular liturgical composer. His Oratorio “The Seven Last Words of Christ” is still regularly performed but his other choral works are largely unknown. Today’s mass setting is his *Messe Brève*, unusually scored for organ, choir and double bass. Although obviously romantic in style, the Gloria shows influences of Handel in its concluding counterpoint, whilst the rest of the setting shows early influences on the later more-developed French style.

Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 12 February, 2024

Choral Evensong Today

4.00pm

Choral Evensong

Batten The Fourth Service

St. Asaph Te Deum - Meirion Wynn Jones

Responses *Smith*

Psalm 2

Next Sunday

The First Sunday of Lent

Old Testament reading

Genesis 9.8-17

Psalm

25.1-9

New Testament reading

1 Peter 3.18-end

Gospel Reading

Mark 1.9-15

Blackburn Foodbank in February

We are collecting **Tinned Rice Pudding**. If you can afford to give, please add it to your weekly or monthly shopping list and donate.

(Pancake) Shrove Tuesday

If you have joined Blackburn Cathedral congregation since the pandemic, we would love to invite you to a Pancake Party on Tuesday 13th February 6pm in the Crypt. The Dean will be giving an introduction to Cathedrals in general and Cathedral life here at Blackburn, together with thoughts about our history and our hopes for the future.

Lent 2024 Devotional - Journey to Freedom

Do pick up a **free** copy of the Lent devotional booklet from the back of the Cathedral. This year, the Diocesan Lent Devotional booklets, which are also titled 'Journey to Freedom' to match with Bishop Philip's Lent Course, will walk us through Exodus.

Lent Organ Meditations

Our series of Choral Evensong with Lent Organ Meditations begins on Sunday 18th February at 4pm. Our Organist in Residence will play works by Merkel, Franck and Vierne. If you have never been to Evensong with Organ meditation why not make it your Lent discipline this year – and why not bring a friend!

Ashes To Go

This year on Ash Wednesday 14th February at 10am Canon James will be offering Ashes To Go in Blackburn town centre. We will be offering people the

opportunity to share in the beginning of Lent by receiving the cross of ash as a token of repentance. Please come and join in if you are able.

Cathedral Weekend Away

The Cathedral is holding a weekend away on Friday 31st May to Saturday 1st June in the beautiful surroundings of Stonyhurst College in the Ribble Valley. **Now is the time to secure your place.** Please speak to Canon James who can accept your deposit (cheque, cash or bank transfer) and will send you a sign up form to complete.



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