

BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral Eucharist on Easter Day

Sunday, 31 March 2024

10.30am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is **The Right Reverend Philip North** The Bishop of Blackburn

> The Deacon is Canon James Lawrence Missioner

> > 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 **Schubert in G**

Children and young people are welcome at all our services, but if you feel your child needs a more informal space, the Temple Garth and the Cloister Garth are available as a 'breakout' areas. Please note that they are unattended, and so you will need to stay with your child at all times. The wardens and stewards can give directions.

The service is live streamed.

Before the service, the congregation is welcomed by Canon James Lawrence

The Gathering

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

Please stand as the ministers enter

Processional

EASTER HYMN



Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia, our triumphant holy day, Alleluia, who did once upon the cross, Alleluia, suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia, unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia, who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia, sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia.

But the pains which he endured Alleluia, our salvation have procured, Alleluia, now above the sky he's King, Alleluia, where the angels ever sing. Alleluia.

Surrexit Christus hodie Anon. Latin, Lyra Davidica (1708) and others

The Greeting

The president greets the people

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us. Lord, hear us and help us.

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We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us. Lord, hear us and help us.

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

The Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. 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, lesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Oui 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.

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

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen**.

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

Acts Reading

Read by Krystyna Adams

(Acts 10.34-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the assembled crowd in Caesarea: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

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

The Easter Anthems

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us : therefore let us keep the feast; Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness : but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. *I Corinthians 5:7.* Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more : death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once : but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin : but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Romans 6:9.*

Christ is risen from the dead : and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death : by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die : even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

I Corinthians 15:20.

Setting by Walter Parratt (1841-1924)

New Testament Reading

Read by Jeremy Duerden

(1 Corinthians 15.1-11)

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

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

ELLACOMBE



The day of resurrection, earth, tell it out abroad! The passover of gladness, the passover of God! From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory. Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own 'All hail!' and, hearing may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin, the round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein; let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend, for Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that has no end. Anastaseos hemera John of Damascus (c.675-749) translated John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

The Gospel

The deacon says

(Mark 16.1-8)

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

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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

Sermon

The Right Revd Philip North,

Bishop of Blackburn

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Please stand with the president

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.

Please sit down for the prayers

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Louise Hicks

This response is used

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray today for those who are sick at home or in hospital: Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Lilah Jane, Lynn Martin, Margaret Ingham, Margaret Young,

Oliver Colville, Sue Penfold, Jenny Bellamy

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

Kate Bayes

and those whose anniversaries are at this time,

Mary Maxwell Walker, Amy Sagar (2), Anne Radfarn (3), Tilda Goldsmith (4), Bishop Stewart Cross, Hilda Sagar, Kilby Edwards (6) [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 president says

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. **and also with you. Alleluia.**

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. You may prefer to use the collection point or card reader on the way out. If you are a UK tax payer please use and sign the blue gift aid form provided on your chair. Alternatively, The Parish Giving Scheme is the easy way to give regularly to support the ongoing ministry of Blackburn Cathedral and you can find out more and sign up by using the QR code provided here. Blackburn Cathedral's Parish Giving Scheme Code is: 030603001



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

Lux Eoi 103



Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise: sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise: he, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ, the first-fruits of the holy harvest-field, which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield: then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave, ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave. Christ is risen, we are risen; shed upon us heavenly grace, rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face: and we, with our hearts in heaven, here on earth may fruitful be, and by angel-hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; Alleluia to the Saviour who has won the victory; Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity; Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty. *Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory: The choir sings

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again. 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 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

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,

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 ... Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w niebie... Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích ... tève Mūsų, 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

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

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

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God you take away the sins of
miserere nobis.	the world, have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God you take away the sins of
miserere nobis.	the world, have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God you take away the sins of
dona nobis pacem.	the world, grant us peace.
miserere nobis. Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,	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 Giving of Communion

The president says

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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.

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

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise Without delays, Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise With him may'st rise; That, as his death calcined thee to dust,

His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part With all thy art.

The cross taught all wood to resound his name Who bore the same.

His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song Pleasant and long:

Or since all music is but three parts vied, And multiplied;

O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,

And make up our defects with his sweet art.

George Herbert, music by Vaughan Williams

The choir sings

I danced in the morning when the world was begun I danced in the Moon & the Stars & the Sun I came down from Heaven & I danced on Earth At Bethlehem I had my birth:

Dance then, wherever you may be I am the Lord of the Dance, said He! And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said He!

I danced for the scribe & the pharisee But they would not dance & they wouldn't follow me I danced for fishermen, for James & John They came with me & the Dance went on:

Dance then, wherever you may be

I danced on the Sabbath & I cured the lame The holy people said it was a shame! They whipped & they stripped & they hung me high And they left me there on a cross to die!

Dance then, wherever you may be

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black It's hard to dance with the devil on your back They buried my body & they thought I'd gone But I am the Dance & I still go on!

Dance then, wherever you may be

They cut me down and I leapt up high I am the Life that'll never, never die! I'll live in you if you'll live in Me -I am the Lord of the Dance, said He! Dance then, wherever you may be Words by Sydney Carter (1915-2004), Music by John Bertalot (b.1931)

Silence is kept

Author of life divine, in the resurrection of your Son, you set before us the mystery of his triumph over sin and death; may all who are washed in the waters of rebirth rise to newness of life and find the promised presence of your abundant grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father of all,

we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for her Lord now liveth, death has lost its sting:

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life; life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife; Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Edmond Louis Budry (1854-1932) trans. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

The Blessing

The president pronounces God's blessing.

The deacon says

He is not here. He is risen. Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

> The Organ Voluntary Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Sarabande for the Morning of Easter

Please stay behind after the service for tea or coffee and cake.

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 31 March 2024

4.00pm

Choral Evensong Dyson in D Blessed be the God and Father – SS Wesley

Responses: Radcliffe Psalm 55 or 66.1-11

Flowers

Many thanks to those members of the congregation who contributed to the Easter flower collection . Thanks also to Blackburn Cathedral Choirs Association for their donation. Flowers are also given in loving memory of Marjory Godfrey by her close family, and are offered by Dianne Plumb in loving memory of daughter Bethany Joy.

Blackburn Foodbank in April

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

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.

Threads Through Creation

6th March to 14th April – a spectacular textile exhibition by Jacqui Parkinson at the Cathedral.

Upcoming Concerts

Monday April 1st, 11am Organ Recital, Gordon Stewart – admission £10 on the door

Holy dusters (and gardeners!)

Might you have a couple of hours to help us clean the cathedral or do some gardening? There will be working parties on the following Saturdays to begin with, 10am to 12 noon, with refreshments provided. 20th April, 18th May, 22nd June, 20th July.

A Message from the Wardens

We would really like to increase the number of stewards we have in our team to cover both regular Sunday services at 9.00am, 10.30am and 4.00pm and the many extra services held at the Cathedral each year. All offers of help are welcome and the time commitment could be as little as an hour and a half per month. We are also looking for a little extra help for our coffee rota – again, the more people we can get involved the better.

Please speak to a warden for further information.

Asking for Prayers

If you would like someone you know to be added to our weekly prayer list, please either email liturgyadmin@blackburncathedral.co.uk or leave a note for the Liturgy Administrator with either a Warden or a Virger. You should provide the following information:

- Full Name
- The list you wish them to be included on –General Prayers, Prayers for the Sick or Prayers for the Lately Dead (with the date of the funeral if known).