



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Parish
Eucharist
on
Easter Day

Sunday, 31 March 2024

9.00am

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

New Testament Reading

(1 Corinthians 15.1-11)

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.

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones
The Dean

The service is sung by the
Cathedral Youth Choir

Directed by
Helen Davies

The setting for the service is
Holy Communion Service in C & F by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The choir sings the introit

This Joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
hath sprung to life this morrow.

Death's flood hath lost his chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver:

Had Christ, that once was slain,
ne'er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain:
but now has Christ arisen!

Trad Dutch melody arr. Charles Wood (1866-1926)

The Gathering

Please stand as the minister enters

Processional



EASTER HYMN
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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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

and also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

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 Gloria

The choir sings

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy 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,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art the Most High, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Let us pray

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.

The Collect

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

Acts Reading

Read by David Kay

(Acts 10.34-43)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then 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.

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

(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 Dean

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Please stand with the president for

The Creed

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.**

We sit for the prayers

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Linda Cranshaw

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.

or 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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president says

The risen Christ came and stood among the 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!

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

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, 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

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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 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

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.
Blessed is he that cometh 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.

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 ... 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

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.**

The choir sings

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Giving of Communion

The president says

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

When you are ready to receive communion please approach the president in single file and return to your seat by one of the side aisles.

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 next minister before returning to your place.

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 minister and return to your place.

The choir sings

During communion

Sing choirs of heaven. Let saints and angels sing.
Around God's throne exult in harmony!
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave. Salute your king in glorious symphony.
Sing choir of earth. Behold your light has come.
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly.
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death.
The night is past, the day of life is here. Sing church of God.
Exult with joy outpoured. The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!
Your Saviour lives, he's with you evermore.
Let all God's people shout the long. Amen.

Richard Shepard (1949—2021)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son
to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
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.**

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Organ Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on 'Vulpius', Healey Willian (1880-1968)

*Please stay behind after the service
for tea and coffee.*

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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.

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 liturgy.admin@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).