



The Parish
Eucharist
on
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, 17 March, 2024

9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

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

Sung by
The Cathedral Youth Choir
Directed by Helen Davies

Setting:
St Anne's Mass - MacMillan

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

Old Testament Reading

(Jeremiah 31.31-34)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

The Processional

Bow Brickhill 94



We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope though all deride,
for this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.

The Cross! it takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

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

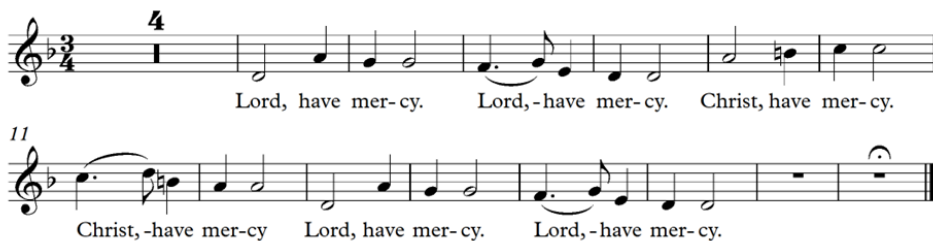
The Prayer of Preparation

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 sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

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 Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Gracious Father,
 you gave up your Son
 out of love for the world:
 lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
 that we may know eternal peace
 through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please sit down.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Read by Mihaela Mladin

(Hebrews 5.5-10)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Gradual Hymn

Gwalchmi



King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone when they replied,
thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.

George Herbert (1593-1632)

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading

The Gospel

(John 12.20-33)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit
who strengthens us
with the power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

The president invites the congregation to kneel or sit down

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Terry Givens

This response is used

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

*Those who are ill at home or in hospital,
Arthur Blundell, Chris Drewe, Lilah Jane, Lynn Martin, Margaret Ingham,
Margaret Young,*

Oliver Colville, Sue Penfold, Jenny Bellamy.

*and those who mourn, remembering those who have died recently,
and those whose anniversaries are at this time,*

*Joseph Slater, Stuart Parkinson (17), Adelaide Whalley (18), Thomas L Duerden
(20), Jane Crowther (23).*

[numbers are the day 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

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

Romans 5.1,2

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

When offering a greeting 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



Gradual Hymn

Gonfalon Royal 128



The royal banners forward go,
the cross shines forth in mystic glow,
where he in flesh, our flesh who made,
our sentence bore, our ransom paid.

Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
life's torrent rushing from his side,
to wash us in that precious flood,
where mingled water flowed, and blood.

Fulfilled is all that David told
in true prophetic song of old,
the universal Lord is he,
who reigns and triumphs from the tree.

O tree of beauty, tree of light,
O tree with royal purple dight,
elect on whose triumphal breast
those holy limbs should find their rest!

Upon its arms, like balance true,
he weighed the price for sinners due,
the price which none but he could pay,
and spoiled the spoiler of his prey.

To thee, eternal three in one,
let homage meet by all be done:
whom by thy cross thou dost restore,
preserve and govern evermore. Amen.

Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (530-609) Tr J. M. Neale (1818-66)

Preparation of the Table

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.

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,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because for our salvation,
he was obedient even to death on the cross.
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Organ

10 *mp* Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of

18 *mf* hosts, God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na

27 *ff* in the high - est. Blessed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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 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:

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.

8 Organ *mp* Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
 mer-cy_ on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy_ on
 15 *mf* *mp* us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The musical score is written for an organ and voice. It consists of three staves. The first staff begins at measure 8 and features a melodic line with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy_ on us.' The third staff begins at measure 15 and includes the lyrics 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.' The dynamics *mf* (mezzo-forte) and *mp* (mezzo-piano) are indicated throughout the piece.

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 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

Anthem

O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, Thine only crown.

How pale Thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn!

*O Sacred Head, now wounded;
O sacred Head, now wounded!*

What Thou my Lord hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
but Thine the deadly pain.

Lo here I fall, my Saviour!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favour,
Vouch safe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
to thank Thee, dearest Friend.
for this, Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?

*O Sacred Head, now wounded;
O sacred Head, now wounded!*

*Words attributed to Sir Bernard of
Clairvaux
Music Mary McDonald (b. 1956)*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, 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.

The president gives the notices, after which please stand

The Dismissal

God, who from the death of sin raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling and set you in the presence of his glory;
and the blessing of almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

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 will leave immediately

Organ Voluntary

Herzlich tut mich verlangen BWV 727

J.S. Bach (1685 – 1750)

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 17 March, 2024

Choral Evensong Today

4.00pm

Choral Evensong

Gibbons Short Service

Nolo mortem peccatoris - Morley

Responses Smith

Psalm 34

Next Sunday

Palm Sunday

Old Testament reading

Isaiah 50. 4-9a

Psalm

31. 9-16

New Testament reading

Philippians 2. 5-11

Gospel Reading

Mark 15.1-39 [40-47]

Holy Week services

Wednesday 27th 7.30pm Holy Week Concert: 'Bairstow in Blackburn, including newly discovered works by Sir Edward C. Bairstow in his 150th anniversary year'

Maundy Thursday Cathedral Eucharist – 28th March – 8pm

Good Friday: Pilgrimage in Prayer, 10am – suitable for people of all ages.

Good Friday Liturgy in Three Hours – 29th March – 12 noon.

Preacher: Jerry Lepine.

Easter Vigil with Confirmations – Saturday 30th March – 8pm

Cathedral Flowers

We are collecting donations for Easter flowers . If you would like to contribute please see Pat Wedgeworth or one of the Church Wardens .

We will be grateful for any contribution however small. Thank you for your continued support

Blackburn Foodbank in March

We are collecting **tinned fruit**. 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.

Wednesday Concerts, 12.15, admission free.

March 20th – Peter King

March 27th – Graham Eccles

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).