



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Parish
Eucharist
on

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024

9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
Canon Jenny Gaffin

The service is sung by
The Cathedral Youth Choir
Directed by
Helen Davies

The Organist is
John Hosking
Organist in Residence

The setting for the service is
Blackburn Mass – Davy

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins.

Acts Reading

(Acts 4.5-12)

Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him. After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, 'Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.' And she said, 'Yes, that was the price.' Then Peter said to her, 'How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.' Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things. Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

Alleluia



*Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.*

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation: *Chorus*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen: *Chorus*

We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live for ever: *Chorus*

God has proclaimed the just reward:
New life for all! Alleluia! *Chorus*

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour: *Chorus*

Donald Fishel (born 1950)

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 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.

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

Lord, hear us and help us.

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 the refrain first which is then repeated at once by everyone and sung again after each section as indicated



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, — and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
For you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Silence is kept – please remain standing

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please sit down

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

(1 John 3.16 to end)

Read by Zak Isingoma

A reading from the First Book of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

Buckland



Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.

Loving Saviour, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.

I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above
happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.
Jane E Leeson (1809-81)

The Gospel

(John 10.11-18)

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

'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

Sermon

The Precentor

There is a period of silence after the sermon for reflection

Please stand with the president

**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.**

Please sit or kneel for the prayers

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by John Wilson

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, Irfan Masih, Mary
Sole, Tom and Bella Sorlie-Gostelow

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

Lewis Clark, Eric Whittaker, Dudley Fulwell (21), Laura Robinson (22), Ellen
Holdsworth (23)

[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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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 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

Please remain standing to sing

Hymn

Caithness



Where love and loving-kindness dwell,
there God will ever be:
One father, Son and Holy Ghost
in perfect Charity.

Brought here together into one
by Christ our Shepherd-king,
now let us in his love rejoice,
and of his goodness sing.

Here too let God, the living God,
both loved and honoured be;
and let us each the other love
with true sincerity.

Brought here together by Christ's love,
let no ill-will divide,
nor quarrels break in unity
of those for whom he died.

Let envy, jealousy and strife
and all contention cease,
for in our midst serves Christ the Lord,
our sacrament of peace.

Together may we with the saints
thy face in glory see,
and ever in thy kingdom feast,
O Christ our God, with thee.

From the Latin "Ubi Caritas" of Maundy Thursday tr. Geoffrey Preston (1936 – 77)

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:

We all sing

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo-ry, Ho-san-na in the high-est Bles-sed is he that
comes in the name_ of the Lord Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 Mûsû, 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.

Everyone sings

Andante con moto
mf
 2
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world have
 8
mp
 mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the
 14
mf
 world have mer - cy up - on us. Lamb of God you
 19
dim.
 3
 take a - way the sin of the world grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

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

The body of Christ.
Amen.

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

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want,
he maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil,
For you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy,
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

Prayer after Communion

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **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.**

Please stand for the dismissal

The Dismissal

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

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

The Organ Voluntary

“Jig” Fugue in C BuxWV 174

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637 – 1707)

Please do consider staying for tea or coffee after the service

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 21 April, 2024

Choral Evensong Today

4.00pm

Choral Evensong

Wood in D

I Was Glad - Parry

Responses - Leighton

Psalm 119.89-96

Next Sunday

Acts 8.26-end

Psalm 22.25-end

New Testament reading: 1 John 4.7-end

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: The Cathedral APCM will take place on Sunday 12th May at 12.00noon, immediately following the 10.30am Eucharist and refreshments. We need to elect four Cathedral Wardens and Deputy Wardens.

Electoral Roll Forms: All those wishing to vote at the AGM on Sunday 12th May need to be on the electoral roll. Forms are available at the back of the Cathedral to complete and post in the box on the Welcome Desk. Completed forms must be returned by Sunday 5 May for approval.

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.

Upcoming Concerts

Monday 6th May, 11am Organ Recital, Darius Battiwalla – admission £10 on the door

Holy dusters (and gardeners!)

Many thanks to those who helped at the last gathering. Future dates are: 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.

Special Services coming up

Ascension - Thursday 9th May 7.30pm.

Civic Service – Sunday 19th May 12 noon.