



**BLACKBURN
CATHEDRAL**

The Parish
Eucharist
on
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024

9.00am

Welcome to this morning's service

The President and Preacher is
Canon James Lawrence
Missioner

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

The setting for the service is
Blackburn Mass - Davy

Preparation

For individual use before the service begins

Acts Reading

(Acts 8.26-end)

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Gathering

Please stand to sing

Processional

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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)

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 God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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

Read by Dominic Eatwell

(1 John 4.7-end)

A reading from the Book of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Please stand to sing

Gradual Hymn

Creswell



Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.

*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood,'
love, only love, is his news.

Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his,
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love is his word.

Luke Connaughton (1917-1979)

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The Gospel

(John 15.1-8)

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

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

Sermon

Canon James Lawrence

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

Please stand with the president

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.**

Please sit

The Prayers of Intercession

Led by Louise Hicks

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,

Eva Wilson Preston (28), Ron Bruce (29), Doris Smith (30), William Arthur Hewitt,
James Smith (1), Roy Stevens (2), Ruby May Lucas (3), Robert Haworth, Eliza Ann
Stirrup, William Pinder, Steven Anderson (4).

[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

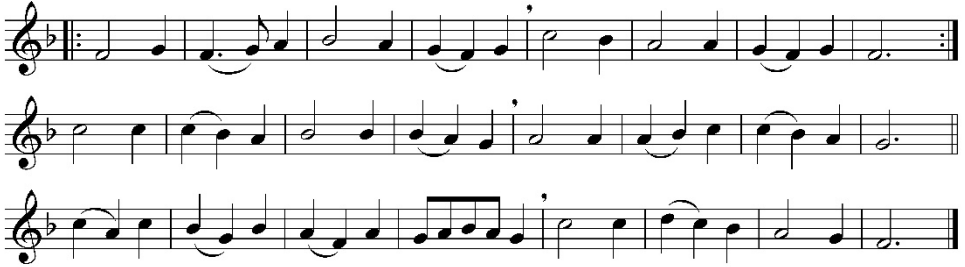


Preparation of the Table

Please remain standing to sing

Hymn

Hyfrydol 271



Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone:
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received
him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia, bread of angels,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy
throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

W Chatterton Dix (1837-98)

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:

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are

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full of your glo - ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est *mf* Bles-sed is he that

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comes in the name_ of the Lord *f* 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 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.

Everyone sings

Andante con moto mf

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

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 the Anthem

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Rob tu mo bhoile, a Comdi cride, *Irish, c 8th century*
tr Mary Byrne (1880-1931) versified, Eleanor Hull (1860-1935)
Music by Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

The Dismissal

The president pronounces God's blessing

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. **Amen**

The deacon says

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

The Organ Voluntary

Trumpet Tune "Lobe den Herren"

Walter Webber

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

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Notices for the Week beginning Sunday, 28 April, 2024

Flowers today are given by Marge and Karen Spencer in loving memory of husband and father Jim Spencer.

Choral Evensong Today

4.00pm

Choral Evensong

Noble in B minor

For lo, I raise up - Stanford

Responses - Rose

Psalm 96

Next Sunday

Acts 10.44-end Psalm 98

New Testament reading: 1 John 5.1-6

Gospel Reading: John 15.9-17

The Dean is away this Sunday leading a Mission in Blackpool. Next Sunday he is preaching at Chorley.

Ascension Day – Thursday 9th May, 7.30pm Cathedral Eucharist.

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 May

We are collecting biscuits. 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. Weekly Wednesday concerts continue at 12.15. Admission free.

Holy dusters (and gardeners!)

Many thanks to those who helped at the last gathering. Future dates are: 18th May, 22nd June, 20th July.