# The Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin, Blackburn



# The Cathedral Eucharist on The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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Preacher
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Setting Missa Rigensis Ugis Praulinš (b. 1957)

Sunday 23rd July 2017 10.30 am We welcome today 'The Singers', from Newcastle, directed by Donald Halliday.

#### THE ORDER OF SERVICE

¶ Before the service, Canon Hindley welcomes the people.

# ¶ The Gathering

¶ All stand to sing

#### The Processional Hymn

Angel voices ever singing round thy throne of light, angel-harps for ever ringing, rest not day nor night; thousands only live to bless thee and confess thee Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest mortal eye can scan, can it be that thou regardest songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us, and wilt hear us?
yes, we can.

For, we know that thou rejoicest o'er each work of thine; thou didst ears and hands and voices for thy praise design; craftsman's art and music's measure for thy pleasure all combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer of thine own to thee; and for thine acceptance proffer all unworthily hearts and minds and hands and voices in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might, and merit thine shall ever be, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, blessèd Trinity. Of the best that thou hast given earth and heaven render thee.

Words: Francis Pott (1832-1909)

Tune: Angel Voices (NEH 336)

The Greeting

¶ The president greets the people.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

The Lord be with you and with thy spirit.

#### The Prayer of Preparation

 $\P$  All remain standing to say:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### The Prayers of Penitence

¶ The sub-deacon, Jeremy Duerden, says:

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name.

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 choir sings

#### Gloria in Excelsis

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.

Laudamus te; benedicimus te; adoramus te; glorificámus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.

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, Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

O Lord God, heavenly King,

God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son,

Jesu Christe: Jesus Christ:

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, O Lord God, Lamb of God,

Filius Patris, Son of the Father,

qui tollis peccata mundi, that takest away the sins of the world,

miserere nobis: have mercy upon us.

qui tollis Thou that takest away the sins

peccata mundi, of the world,

suscipe deprecationem nostram: receive our prayer.

qui sedes ad Thou that sittest at the right hand

dexteram Patris, of God the Father, miserere nobis. have mercy upon us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus: For thou only art holy; tu solus Dominus: thou only art the Lord; tu solus altissimus, thou only, O Christ, lesu Christe, with the Holy Ghost, cum Sancto Spiritu, art the Most High,

in gloria Dei Patris. Amen in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### The Collect

#### $\P$ The sub-deacon says:

Let us pray that in loving God we might attain salvation.

#### $\P$ Silence is kept, before the president says:

O God, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward thee that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Word

¶ All sit as the choir sings:

#### The Psalm

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth: O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.

I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart : and will praise thy Name for evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me: and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.

But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

(86: 11 - end)

¶ Remain seated for

#### The First Reading

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans. Read by Jim Holden.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

(8: 12 - 25)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¶ All stand to sing

## The Gradual Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!

Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place; till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Blaenwern (NEH 408i)

 $\P$  All remain standing for

The Gospel

¶ When the Gospel is announced, the deacon says:

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

¶ All say:

#### Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

(13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

¶ All respond:

#### Praise be to thee, O Christ.

¶ An organ fanfare is improvised to reflect the words of the Gospel.

¶ All sit for

The Sermon

Canon Michael Wedgeworth, Assistant Priest at the Cathedral.

¶ After a short silence, all stand to say

#### The Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on 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 power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### The Prayers of Intercession

¶ All sit or kneel. The sub-deacon introduces the prayers with these words:

That all Christian people may be one and witness to the world, let us pray to the Lord.

¶ These responses are used:

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

¶ And at the end:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

 $\P$  All stand. The president introduces the Peace with these words:

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you and with thy spirit.

¶ The deacon says:

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

 $\P$  All may exchange a sign of peace.

# ¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Offertory Hymn

 $\P$  All remain standing to sing the hymn, during which a collection is taken and presented. The Altar is prepared by the deacon.

We hail thy presence glorious, O Christ our great high priest, o'er sin and death victorious, at thy thanksgiving feast: as thou art interceding for us in heaven above, thy Church on earth is pleading thy perfect work of love. Through thee in every nation thine own their hearts upraise, offering one pure oblation, one sacrifice of praise: with thee in blest communion the living and the dead are joined in closest union, one body and one head.

O living bread from heaven, Jesu, our Saviour good, who thine own self hast given to be our soul's true food; for us thy body broken hung on the cross of shame: this bread its hallowed token we break in thy dear name.

O stream of love unending, poured from the one true vine, with our weak nature blending the strength of life divine; our thankful faith confessing in thy life-blood outpoured, we drink this cup of blessing and praise thy name, O Lord.

Words: Michael Haydn (1737 - 1806)

Tune: Offertorium (NEH 310)

 $\P$  When the Altar is prepared, these prayers are said by the president.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation: through thy goodness we have this bread to set before thee, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed art thou, Lord God of all creation: through thy goodness we have this wine to set before thee, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

#### The Eucharistic Prayer

¶ Please stand throughout the prayer (or kneel or sit throughout if you prefer). We remain standing for the Lord's Prayer and the Breaking of the Bread. Please kneel or sit before the Agnus Dei begins.

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** 

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord. For he is thy living Word; through him thou hast created all things from the beginning, and fashioned us in thine own image. Through him thou didst redeem us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman, to die upon the cross, and to rise again for us.

Through him thou hast made us a people for thine own possession, exalting him to thy right hand on high, and sending forth through him thy holy and life-giving Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and singing:

#### ¶ The choir sings:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli 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.

#### ¶ The president continues:

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of thy Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be unto us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to thee, he gave it to them, saying: Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of his kingdom and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ thy Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of thy divine majesty, renew us by thy Holy Spirit, inspire us with thy love, and unite us in the body of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray as Jesus taught his Apostles to pray, each in our own language:

Notre père, qui êtes aux cieux...
Unser Vater im Himmel...
Padre nostro che sei nei cieli...
Otče náš, jenž jsi na nebesích...
Tėve Mūsų, kuris esi danguje!...
Tatal nostru care esti in ceruri...

Missierna, li inti fis-smewwiet...
Padre nosso, que estais nos céus...
Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w niebie...

...الذِي فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ،

Ein Tad, yr hwn wyt yn y nefoedd...

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

 $\P$  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.

¶ As the president, clergy, Eucharistic ministers and servers receive communion, the choir sings:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## 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.

¶ If you are a regular communicant member of another Christian church, you are welcome to receive communion today. If you wish to receive a Blessing, please bring this order of service to indicate your intention to the Eucharistic ministers.

## Music during the Communion

Music: Peter Philips (1560 – 1628)

Ave verum corpus

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria virgine, vere passum, immolatum, in cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine. O dulcis, o pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae, miserere mei.

Hail true body, born of the virgin Mary, truly killed, sacrificed, on the cross for mankind. Whose pierced side flowed with a tide of blood. The one first put to the test for us, in the trial of death. Gentle, holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me.

Panis angelicus Music: Cesar Franck (1822 – 1890)

Panis angelicus fit panis hominum; Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum: res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum Pauper, servus et humilis.

Bread of the angel host sent down from God above; Body of Christ our Lord in token of his love: O gift most wonderful! Christ as our sacrament: Humble, lowly, all share his sacred feast.

#### **The Post Communion Hymn**

How shall I sing that Majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir!
Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God Most High; ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise: but who am I?

Your brightness unto them appears whilst I thy footsteps trace: a sound of God comes to my ears; but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me! for where heaven is but once begun there alleluyas be.

How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep! thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep. thou art a sea without a shore. a sun without a sphere; thy time is now and evermore. Thy place is everywhere.

Words: John Mason born (c. 1645 - 1694)

Tune: Coe Fen

 $\P$  A minister says:

Let us pray.

¶ All sit or kneel for

#### The Diocesan Vision Prayer

Heavenly Father,
we embrace your call for us to make disciples,
to be witnesses and to grow leaders.
Give us the eyes to see your vision,
ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit
and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

# **The Post Communion Prayers**

#### ¶ The president says:

O God of our pilgrimage, who hast led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### ¶ All say:

Almighty God, we thank thee for feeding us with the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer thee our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of thy Spirit to live and work to thy praise and glory. Amen.

# ¶ The Dismissal

 $\P$  All stand. The president pronounces

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

¶ A deacon says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord In the name of Christ. Amen.

¶ The clergy, choir and people depart, and as they do so the organist plays

The Organ Voluntary

Nu lass os take Gud Egil Hovland (1924 - 2013)

Everyone is invited for refreshments in the Crypt following this service.

