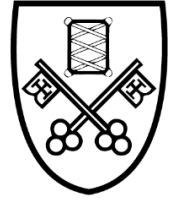




The Cathedral Church
of St Peter Bradford



The Annual Legal Service

Choral Matins
Racial Justice Sunday

9 February 2025

11.00am

Welcome to Bradford Cathedral

The seat of the Bishop of Leeds and a Centre of Worship and Mission

One of three Cathedrals – Bradford, Ripon & Wakefield – in the Anglican Diocese of Leeds

Welcome to Bradford Cathedral, particularly if you are visiting or are with us for the first time. If you are, please do introduce yourself to a Steward or member of the Clergy. We hope you will stay and enjoy refreshments with us after the service, which will be served at the West End of the Cathedral.

The text for the whole service is in this booklet. Large print copies are available from the Stewards at the main door. You are invited to join in the words in **bold type** in this order of service, the hymns, and to sit or stand as directed as you are able.

During the offertory hymn, a plate will be passed around for offerings. You can also make an offering via the contactless card reader at the back or online via this QR code that will direct you to <https://bradfordcathedral.org.uk/get-involved/donate/> where you can either make a one-off donation or set up regular giving.



Please either switch off or silence your phone and do not take pictures or videos during the service – this is not permitted for safeguarding reasons. Lavatories, including disabled facilities, are available towards the back of church. If you use a hearing aid, please turn it to the T position.

In the event of an emergency, please remain calm and seated. Stewards will direct you out of the Cathedral. If you have any concerns, please speak to a Churchwarden or member of the Clergy.

Weaving Jesus into the rich fabric of the city and beyond

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This service

The Dean and Chapter of Bradford Cathedral welcome you to this service. Today, we remember before God all those who work for the administration of justice and the security of society, pray for their work and thank God for the blessings of impartiality and tolerance, justice and mercy.

This service takes the now rare form of Choral Mattins from the *Book of Common Prayer* (1662). This is based on the traditional morning service of the Church, which finds its origins in early Christian devotional practice. As we remember our ecclesiastical heritage, we remember also the legal inheritance for which our forebears strived and from whose work and perseverance we now benefit.

The Cathedral

One of Yorkshire's lesser known dales, ancient Bradford-dale was settled in Anglian times around the 'broad ford' which gave the city its name. The crossing place became a gathering place which gradually became a great city, welcoming and absorbing in-comers from all over the world.

Throughout thirteen turbulent centuries, there has been a place of prayer and worship on this hillside. Although it was attacked three times and ruined twice, this church has been rebuilt by people of faith for the future.

The medieval nave and Tudor tower are landmarks of faith, drawing people into the welcoming space of the Cathedral and its grounds. As a civic church we have vital connections with the City and its institutions and, as a cathedral church, with a diocese that reaches out across West Yorkshire & the Dales. Day by day through our prayer, worship and work in this beautiful building, and through involvement in the wider community, we serve the people of our City, District and Diocese in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

The Cathedral Choir

Bradford Cathedral Choir is made up of two independent top lines of boys and girls who sing regularly with volunteer and professional adult singers. The Choir sings for the Choral Eucharist at 10.30am, and at Evensong on Sunday at 3.30pm, and at 5.30pm on Mondays and Tuesdays during term time. In addition, the Choir pursues a schedule that includes giving recitals and singing services elsewhere and going on tours to other parts of the UK and abroad.

Today's service is sung by the Boys and Adults of the Cathedral Choir, conducted by the Organist & Director of Music, Graham Thorpe, and accompanied by William Campbell, Sub-Organist and Assistant Director of Music. The brass ensemble comprises members of the Clifton and Lightcliffe Band, led by John Clay.

Organ voluntary

Melody

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

The Processions

We stand as the Processions enter the Cathedral through the West Doors, during which the organ improvises.

The Cathedral Procession

The Cross

The Choir

The Clergy

The Bishops of Bradford & Huddersfield

The High Sheriff and Procession of Judges

Verger

The Solicitors

The Junior Counsel

The King's Counsel

The Justices of the Peace

The Chairman of the Bench

The District Judges

The Tribunal Judges

HM Coroner

The Circuit Judges

The Judges of the High Court

The Senior Presiding Judge

The Under Sheriff of West Yorkshire

The High Sheriff of West Yorkshire

The Civic Procession

Verger

The Lord Mayor of Bradford

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant

Verger

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire

During the Procession of His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant, the brass ensemble plays

Bradford Fanfare no. 1

Robert Webb

Once the Lord-Lieutenant has reached his seat, we sing:

The National Anthem

**God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the King.**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.**

*Author: Unknown (c. 1745)
Music: Thesaurus Musicus (c. 1743)
Fanfare: Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)*

We sit.

Welcome and Bidding Prayer

The Revd Canon Ned Lunn, Canon for Intercultural Mission and the Arts

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all such things as their well-being doth require.

Wherefore let us keep silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

Silence is kept.

Confession

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done,
And there is no health in us:
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders;
Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults,
Restore thou them that are penitent,
According to thy promises
declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord:
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desireth not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live;
and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers,
to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent,
the Absolution and Remission of their sins:
He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent,
and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.
Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance,
and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him,
which we do at this present;
and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy;
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.**

A minister and the choir sing:

○ Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
○ God, make speed to save us.
○ Lord, make haste to help us.

We stand.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

Music: William Smith (1603-45)

We remain standing to sing together:

Hymn

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore, and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing, and infinite love.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88) CP 627

Music: Paderborn, German folk melody, arr. S.H Nicholson (1875-1947) CP 227

Psalmody

We sit as the choir sing:

Lord, how long wilt thou hide thyself, for ever:
and shall thy wrath burn like fire?

O remember how short my time is:
wherefore hast thou made all men for nought?

What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death:
and shall he deliver his soul from the hand of hell?

Lord, where are thy old loving-kindnesses:
which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?

Remember, Lord, the rebuke that thy servants have:
and how I do bear in my bosom the rebukes of many people;

Wherewith thine enemies have blasphemed thee,
and slandered the footsteps of thine Anointed:

Praised be the Lord for evermore.
Amen, and Amen.

We stand at the end of the Psalm, as the doxology is sung:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Text: Psalm 89.45-end

Music: David Cooper

The First Lesson

His Honour Judge Jonathan Rose, The Honorary Recorder of Bradford

A reading from the book of Amos.

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amos 5.14-15; 21-24

Here ends the First Lesson.

Te Deum Laudamus

We stand as the choir sing:

We praise thee, O God: we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud; the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee;
The Father of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
 thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death
 thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants;
 whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up for ever.
Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted let me never be confounded.

Music: Te Deum in Bb, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

We sit.

Second Lesson

Ms Tracey McErlain-Burns, Chairman of the West Yorkshire Bench

A reading from the gospel of Luke

¹⁶ When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Luke 4.16-21

We stand as the choir sing:

Jubilate Deo

○ be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
○ go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting:
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Music: Jubilate Deo in C, Benjamin Britten (1913-76)

We remain standing, face east, and say together:

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Lesser Litany

A minister and the choir sing:

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

We sit.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for Racial Justice Sunday

Merciful God, you are righteous and love justice: stir the hearts of your people that, rejoicing in our diversity, we may repent of the wrongs of the past, and, by your grace, seek the peaceable kingdom of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Second Collect, for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Music: William Smith (1603-45)

Anthem

Lord, we shall walk in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.
If Jesus himself shall be our leader
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no trials there.
If Jesus himself shall be our leader
we shall walk through the valley in peace.

Lord, we shall walk in peace.

Words & Music: African-American Spiritual, arranged by Undine Smith-Moore (1904-1989)

Sermon

The Right Reverend Smitha Prasadam, Bishop of Huddersfield
After the sermon, we keep a period of silence for reflection.

Hymn

We stand.

**God of freedom, God of justice,
God whose love is strong as death,
God who saw the dark of prison,
God who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.**

**Rid the earth of torture's terror,
God whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
God who shed the tears and blood;
move in us the power of pity,
restless for the common good.**

**Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers,
of whatever race or creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.**

Words: Shirley Murray (b. 1931)
Music: 'Rhuddlan', Welsh Traditional Melody
CP 447

We sit.

Prayers

His Honour Judge Jonathan Gibson, Circuit Judge

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

What does the Lord require of you?

**To love mercy, to do justice
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Merciful God, strengthen by your Holy Spirit all who work for justice throughout the world, that your kingdom of peace, love and righteousness may come on earth as it is in heaven. We remember before you those nations and people who live in constant fear of oppression and tyranny, and we pray that integrity and justice may prevail.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

What does the Lord require of you?

**To support the widow and orphan,
the poor and the vulnerable
and the victims of injustice and greed.**

Merciful God, bless all who work for justice throughout West Yorkshire. We remember before you our colleagues of all professions who seek to help those who struggle to find a right direction in life. Guide us as we make decisions about others, that we may show forth your wisdom and compassion.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

What does the Lord require of you?

**To care for the hungry, the naked,
the prisoners, the homeless, the refugee
and those who seek protection.**

Merciful God, be with all who are victims of crime and injustice; give them a sense of hope and peace of mind as they face the future. Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by cruelty and abuse; those damaged through neglect and a lack of love.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

What does the Lord require of you?
**To be open to the breadth of God's embrace,
to join our praise with those who know God's glory
and to bring peace and well-being to all.**

Merciful God, we pray for those who have been convicted of crime and who are fulfilling the requirements placed upon them. We pray that they may know a change of mind and receive the support they need to amend their ways.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

What does the Lord require of you?
To be light on a hill, giving light to the whole world.

Merciful God, we give thanks for all who support us in whatever capacity: our families and friends, our colleagues. Nurture in us the gift of faith, that we may know more clearly your love throughout our lives, and show forth the light of your presence in all we do.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

**Gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate on you,
and a life to proclaim you;
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

A Prayer of St Benedict (480-547)

Hymn

We stand.

During the following hymn, donations towards the work of the Cathedral may be made through the offertory plates, via this QR code, or by the other means detailed in the inside front cover. Please gift aid your donation, using the envelopes if donating in cash.



**The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter that kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**

**God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.**

Words: Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

Music: 'Hanover', A Supplement to the New Version (1708)

CP 591

We remain standing.

Blessing

The Rt Revd Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use your gifts to his glory
and secure justice for all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Please remain standing as the Retiring Processions move to the West End of the Cathedral.

All those in the procession are asked to come outside onto the West Steps for a photograph.

You are invited to join us for refreshments after the service.

If you have booked in for lunch at the Bradford Club, please leave the Cathedral by 12.45pm to arrive there by 1pm.

<p>The Annual Legal Service next year will be held on Sunday, 8th February, 2026. The preacher will be the Rt Revd Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall.</p>

Retiring Procession

During the retiring procession, the organist will play:

Fantasia

C. H. h> Parry (1848-1918)

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant

Verger

His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire

The Civic Procession

Verger

The Lord Mayor of Bradford

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