



## “THE CHURCH IN THE FIELD”

The Royal Lancashire Show 2022

### Together on Sunday



*An ecumenical time prayer and praise led by Major David Taylor,  
Salvation Army Northwest Divisional Leader;  
With the Blackburn Salvation Army Band  
Revd Phil Gough, Interim Chair of the Lancashire Methodist district;  
Fr Peter Hopkinson VG Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford;  
The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones – Dean of Blackburn Cathedral.  
Prayers for Climate Justice from A Rocha*

*A Rocha UK (ARUK) is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment*

## Welcome and Praise: Major David Taylor

This is the day that the Lord has made  
**We shall rejoice and be glad it**

### All creatures of our God and King

St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) trs. William Henry Draper (1855-1933)

All creatures of our God and king  
Lift up your voices and with us sing  
O praise him, alleluia  
Thou burning with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
O praise him, alleluia  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou flowing water pure and clear  
Make music for thy Lord to hear  
O praise him, alleluia  
Thou fire so masterful and bright  
That gives to man both warmth and light  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Psalm of Praise: Psalm 8**

read by The Revd Phil Gough

Chair of the Lancashire Methodist District (Elect)

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory

and honour. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:  
7 all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Blessing and Honour

Jamie Harvill and Gary Sadler, 1992 Integrity's Praise! Music

Blessing and honour, glory and power  
Be unto the Ancient of Days;  
From every nation, all of creation  
Bow before the Ancient of Days

*Every tongue in Heaven and earth  
Shall declare your glory  
Every knee shall bow at your throne in worship;  
You will be exalted, O God,  
And your kingdom shall not pass away,  
O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.  
For none shall compare to your matchless worth:  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.



## Prayers led by Fr Peter Hopkinson

Vicar General, Catholic Diocese of Salford



Father of Creation, God of Compassion, You created a world of wonder, of possibility and potential. You declared it to be good. For this, we give thanks. To you be praise, honour and glory.

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Father of Creation, God of Compassion, This world is no longer as you intended it to be. Humanity has betrayed its calling, to tend and keep, creation groans. For this, we weep, Lord, have mercy.

**For this, we mourn, Christ, have mercy.**

On our watch, we reap what we have sown, on our watch, sea levels rise, for this, we weep, Lord, have mercy.

**For this, we mourn, Christ, have mercy.**

On our watch, forests destroyed, on our watch, locusts Swarm. For this, we weep, Lord, have mercy.

**For this, we mourn, Christ, have mercy.**



And so now with tears in our eyes we look to you, with regret, with repentance, knowing the difficult decades that we face, as temperatures rise, extinctions increase, as we come to terms with our existential plight. For our children, Lord, have mercy.

**For our grandchildren, Christ, have mercy. For the world's most vulnerable, Christ, have mercy.**

Father of Creation, God of Compassion, wake us from our slumber, equip us afresh to be the justice-shaped people of God.

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That we would speak truth in a culture of denial, that we would enact hope in a culture of despair, that we would face what will be with love-filled action, that, in humanity's darkest hour, you would enliven us, so we would bandage the wounds of those caught beneath the wheels of climate injustice, that, in humanity's darkest hour, we would have the courage, to drive a spoke into the wheel of climate injustice itself.

**Father of Creation, God of Compassion, You created a world of wonder, of possibility and potential. You declared it to be good. In our grief, in our mourning, we give thanks. To you be praise, honour and glory.**

## Reading: Romans 8:14-24

Read by The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones  
Dean of Blackburn Cathedral

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved.

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## How great thou art

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine (1899-1989)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think how God, his Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,  
To take me home, what joy will fill my heart!  
Then I will bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!





## Sharing of Bread

The church leaders each take up a loaf of bread and offer their prayers

**Revd Phil:** We break this bread in thanksgiving for all that you have done. The gift of your creation, the sun and the rain, food to eat water to drink.

All: ***We give thanks to you our Lord and our God***

**Fr Peter:** We break this bread in remembrance of all that we have not done; for the way we have misused your creation, neglected the poor and turned our backs on one another.

All: ***We are sorry and repent of all our wrongdoing***

**Dean Peter:** We break this bread and pledge ourselves in love and service to the World and to one another rising with your Son as a forgiven and restored people.

All: ***Send us into out into the world  
to be your living word.***



## Give Thanks

Henry Smith, 1978 Integrity Hosanna! Music

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
Give thanks.

## Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his face towards you  
and give you peace.



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# Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show

JULY 22-24TH JULY 2022  
9.30AM - 5.30PM



## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANCASHIRE MARQUEE



Ecumenical Service

Sunday 24th July at 3pm  
Music from 2pm provided by Blackburn  
Citadel Salvation Army Band



Join us for...

Fairtrade coffee, tea and scones  
Free children's activities  
Exhibitions from the following  
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