

The Eucharist



Sunday 29 November, 10.30 am
Advent Sunday

President – The Dean
Preacher – Canon Dr David Holgate

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Welcome to Manchester Cathedral for this celebration of Holy Communion

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denys and St George in the heart of the City of Manchester. The building is the old mediaeval Parish Church of Manchester. King Henry V first granted it Collegiate status in 1421 and it became Manchester's Cathedral on the creation of the Diocese of Manchester in 1847. It is believed that there has been a church on or near this site for over a thousand years.

The Sundays of Advent

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and services not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement:

“Every eye shall now behold him robed in dreadful majesty”

(Charles Wesley)

The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation and hope, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent.

The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (1 Corinthians 16.22).

Our Cathedral decorations are simple and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas.

The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice. The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (Gaudete or 'Rose Sunday'), and the last days of Advent were marked by the sequence of Great 'O' Antiphons, which continue to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations.

Celebrating 600 years

2021 is a special year for Manchester Cathedral as it marks the 600th anniversary of the granting of our first Royal charter establishing a Collegiate Church. Even in these uncertain times, an exciting programme of events for the whole family is planned and we hope to be able to share more details in due course.

Safeguarding

Manchester Cathedral is committed to creating safe environments where children and young people are protected and where all people, especially those who may be vulnerable for any reason, are able to worship and pursue their faith journey with encouragement and in safety. We follow the '*Safeguarding Children and Adults at Risk Manchester Diocese Handbook of Policy and Procedures*'. We act promptly on any complaints made, and work in partnership with Manchester Diocese, the police and social care services whenever appropriate to do so. Details of how to voice a concern can be found on a dedicated page of our website and on the noticeboard at the south porch.



Hearing-loop

The Cathedral has a hearing-loop.
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Have you turned off your mobile phone?

Please make sure that you have turned off your mobile phone and any other electronic equipment that might interrupt the service.

Photography

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

Welcome to the Cathedral

We offer a very warm welcome to any who are visiting us today. If you would normally receive communion in your own church you are very welcome to do so here. If you do not receive communion please feel free to come up for a blessing instead. Just bow your head when you come up so the Eucharistic Minister will know.

Gluten Free Wafer

If you require a gluten free communion wafer please indicate this by pointing to the Altar table as you come up to receive.

Today's Service

President

The Dean

Preacher

Canon Dr David Holgate

Musicians

The Lay Clerks are conducted by Christopher Stokes,
Organist and Master of the Choristers.
The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.

Music before the service

Fugue in G Minor, HWV 605

G F Handel (1685-1759)

The Gathering

The Advent Prose is sung

sung by the Choir

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
neither remember iniquity forever:
Thy holy cities are a wilderness,
Sion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation:
our holy and beautiful house,
where our fathers praised thee

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

We have sinned and are as an unclean thing,
And we all do fade as a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away;
thou hast hid thy face from us:
and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen;
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,
my salvation shall not tarry:
I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions:
Fear not, for I will save thee:
For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel,
thy Redeemer.

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.*

The Greeting

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

President Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The President welcomes the congregation.

Lighting of the Candle in the Advent Wreath

The first candle is lit and the following is said

President God of Abraham and Sarah,
and all the patriarchs of old,
you are our Father too.
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of David.
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit
to make his home among us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.
Amen.

Prayer of Preparation

All **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.**

Invitation to Confession

Deacon When the Lord comes,
 he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
 and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
 Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept

All **Lord God,
 we have sinned against you;
 we have done evil in your sight.
 We are sorry and repent.
 Have mercy on us according to your love.
 Wash away our wrongdoing
 and cleanse us from our sin.
 Renew a right spirit within us
 and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.**

Choir Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy,*
 Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*
 Kyrie eleison. *Lord have mercy.*

President May the God of love
 bring you back to himself,
 forgive you your sins,
 and assure you of his eternal love
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 64. 1-9

A reading from Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 1. 3-9

A reading from I Corinthians

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the end of the reading

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

An acclamation (Alleluia) heralds the Gospel reading.

Choir 

Cantor Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you O Lord.

Mark 13. 24-37

“But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All

Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Canon Dr David Holgate

After the sermon silence is kept for reflection.

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Minister Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

All That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

Minister That God may establish among the nations
his sceptre of righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister That God may bind up the brokenhearted,
restore the sick
and raise up all who have fallen,
let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister That the light of God's coming may dawn
on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister That, with all the saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights for the world,
let us pray to the Lord:
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Minister We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

At the end of the prayers

Minister Almighty God,
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
for he is now alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine

President As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

President Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For when he humbled himself to come among us in human
flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the
world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.
And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and singing:

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

President Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
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.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Deacon Jesus Christ is Lord:
All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of The Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Denys, St George and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Prayer for Spiritual Holy Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

St Alphonsus Liguori

The President receives communion and then says:

All The body of Christ
Amen.

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During the administration of communion, the Choir sings the Agnus Dei and anthem.

Agnus Dei

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.*

Anthem

Audivi vocem de caelo venientem: venite omnes virgines
sapientissime;
oleum recondite in vasis vestris dum sponsus advenerit.
Media nocte clamor factus est: ecce sponsus venit.

*I heard a voice coming from heaven: come all wisest virgins;
fill your vessels with oil, for the bridegroom is coming.
In the middle of the night there was a cry: behold the bridegroom
comes.*

Thomas Tallis (1505-85)

Jeremiah 40. 10, Matthew 25. 6

Prayer after Communion

President O Lord our God,
 make us watchful and keep us faithful
 as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
 that, when he shall appear,
 he may not find us sleeping in sin
 but active in his service
 and joyful in his praise;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **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.**

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Music after the service

Contrapunctus I, The Art of Fugue, BWV 1080i

J S Bach (1685-1750)

Weekly Notices
29 November 2020

Upcoming Special Events and Services

Manchester Cathedral is closed for public worship until 2 December.

Sunday 29 November

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Monday 30 November

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Tuesday 1 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Manchester Cathedral is now open once again for public worship.

Wednesday 2 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

1.10pm Holy Communion (Quire)

5.30pm Choral Evensong (live on Facebook)

Thursday 3 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

5.15pm Advent Conversations on the Christmas story (live on Facebook)

Friday 4 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Saturday 5 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Sunday 6 December

10.30am Sung Eucharist (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

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Advent Conversations about the Christmas Story including live questions from those joining us online

Thursday 26 November - Who is this Jesus Christ (Mark's Gospel)
with Canon Dr. David Holgate and The Rev'd Steven Hilton

Thursday 3 December - How was he born? (Matthew's Gospel)
with Canon Dr. David Holgate and The Rev'd Steven Hilton

Thursday 10 December - Where and when was he born? (Luke's Gospel)
with The Very Rev'd Rogers Govender and Canon Dr. David Holgate

Thursday 17 December - Why was he born? (John's Gospel)
with The Ven. David Sharples and The Rev'd Steven Hilton

We'll be interacting via comments on Facebook -- have your Bible to hand!

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