

The Eucharist



Sunday 20 December, 10.30 am
4th Sunday of Advent

President – The Rev'd Steven Hilton
Preacher – Canon Dr David Holgate

Missa Sexti Toni (Giovanni Croce)

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 works hard to create 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 policies and procedures detailed within the Cathedral Safeguarding Handbook. 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 our policy and how to voice a concern can be found on a dedicated page of our website and on the noticeboard at the south porch.



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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 Rev'd Steven Hilton

Preacher

Canon Dr David Holgate

Musicians

The Cathedral Choir is conducted by Christopher Stokes,
Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.

Music before the service

Meditation on Conditor Alme

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

The Gathering

sung by the Choir

*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.*

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 fourth candle is lit and the following is said

President God our Father,
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary
that she was to be the mother of your Son.
Though Mary was afraid,
she responded to your call with joy.
Help us, whom you call to serve you,
to share like her in your great work
of bringing to our world your love and healing.
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:
 cleans 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 Born of a woman, born under the law,
 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of sin:
 let us come to him that he may heal us and set us free:

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.	<i>Lord, have mercy,</i>
	Christe eleison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
	Kyrie eleison.	<i>Lord have mercy.</i>

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

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
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

2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16

A reading from 2 Samuel

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a

great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

At the end of the reading

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

Magnificat

sung by the Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble
and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty
away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : as he promised to
our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Service in G, C V Stanford (1852-1924)

Luke 1. 46-55

Second Reading

Romans 16. 25-27

A reading from Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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 
Al - - le - lu - ia, Al - - le - lu - ia.

Cantor Greetings, favoured one. The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

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

Luke I. 26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

At the end of the reading

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
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.

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

All **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 Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.
 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 the grain once scattered in the fields
 and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
 are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
 so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
 from the corners of the earth
 into your kingdom.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

President
All

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

President
All

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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
All

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

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

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.

G F Handel (1685-1759)

Malachi 3. 3

Prayer after Communion

President Heavenly Father,
 who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
 to be the mother of the promised saviour:
 fill us your servants with your grace,
 that in all things we may embrace your holy will
 and with her rejoice in your salvation;
 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 Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

President May the Lord, when he comes,
find us watching and waiting.

All **Amen.**

President 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

Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel

Heathcote Statham (1889-1973)

Weekly Notices
20 December 2020
Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 20 December - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Monday 21 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Tuesday 22 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

7.30pm A Christmas Meditation: Festive Music & Readings
(live on Facebook)

Wednesday 23 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook, no congregation)

Thursday 24 December - Christmas Eve

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

11.30pm Midnight Mass (live on BBC Radio 4)

Friday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

10.30am Christmas Day Eucharist (live on Facebook)

12pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Saturday 26 December

11am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

3.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Sunday 27 December - The First Sunday of Christmas

10.30am Said Eucharist (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Canon Wray's Sock Day Appeal

The Canon Wray Sock Appeal is back and you can drop off new pairs of socks right up until the official anniversary of this historic legacy on the 21 January. Manchester Cathedral can find a good home for any pairs of new, warm socks that people would like to donate or buy to support the Booth Centre in looking after those who find themselves homeless at the turn of the New Year. Until the 21 January we will be collecting socks, new pairs or any surplus pairs received over Christmas which we will then hand over to the Booth Centre for distribution. Donations of new hats, scarves and gloves are also welcome.

Christmas 2020

at Manchester Cathedral

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Tuesday 22 December, 7.30 pm

Midnight Mass (Live BBC Radio 4 Broadcast)

Christmas Eve, 11.30 pm
with The Bishop of Manchester
(Incense will be used at this service)

Christmas Day Sung Eucharist

Christmas Day, 10.30 am
with The Bishop of Bolton
(Incense will be used at this service)

The First Sunday of Christmas The Eucharist

Sunday 27 December, 10.30 am
with The Bishop of Middleton

The Epiphany

Sunday 3 January 2021, 10.30 am

The Baptism of Christ Sung Eucharist

Sunday 10 January 2021, 10.30 am

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