

The Eucharist



Sunday 6 December, 10.30 am
2nd Sunday of Advent

President – Canon Dr David Holgate
Preacher – The Dean

Communion Service in E (Harold Darke)

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 '[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

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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

Canon Dr David Holgate

Preacher

The Dean

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

Communion

*César Franck (1822-90)
transcribed by Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

The Gathering

The Advent Prose

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.*

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 second candle is lit and the following is said

President God our Father,
you spoke to the prophets of old
of a Saviour who would bring peace.
You helped them to spread the joyful message
of his coming kingdom.
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,
to share with those around us
the good news of your power and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the light who is coming into the world.

All **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 A voice cries out in the wilderness,
 ‘Make straight the way of the Lord.’
 So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

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

 O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
 and come among us,
 and with great might succour us;
 that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
 we are grievously hindered
 in running the race that is set before us,
 your bountiful grace and mercy
 may speedily help and deliver us;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honour and glory, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 40. 1-11

A reading from Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people,
 says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
 and cry to her
that she has served her term,
 that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
 double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

At the end of the reading

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

Psalm 85. 8-end

sung by the Choir

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me: for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth: and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness: and our land shall give her increase. Righteousness shall go before him: and he shall direct his going in the way.

Second Reading

2 Peter 3. 8-15a

A reading from 2 Peter

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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 I. 1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

At the end of the reading

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

The Dean

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 In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid
 we pray to Jesus.
 Come to your Church as Lord and judge.
 We pray for ...
 Help us to live in the light of your coming
 and give us a longing for your kingdom.
 Maranatha:
- All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- Minister Come to your world as King of the nations.
 We pray for ...
 Before you rulers will stand in silence.
 Maranatha:
- All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- Minister Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.
 We pray for ...
 Break into our lives,
 where we struggle with sickness and distress,
 and set us free to serve you for ever.
 Maranatha:
- All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- Minister Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.
 We remember ...
 Give us with all the faithful departed
 a share in your victory over evil and death.
 Maranatha:
- All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Minister Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.
Lift us up to meet you,
that with [N and] all your saints and angels
we may live and reign with you in your new creation.
Maranatha:
All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Silence is kept.

Minister Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven,
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.
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 Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All **Amen.**

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 Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. Amen.
Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

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

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**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

O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Anthem

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
get thee up into the high mountain;
O thou that tellest good tidings to
Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength;
lift it up, be not afraid;
say unto the cities of Judah:
Behold your God! Arise, shine,
for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

G F Handel (1685-1759)

Isaiah 40. 9, 60. 1

Prayer after Communion

President Father in heaven,
 who sent your Son to redeem the world
 and will send him again to be our judge:
 give us grace so to imitate him
 in the humility and purity of his first coming
 that, when he comes again,
 we may be ready to greet him
 with joyful love and firm faith;
 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 May God himself, the God of peace,
 make you perfect and holy,
 and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
 for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 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

Prélude, Symphony No 4, Op 32

Louis Vierne

Weekly Notices
6 December 2020
Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 6 December

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Monday 7 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Tuesday 8 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

5.30pm Choral Evensong (live on Facebook)

Wednesday 9 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

1.10pm Holy Communion

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Thursday 10 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 11 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Saturday 12 December

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Sunday 13 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!

Please join us live on Facebook after Evening Prayer from 5.15pm to 6pm:
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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.

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