

The Eucharist



Sunday 17 January, 10.30am

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

President: The Rev'd Steven Hilton

Preacher: The Ven David Sharples

Communion Service (John Merbecke)

Thursday 14 January 2021, 1000hrs
A statement by The Dean of Manchester

“Given the continued severity of the transmission of the virus at present, further changes have been made to our public worship. Sadly, all public worship is now suspended with immediate effect.

“We remain open for private prayer during each day but worshippers will now need to join us live on Facebook for our services.

“As ever, we continue our prayer for an end to the pandemic and for the NHS, as we remember those who are unwell and for those who are bereaved. May the Holy Spirit of God bring healing and comfort in these difficult times. May God grant us mercy and love.”

The Very Rev'd Rogers Govender MBE
Dean of Manchester

Further details

- All services continue to be livestreamed on Facebook. Please join us there.
- All services are now closed to the public. Please do not attend Manchester Cathedral for worship.
- Choral Evensong will not take place and is replaced by Evening Prayer at 4.30pm.
- Our mid-week Holy Communion on Wednesdays is suspended until the end of the national lockdown.
- Manchester Cathedral remains open for private prayer and, if you choose to come, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.
- Leisure/tourism visits are not permitted.
- Our staff and clergy will work from home wherever possible.
- Although we remain open for private prayer, please consider carefully whether attending Manchester Cathedral is the right decision during the national lockdown.

A Prayer for an end to the Pandemic

Most Merciful God, we pray for our world
and for an end to the pandemic.
Bless all health care workers and our NHS,
Give strength and skill to all who tend the sick and dying;
May all people know your peace and love
that leads to eternity in Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

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.

Sundays of Christmas and Epiphany

The celebration of Christ's incarnation at Christmas celebrates the wonderful mystery of God's dwelling among us in the fullness of humanity, as Emmanuel, foretold by the prophets and born of Mary. Christmas is much more than simply the celebration of Jesus' birth, although it is Christ's nativity that has provided the occasion for this festival of the incarnation, since the end of the third century. We recall, amid all the joyful customs and celebrations of Christmas, this central truth of the Word made flesh for our salvation.

In the Western churches, the Epiphany ('manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. In the Eastern churches, the Epiphany is, rather, the celebration of Christ's baptism at the hands of John, when the heavens were opened and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son. The miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory', follows immediately. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity also falls during Epiphany.

The Christmas season in the Common Worship calendar lasts for a full forty days, including Epiphany and ending with the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) on 2 February.

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.



Hearing-loop

The Cathedral has a hearing-loop.
Please set your hearing aid to setting T.

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.

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.

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.

Derrick May retirement

The Head Verger, Derrick May, is retiring at the end of January. Derrick has served the Cathedral for over 38 years and has been Head Verger for the last five. There will be a formal farewell to him on Sunday 31st January at which we will present him with a leaving gift from the Congregation.

Members of the Congregation can contribute to this:

- in cash which can be given to me via Gareth, William or Elaine.
- by cheque payable to Graham Curtis and posted to me at the Cathedral or if you prefer to use Bank transfer, please email me via wardens@manchestercathedral.org for details.

Graham Curtis

Today's Service

President

The Rev'd Steven Hilton

Preacher

The Ven David Sharples

Musician

The Cantor is Philip O'Connor, Lay Clerk.

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

Music before the service

Intermezzo, Sonata No 8 in E minor

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

The Gathering

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.

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 By the mercies of God,
let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to him,
which is our spiritual worship.

Silence is kept

Deacon You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself
and cleanse you from all your sins,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

Gloria in excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

President Almighty God,
 in Christ you make all things new:
 transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
 and in the renewal of our lives
 make known your heavenly glory;
 through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Revelation 5. 1-10

A reading from Revelation

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne.

When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

"You are worthy to take the scroll
 and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
 saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.”

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139. 1-9

sung by the Cantor

O Lord, thou hast searched me out and known me: thou knowest my
down-sitting and mine up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts long
before.

Thou art about my path, and about my bed: and spiest out all my ways.
For lo, there is not a word in my tongue: but thou, O Lord, knowest it
altogether.

Thou hast fashioned me behind and before: and laid thine hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: I cannot attain unto it.
Whither shall I go then from thy Spirit: or whither shall I go then from thy
presence?

If I climb up into heaven, thou art there: if I go down to hell, thou art there
also.

If I take the wings of the morning: and remain in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Even there also shall thy hand lead me: and thy right hand shall hold me.

Please stand

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

John I. 43-end

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?

You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Ven David Sharples

After the sermon silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

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 We pray that Christ may be seen in the life of the Church.

You have called us into the family
of those who are the children of God.
May our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ
be strengthened by your grace.

All Jesus, Lord of the Church
in your mercy hear us.

Minister You have called us to be a temple
where the Holy Spirit can dwell.
Give us clean hands and pure hearts
so that our lives will reflect your holiness
Jesus, Lord of the Church

All **in your mercy hear us.**

Minister You have called us to be a light to the world,
so that those in darkness come to you.
May our lives shine as a witness
to the saving grace you have given for all.
Jesus, Lord of the Church

All **in your mercy hear us.**

Minister You have called us to be members of your body,
so that when one suffers, all suffer together.
We ask for your comfort and healing power
to bring hope to those in distress.

All **Jesus, Lord of the Church
in your mercy hear us.**

Minister You have called us to be the Bride,
where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom.
Prepare us for the wedding feast,
where we will be united with you for ever.

All **Jesus, Lord of the Church
in your mercy hear us.**

Minister Jesus, Lord of the Church
you have called us into fellowship with all your saints.
We unite our prayers with theirs
and ask for grace to serve you with you
where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for all eternity.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.
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 Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise
of Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation.

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 All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.
In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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

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

I believe that you, O Jesus, are in the most holy Sacrament. I love you and desire you. Come into my heart. I embrace you. Never leave me. May the burning and most sweet power of your love, O Lord Jesus Christ. I beseech you, absorb my mind that I may die through love of your love, who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love.

Prayer of St Francis

The President receives communion and then says:

All The body of Christ
Amen.

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During the administration of communion, the Cantor 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

Drei Könige wandern aus Morgenland;
Ein Sternlein führt sie zum Jordanstrand.
In Juda fragen und forschen die drei,
Wo der neugeborene König sei?
Sie wollen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold
Dem Kinde spenden zum Opfersold.

Und hell erglänzet des Sternes Schein:
Zum Stalle gehen die Kön'ge ein;
Das Knäblein schau'n sie wönniglich,
Anbetend neigen die Könige sich;
Sie bringen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold
Zum Opfer dar dem Knäblein hold.

O Menschenkind! halte treulich Schritt!
Die Kön'ge wandern, o wandre mit!
Der Stern der Liebe, der Gnade Stern
Erhelle dein Ziel, so du suchst den Herrn,
Und fehlen Weihrauch, Myrrhen und Gold,
Schenke dein Herz dem Knäblein hold!

*Three Kings from Persian lands afar
to Jordan follow the pointing star:
and this the quest of the travellers three,
where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
the kings to Bethlehem make their way,
and there in worship they bend the knee,
as Mary's child in her lap they see;
their royal gifts they show to the King;
gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.*

*Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
the Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
offer thy heart to the infant King.*

Prayer after Communion

President God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of 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 our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
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

Introduction and Fugue, Sonata No 8 in E minor

Josef Rheinberger

Weekly Notices

17 January 2021

Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 17 January - The Second Sunday of Epiphany

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Monday 18 January

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

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Tuesday 19 January

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Wednesday 20 January

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Thursday 21 January

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Friday 22 January

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Saturday 23 January

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Sunday 24 January - The Third Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am Eucharist (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

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