

# **The Civic Service**

*In the presence  
of*

The Right Worshipful,  
The Lord Mayor of the  
City of Manchester  
Councillor Tommy Judge

Sunday 6 June 2021  
11am

## **Welcome to Manchester Cathedral**

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.

### **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.

### **COVID SAFE**

It is not only numbers which are limited in order for today's service to be "Covid secure". For instance, there can be no singing. Those attending are also required to observe the following:

- face masks are to be worn at all times;
- hand sanitiser is made available to be used on arrival and departure;
- the congregation must remain seated in their allocated places;
- all direct interaction is to be avoided with those not in your household or bubble, maintaining social distance;
- the congregation should leave directly after the service, maintaining a two-metre distance and without interacting with others inside or outside, taking this order of service with them;
- we are recording attendee contact information to assist with NHS Test and Trace.

## Musicians

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

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

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available.

## Order of Service

### Music before the service

Allegro comodo

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

*All stand as a fanfare is sounded and the Lord Mayor's Procession enters the Cathedral.*

*Please refrain from singing*

### Hymn

sung by the Choir

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,  
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,  
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,  
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness  
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:  
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,  
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,  
He will accept for the name that is dear;  
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,  
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!  
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;  
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,  
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Was Lebet NEH 52

*Melody from the Rheinhardt MS 1754*

J S B Monsell (1811-75)

All sit

## The Welcome and Gathering

The Dean

*The Dean welcomes the congregation to the service and invites the Lord Mayor to move to the platform; welcomers stand in the aisle.*

*The Lord Mayor is greeted by representatives of Manchester's faith communities.*

Rev'd Charles Kwaku-Odoi DL on behalf of the Christian community

Mr Russell Conn on behalf of the Jewish community

Dr Sinha on behalf of the Hindu community

Ms Irene Chan representing Venerable Miao Di on behalf of the Buddhist Community

Mr Yusuf Tai MBE on behalf of the Muslim community

Mr Suresh Mehta on behalf of the Jain Community

*The Lord Mayor is greeted with applause.*

*The Lord Mayor moves to his place in the Nave and those who have welcomed him withdraw.*

Dean            We meet in the presence of God  
to praise him for his goodness to us,  
both now and in the past;  
to pray for his blessing upon our city;  
to affirm all that is good here;  
to seek forgiveness for whatever is amiss  
and to ask that our lives and our community  
may be transformed and renewed  
in the service of all our people.

For the life we share in this city;  
for the laws which protect us and guard our freedom;  
for the courtesies which enhance our lives  
and the friendships which support us:  
let us bless the Lord.

All            **May God be praised.**

For men and women of principle and courage;  
for those whose vigilance protects our freedom  
and whose protest guards our corporate conscience:  
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

For those who support charities and hospitals,  
places of learning and libraries in this city:  
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

For those who by their enterprise and efforts  
have created employment and enhanced our environment:  
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

For the great diversity of peoples and races who have  
enriched the life of the community in succeeding generations:  
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

For those who look to the living God as their inspiration,  
whose presence and example  
have enhanced our corporate life,  
and strengthened love, truth, peace and justice in our midst:  
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

For those who, from a variety of faiths and beliefs,  
have endeavoured to influence the life of this city  
in order that we may understand our differences  
and share our common convictions:  
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for you have called us to  
live in this city of Manchester.

Lead us to journey as citizens of heaven,  
that we may come at the last to that city with eternal  
foundations, where you live and reign for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

*Please remain seated and refrain from singing*

## Hymn

sung by the Choir

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight.  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.

*Jerusalem* NEH 488

*C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918)*

*William Blake (1757-1827)*

## First Reading

Read by Elizabeth Hill

### A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 65.17-end

For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice for ever  
in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a  
youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered  
accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labour in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Here ends the first reading.

## **Jubilate Deo**

sung by the Choir

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and  
come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we  
ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with  
praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth  
from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father: and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen.

## Second Reading

Read by Councillor Sarah Judge

### A reading from Philippians

Philippians 2:3-7

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Here ends the second reading.

### Address

Paul Vallely CMG  
Ecumenical Canon of Manchester Cathedral

*Please remain seated*

### Anthem

sung by the Choir

Ave Maria, gratia plena.  
Dominus tecum.  
Benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesu  
Sancta Maria,  
Ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
Ora, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
Nunc et in hora mortis nostrae  
Amen.

*Hail Mary, full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Pray for us sinners,  
Now, and at the hour of our death,  
Amen.*

*J S Bach (1797-1828)*

*The Angelic Salutation*

*Charles Gounod (1818-93)*

### The Prayers

Canon Márcia Wall

Minister Let us pray to God for our City and for all those who work for the common good.

For all elected members of the City Council, for their staffs and for all who work in public services in Manchester:

Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who serve the community  
in the maintenance of law and order,  
and for the magistrates:

Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who guard our liberty, and for all who serve  
our democracy within the political parties:

Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who seek peace and guard it,  
and for all who strive to reconcile the tensions  
and injustices in our society:

Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the many who minister  
to others in voluntary organisations;  
for all who serve society in hidden, unobtrusive ways:

Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For ourselves, that we may rededicate our lives  
to the service of the common good,  
and to the renewal of our society in justice, and peace,  
in care and respect for all:

Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Minister Eternal God, our heavenly Father,  
you have given to your servants an abiding citizenship  
in heaven and, in the days of our pilgrimage,  
a citizenship also upon earth;  
help us, as we journey through life,  
faithfully to discharge the responsibilities which fall to us,  
that by your grace, we may, at the last,  
enter into the life and joy of that heavenly City,  
of which you are the builder and maker.

All **Amen.**

We gather together our prayers and praises in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples:

All

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Please remain seated and refrain from singing*

**Hymn**

sung by the Choir

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

*Thaxted CP 355*  
*adapted from The Planets*  
*Gustav Holst (1874-1934)*

*Cecil Spring-Rice (1859-1918)*

## The Civic Prayer

led by Oliver Pitman

Leader Let us pray for our city of Manchester and for ourselves

All **Grant us, O God,  
a vision of our city, fair as she might be;  
a city of justice, where none shall prey on others;  
a city of plenty, where poverty shall cease;  
a city in community,  
where success shall be founded on service,  
and honour be given to worth alone;  
a city of peace, where order shall not rest on force,  
but on mutual respect.  
Send us out, O God, from this place,  
in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*Please stand*

## The Blessing

The Bishop

God bless Manchester  
and make her people strong in faith,  
steadfast in hope and generous in charity;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

## The National Anthem

sung by the Choir

*The National Anthem is heralded by a fanfare. Please refrain from singing.*

God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save The Queen!

Thy choicest gifts in store,  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save The Queen!

*Origin obscure. Popularised 1745 by the setting  
by Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-78)*

*Anon*

### **Music after the service**

Imperial March, Op 32

*Edward Elgar (1857-1934)  
arr George Martin (1844-1916)*

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TAKING YOUR ORDER OF SERVICE WITH YOU.  
THANK YOU**

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