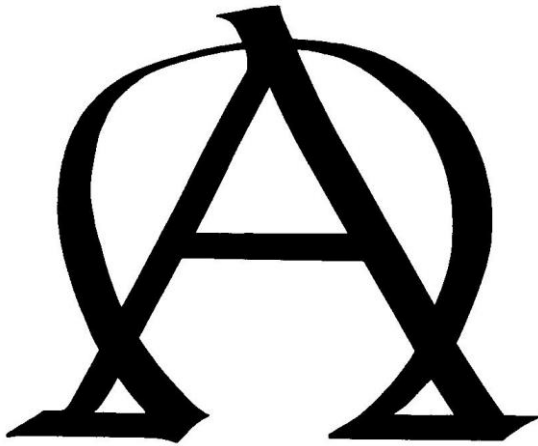


Sung Eucharist



2nd Sunday of Advent
10th December 2023
10.30 am

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John Shepherd

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.

Advent

Advent – from '*Adventus*' – focusses on the '*Coming*' of Christ, both in his incarnation but also in his final advent as judge at the end of time. It challenges our modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement: 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.

The foundational Advent prayer shared by all Christian traditions is '*Maranatha*' – '*Our Lord, come*'.

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.

Live streaming

Most acts of worship in Manchester Cathedral are live streamed. Although cameras are focused on those leading worship, please be aware that your image may be inadvertently captured and streamed. If you would like further information on the position of the camera at a particular act of worship, please ask Cathedral Staff upon arrival.

Photography

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

Gift Aid

During the service there will be a collection for the mission and aims of the Cathedral. If you would like the Cathedral to reclaim the tax that you have paid on the donation, at no cost to yourself, please use the Gift Aid envelope that is with this order of service.



Alternatively, please donate using this QR Code:



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.

Receiving Holy Communion

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 - simply bow your head when you come up so the Eucharistic Minister will know.

If you require a gluten free communion wafer please inform a steward before the service. Please note that the wine may contain traces of gluten.

Communicants are asked not to dip communion wafers into the wine.

Musicians

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

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

President

Canon Nigel Ashworth

Preacher

The Revd Grace Thomas

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available

Music Before the Service

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland [*Now come, Saviour of the Nations*]
Andreas Nikolaus Vetter (1666-1734)

Gathering

Please stand

The Processional Hymn

Awake, awake: fling off the night!
for God has sent his glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must work of darkness put away.

Awake and rise, in Christ renewed,
and with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
and fruits of truth and goodness show.

Let in the light; all sin expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before his cross for guidance kneel;
his light will judge and, judging, heal.

Awake, and rise up from the dead,
and Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
and your whole nature fill with joy.

Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Deus tuorum militum CP 334
Grenoble church melody
Harmonised by Michael Fleming (1928-2006)

J R Peacey (1896-1971)
based on Ephesians 5.6-20

The Greeting

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

All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome are said.

The Advent Wreath

Each Sunday in the season we mark those who prepared for Christ's coming. The second candle recalls the Prophets. After the candle is lit the following prayer is said

President Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets,
but in our days you speak through your Son,
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light,
that we may be found ready and watching
when he comes again in glory and judgement;
for you are our light and our salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Prayers of Penitence

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.

cf 1 Corinthians 4.5

All **God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

President May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit.
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

sung by the Choir

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

Please remain standing

The Collect

The president leads the people in prayer and says 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.**

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 40.1-11

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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 for ever. 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 the reader says

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

Psalm 85.1-2, 8-13 *Benedixisti, Domine* sung by the Choir

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land:
thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people:
and covered all their sins.

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.

Book of Common Prayer

Second Reading

2 Peter 3.8-15a

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter:

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 the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gradual Hymn

The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.

Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.

Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shall by right
the nations all possess.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All



Please sit

The Sermon

The Dean

The sermon is followed by a time of silence for reflection. Please stand for the Creed

The Nicene Creed

All

**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.**

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of intercession incorporate this response

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The prayers conclude with this prayer

Kindle, O Lord, in our hearts we pray,
the flame of that love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us and give light to others.
May we shine for ever in your temple,
set on fire with that eternal light of yours,
which puts to flight the darkness of this world;
in the name of Jesus Christ you Son our Lord.

St Columba

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

President May the God of peace make you completely holy,
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *cf 1 Thessalonians 5.23*

All The peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Offertory Hymn

During the hymn, a collection for the Cathedral will be taken. Please use the Gift Aid envelope or, alternatively, please donate using the QR Code found on page 2.

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed, God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

*Hanover CP 581
'A Supplement to the New Version' 1708*

Byrn Rees (1911-1983)

The president takes 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, it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because when he humbled himself
to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed long ago
and opened for us the way of salvation.
So now we watch for the day,
knowing that the salvation promised us will be ours
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

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

President Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith:

All

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All

**Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated

The Lord's Prayer

Please say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice

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

The president breaks the consecrated bread and says

President Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Communion

The invitation to Communion is said

President God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

This prayer is offered for all who join the service online

Heavenly Father, source of all life!
Send us your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize
and grow in the love of Christ present in the Eucharist,
who handed himself over for us. Amen.

Prayer of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, 2021

*The president and people receive communion. Authorized words of distribution are used
and the communicant replies*

Amen.

Members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please keep your hands down.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (that is in both elements of bread and wine). If you prefer, continuing to receive only bread is also permitted. Consecrated bread must not be intincted (dipped) in the wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the administration points by the nave platform.

Please follow the directions of the stewards.

Agnus Dei

sung by the Choir

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world
have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world
grant us peace.

Anthem

sung by the Choir

Audivi vocem de caelo venientem:
venite omnes virgines sapientissime;
oleum recondite in vasis
estris 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.

Jeremiah 40.10, Matthew 25.6

Thomas Tallis (c1505-1585)

A period of reflection is held. Please stand if you can as the president approaches the Altar

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 **Fill us, good Lord,
 with your Spirit of love;
 and as you have fed us
 with the one bread of heaven,
 so make us one in heart and mind,
 in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn

Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
freely love and pardon.
 Ring bells, ring, ring, ring!
 Sing choirs, sing, sing sing!
 When he comes, when he comes,
 who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.
 Ring...

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
till the time expected
nurtured and protected.

Ring..

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring..

We will make him welcome!

Personent hodie NEH 10
Melody fromm 'Piae Cantiones' 1582

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)

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.**

The Sending Out

Deacon As we await our coming Saviour,
let us go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Music after the Service

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

*Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the music,
readings and prayers, and as a reminder of your visit.*

*Refreshments are usually served after the service;
everyone is invited to stay.*

Farewell to Canon Marcia Wall

We are delighted to announce that Canon Marcia will be with us for the 10.30 am service next Sunday, December 17th.

Christmas Day Special Arrangements

The Sung Eucharist in the morning will be broadcast live on BBC1 from the Cathedral. This means that we will have a number of special arrangements in place:

The Service will commence at **10.15 am**.

Doors will be open from 8.45 am and congregation members attending the service are asked to arrive early to be welcomed and pass through security ready to be seated **by 9.30 am**.

For security reasons we will not be able to admit those who arrive after this time.

Kindly note: Large bags will not be permitted into the Cathedral. Please do not bring a bag larger than A4 paper.

Canon Wray's Sock Appeal

One of Manchester Cathedral's famous sons was Canon Wray. In the 19th Century he launched a charity to provide socks for the poor in cold weather. We still need your help – but also for hats and gloves.

Any items in new condition are welcomed. The results will be given to the Booth Centre. Please help if you can. We are delighted to announce that Canon Marcia will be with us for the 10.30 am service next Sunday, December 17th.

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Christmas Services 2023 at Manchester Cathedral

Christmas Carol Sing-along
Saturday 16 December, 12.15 pm.

**A Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols**
Friday 22 December, 7.30 pm
with The Bishop of Bolton.

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sung Eucharist**
Sunday 24 December, 10.30 am.

Blessing of the Crib
Christmas Eve, 1.00 pm.

Midnight Mass
Christmas Eve, 11.30 pm
with The Bishop of Middleton.
(Incense will be used at this service)

Christmas Day Sung Eucharist
Live BBC1 Broadcast
Christmas Day, 10.00 am
with The Bishop of Manchester.
(Incense will be used at this service)

The First Sunday of Christmas
The Holy Eucharist
Sunday 31 December, 10.30 am.

The Epiphany
Sunday 7 January 2024, 10.30 am.

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Family Carols

Saturday 16 December
2023

7.30 pm

Manchester Cathedral Voluntary Choir

Geoffrey Woollatt, Director

Christopher Stokes, Organ

Tickets £10 (£8)
(includes a glass of wine & mince pie)



Services this Week

for other Advent events please see the Cathedral website:
www.manchestercathedral.org

Sunday 10th December

5.30 am Choral Evensong

Monday 11th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 12th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 13th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 14th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Friday 15th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 16th December

9.00 am Morning Prayer

followed by Holy Communion

12.15 pm Christmas Carol Sing-a-long

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

7.30 pm Family Carols

Sunday 17th December *3rd in Advent*

8.45 am Matins followed by Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

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