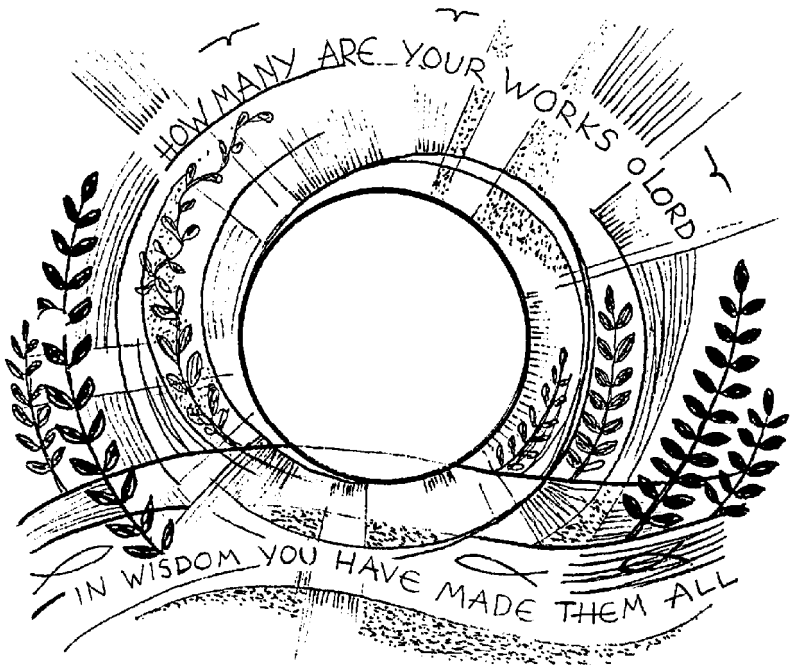


# The Eucharist



**Sunday 27 September, 10.30am**  
**Harvest Festival**

**President - Canon Márcia Wall**  
**Preacher - The Ven David Sharples**

## **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.

### **Trinity**

From the Monday after the Day of Pentecost the Church returns to 'Ordinary Time', except for the Sunday after Pentecost when we celebrate Trinity Sunday. This is the great festival of the Godhead, revealed as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We pray that you will be blessed through participation in our worship.

### **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.



### **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.

### **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 Márcia Wall

#### **Preacher**

The Ven David Sharples

#### **Musicians**

The organ is played by Mr Christopher Stokes,  
Organist and Master of the Choristers.  
The Cantor is Mr Philip O'Connor, Lay Clerk.

**Large-print** copies of this booklet are also available.

**PLEASE STAND WHEN DIRECTED OTHERWISE PLEASE  
REMAIN SEATED**

**Music before the service**

Andante, Sonata 6 in D minor

*Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)*

**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.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

Deacon Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,  
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources  
of the world.

*Silence is kept*

God has blessed us,  
but still God's children go hungry.  
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon God has blessed us,  
but still the poor cry out for justice.  
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon God has blessed us,  
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.  
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

*Silence is kept*

President Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Please stand*

### **Gloria in excelsis**

**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.**

*Please sit*

## **The Collect**

President    Eternal God,  
                  you crown the year with your goodness  
                  and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
                  grant that we may use them to your glory,  
                  for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
                  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.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **First Reading**

*2 Corinthians 9.6-end*

### **A reading from 2 Corinthians**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*At the end of the reading*

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

**Psalm 65**

sung by the Cantor

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation: thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea: and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens: thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness. They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness: and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Reading**

*Luke 12.16-30*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke*.

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

Then Jesus told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear.

For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?

Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.



*At the end of the reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please sit*

**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            Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world  
and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

God, the beginning and end of all things, in your providence  
and care you watch unceasingly over all creation; we offer our  
prayers that in us and in all your people your will may be done,  
according to your wise and loving purpose in Christ our Lord.  
Lord of all life:

All                    **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life;  
for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers, distributors  
and company boards; as you have so ordered our life that we  
depend upon each other, enable us by your grace to seek the  
well-being of others before our own.

Lord of all creation:

All                    **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all engaged in research to safeguard crops against disease, and to produce abundant life among those who hunger and whose lives are at risk.

Prosper the work of their hands  
and the searching of their minds,  
that their labour may be for the welfare of all.

Lord of all wisdom:

All **hear our prayer.**

We pray for governments and aid agencies,  
and those areas of the world where there is disaster,  
drought and starvation.

By the grace of your Spirit,  
touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in  
comfortable plenty,  
and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord of all justice:

All **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are ill,  
remembering those in hospital and nursing homes  
and all who are known to us.

We pray for all who care for them.

Give skill and understanding  
to all who work for their well-being.

Lord of all compassion:

All **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died,  
whom we entrust to your eternal love  
in the hope of resurrection to new life.

Lord of all peace:

All **hear our prayer.**

We offer ourselves to your service,  
asking that by the Spirit at work in us  
others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace.

Lord of all faithfulness:

All **hear our prayer.**

God of grace,  
as you are ever at work in your creation,  
so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us  
and in all for whom we pray,  
that with them and in all that you have made,  
your glory may be revealed  
and the whole earth give praise to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### *Coronavirus Information*

*Following advice issued by the Church of England, in order to minimise the spread of infection we ask that you do not shake hands during the Peace.*

### **The Peace**

President      The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control.

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      Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you bring forth bread from the earth.

All

**Blessed be God for ever.**

President      Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you create the fruit of the vine.

All

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

President      The Lord be with you.

All

**And also with you.**

President      Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

President

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.  
And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing  
Sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name.  
for ever praising you and singing:

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.

*John Merbecke (1510 - 85)*

President

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Deacon  
All

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

President

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.  
Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Denys,  
St George, and all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

President

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**Please bring your offering with you and place it in the collection tray  
as you come up for communion. Online worshipers offering via this  
link <https://www.manchestercathedral.org/get-involved/donate/>  
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.**

**Following advice issued by the Church of England, in order to  
minimise the spread of infection, communicants will receive only the  
bread at communion which will be placed on your hands.**

### **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*

*During the administration of communion, the Cantor sings the Agnus Dei and an 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.

*John Merbecke*

## **Anthem**

'If with all your hearts ye truly seek Me,  
ye shall ever surely find Me.' Thus saith our God.  
Oh! that I knew where I might find Him,  
that I might even come before His presence!

*Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy*

*Deuteronomy 4:29; Job 23:3; Jeremiah 29:13*

## **Prayer after Communion**

President      Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give  
us and make us generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
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                    God the Father, who created the world,  
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.  
All                                   **Amen.**

President                    God the Son, who redeemed the world,  
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.  
All                                   **Amen.**

President                    God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of  
creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.  
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**

Chanson de Matin

*Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

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ORDER OF SERVICE WITH YOU. THANK YOU.**

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