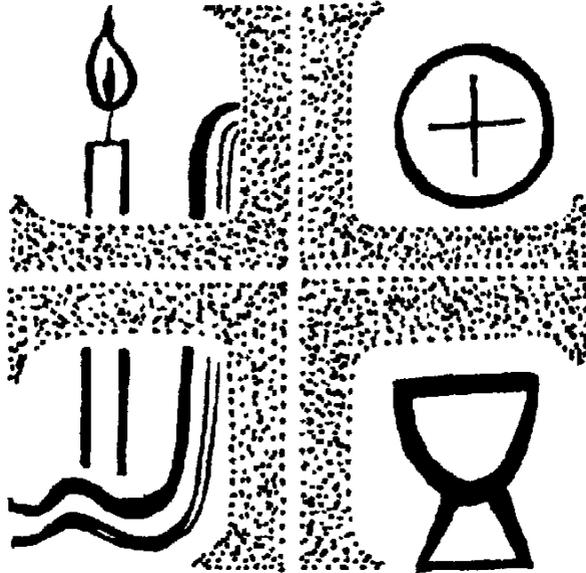


# The Eucharist



**Sunday 27 December, 10.30am**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas**

**President & Preacher:**

**The Rt Rev'd Mark Davies,  
Bishop of Middleton**

## **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.

## **Today's Service**

### **President & Preacher**

The Rt Rev'd Mark Davies, Bishop of Middleton

### **Musician**

The organ is played by  
Christopher Stokes, Organist & Master of the Choristers

## **Music before the service**

Seasonal Chorale Preludes  
from Das Orgelbüchlein

*J S Bach (1685-1750)*

# 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 Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:  
'You shall call his name Jesus,  
for he will save his people from their sins.'  
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God  
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

*Silence is kept*

God our Father,  
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:  
forgive our failure to receive him.  
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,  
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:  
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of Love,  
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:  
forgive the hardness of our hearts.  
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,  
                  who wonderfully created us in your own image  
                  and yet more wonderfully restored us  
                  through your Son Jesus Christ:  
                  grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,  
                  so we may share the life of his divinity;  
                  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**

I John. I

#### **A reading from I John**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one

another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

*At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 117**

All **Alleluia.**

1 O praise the Lord, all you nations;  
praise him, all you peoples.

2 **For great is his steadfast love towards us,  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.**

All **Alleluia.**

*Please stand*

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,  
and we have seen his glory.

All **Alleluia.**

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

All **Glorify to you O Lord.**

John 21. 19b - end

After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!" So the rumor spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

*At the end of the reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

The Rt Rev'd Mark Davies  
Bishop of Middleton

*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.

*Please be seated*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Minister      Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

Christ, born in a stable,  
give courage to all who are homeless.  
Jesus, Saviour,

All              **hear our prayer.**

Minister      Christ, for whom the angels sang,  
give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.  
Jesus, Saviour,

All              **hear our prayer.**

Minister      Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,  
give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.  
Jesus, Saviour,

All              **hear our prayer.**

Minister      Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,  
give humility and wisdom to all who govern.

All Jesus, Saviour,  
**hear our prayer.**

Minister Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,  
give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.  
Jesus, Saviour,

All **hear our prayer.**

All **Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary,  
you know us and love us,  
you share our lives  
and hear our prayer.  
Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

President Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,  
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. 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 Word made flesh, life of the world,  
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:  
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

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 glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty creator, ever-living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,  
and was born of the Virgin Mary  
by the power of your Spirit,  
and lived as one of us.  
In this mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.  
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:

All        **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes 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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### **Prayer after Communion**

President Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:  
help your Church to live as one family,  
united in love and obedience,  
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;  
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     Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one  
                  things earthly and heavenly,  
                  fill you with peace and goodwill  
                  and make you partakers of the divine nature;  
                  and the blessing of God almighty,  
                  the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
                  be among you and remain with you always.

All           **Amen.**

President     Go in the peace of Christ.

All           **Thanks be to God.**

### **Music after the service**

Toccata giocosa

*William Mathias (1934-92)*

**Weekly Notices**  
**27 December 2020**  
**Upcoming Special Events and Services**

**Sunday 27 December - The First Sunday of Christmas**

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

**Monday 28 December**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

**Tuesday 29 December**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

**Wednesday 30 December**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

1.10pm Holy Communion (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

**Thursday 31 December**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

**Friday 1 January**

11am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

3.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

**Saturday 2 January**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

**Sunday 3 January - The Epiphany**

10.30am Eucharist (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

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