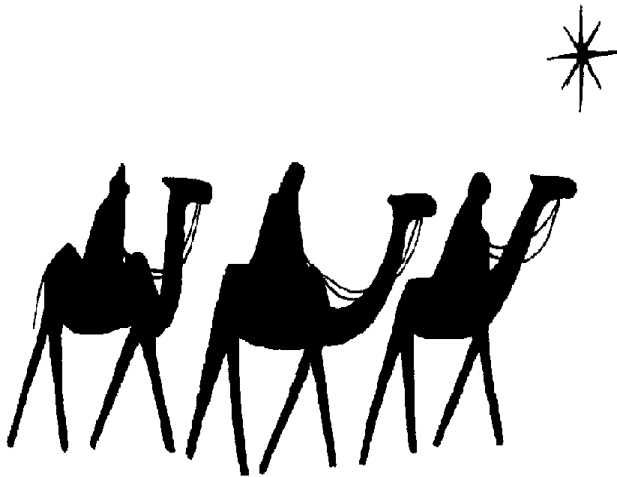


The Eucharist



Sunday 3 January, 10.30am

The Epiphany

President: The Rev'd Steven Hilton

Preacher: Canon Dr David Holgate

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

The Rev'd Steven Hilton

Preacher

Canon Dr David Holgate

Musician

The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist

Music before the service

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

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 The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept

President God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President May your ways be known on the earth,
 your saving power among the nations:
 Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

President You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
 and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
 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 O God,
 who by the leading of a star
 manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
 mercifully grant that we,
 who know you now by faith,
 may at last behold your glory face to face;
 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

Ephesians 3. 1-12

A reading from Ephesians

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

At the end of the reading

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

Psalm 72. 1, 10-13

All **The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.**

I Give the king your judgements, O God,
and your righteousness to the son of a king.

**10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.**

11 All kings shall fall down before him;
all nations shall do him service.

**12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.**

13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

All **The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice.**

Please stand

Gospel Reading

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you O Lord.

Matthew 2. 1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

“Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

Please be seated

Sermon

Canon Dr David Holgate

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 worship the Saviour with joy
and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

The magi came from the east to worship your Son:
Father, grant to Christians everywhere
the spirit of adoration.

Lord of glory,
All **hear our prayer.**

Minister The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh:
Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds
at the beginning of this year.

Lord of glory,
All **hear our prayer.**

Minister The kingdoms of this world have become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ:
Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world.

All Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

Minister The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death:
Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless,
and all who suffer, including ...

All Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

Minister Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth:
Father, protect in your love our neighbours,
our families and this community of which we are a part.

All Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

President Father, we rejoice in our fellowship
with the shepherds, the angels, the magi,
the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph
and all the faithful departed.
In your unfailing love for us and for all people,
hear and answer our prayers through your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

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

Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine

President Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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:

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
All

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**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 Lord God,
 the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
 may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
 discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
 the Word made flesh, 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 the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
 and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;
 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

Marche des Rois Mages

Théodore Dubois (1837-1924)

Weekly Notices

3 January 2021

Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 3 January - The Epiphany

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Monday 4 January

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Tuesday 5 January

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Wednesday 6 January

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

1.10pm Holy Communion

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Thursday 7 January

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Friday 8 January

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Saturday 9 January

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook)

Sunday 10 January - The Baptism of Christ

10.30am Eucharist (live on Facebook)

5.30pm Evensong (live on Facebook)

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