

# The Eucharist



**Sunday 10 January, 10.30am**

**The Baptism of Christ**

**President: Canon Dr David Holgate**

**Preacher: The Dean**

**Tuesday 5 January 2021, 1500hrs.**

**A statement by The Dean of Manchester**

“Given the severity of the transmission of the virus at present, we have made changes to our public worship pattern. All our services, except The Eucharist on Sundays at 10.30am, will now be held without a congregation present in Manchester Cathedral.

“We remain open for private prayer during each day but we encourage everyone, where possible, to join us for all public worship live on Facebook.

“These immediate changes are a small contribution towards reducing the movement of people in our city region in the hope of reducing the transmission of the virus. We continue our prayer for an end to the pandemic and for the NHS, as we remember those who are unwell and for those who are bereaved. May the Holy Spirit of God bring healing and comfort in these difficult times. May God grant us mercy and love.”

The Very Rev'd Rogers Govender MBE  
Dean of Manchester

## Further details

- All services continue to be livestreamed on Facebook. Where possible, please join us there.
- All services, except Sunday morning, are now closed to the public. Please do not attend Manchester Cathedral for worship except on Sunday mornings.
- Choral Evensong will take place only on Wednesdays at 5.30pm live on Facebook and without a physical congregation present. Choral Evensong on Sundays now reverts to Evening Prayer at 4.30pm without a congregation.
- Our mid-week Holy Communion on Wednesdays is suspended until the end of the national lockdown.
- Manchester Cathedral remains open for private prayer and, if you choose to come, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. Leisure/tourism visits are not permitted.
- Our staff and clergy will work from home wherever possible.
- Although we remain open for private prayer and for in-person worship on Sunday mornings, please consider carefully whether attending Manchester Cathedral is the right decision during the national lockdown.

## **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.

## **Derrick May retirement**

The Head Verger, Derrick May, is retiring at the end of January. Derrick has served the Cathedral for over 38 years and has been Head Verger for the last five. There will be a formal farewell to him on Sunday 31st January at which we will present him with a leaving gift from the Congregation.

Members of the Congregation can contribute to this:

- in cash which can be given to me via Gareth, William or Elaine
- by cheque payable to Graham Curtis and posted to me at the Cathedral or if you prefer to use Bank transfer, please email me for details.

*Graham Curtis*

## **Today's Service**

### **President**

Canon Dr David Holgate

### **Preacher**

The Dean

### **Musician**

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

## **Music before the service**

Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar, BWV 607

*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 Because God was merciful,  
he saved us through the water of rebirth  
and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit.  
But through sin we have fallen away from our baptism.  
Let us return to the Lord and renew our faith in his promises  
by confessing our sins in penitence.

*Silence is kept*

Deacon Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace:  
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:  
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Deacon Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh  
and splendour of the Father:  
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    Eternal Father,  
                  who at the baptism of Jesus  
                  revealed him to be your Son,  
                  anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
                  grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
                  that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
                  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

Acts 19. 1-7

### A reading from Acts

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

*At the end of the reading*

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

## Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare;  
in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'**
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 **The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Reading**

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

Mark 1. 4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*At the end of the reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **Sermon**

The Dean

*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 Jesus calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
Washed clean by the waters of baptism,  
let us pray that we may live the life to which he has called us.

Lord Jesus, eternal Word,  
proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner,  
hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word ...  
Lord of truth,

All **hear our prayer.**

Minister Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire,  
strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith ...  
Lord of truth,

All **hear our prayer.**

Minister Lord Jesus, bringing forgiveness to all who repent,  
teach your Church dependence on your grace ...  
Lord of truth,

All **hear our prayer.**

Minister Lord Jesus, fulfilment of the promises of old,  
give hope to all who suffer or are ignored ...  
Lord of truth,

All **hear our prayer.**

Minister Lord Jesus, beloved Son of the Father,  
anoint us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit ...  
Lord of truth,

All **hear our prayer.**

Minister Lord Jesus, bringer of hope,  
share with all the faithful the riches of eternal life ...  
Lord of truth,

All **hear our prayer.**

Minister Lord Jesus Christ,  
in you the Father makes us and all things new.  
Transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory.

All **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

President God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.  
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 Open the heavens, Holy Spirit,  
for us to see Jesus interceding for us;  
may we be willing to share his baptism,  
ready to share his cup  
and strengthened to serve him for ever

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 truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.  
You celebrated your new gift of baptism  
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.  
Your voice was heard from heaven  
to awaken faith in the presence among us  
of your Word made flesh.  
Your Spirit was seen as a dove,  
revealing Jesus as your servant,  
and anointing him with the oil of gladness  
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,  
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven  
for ever praising you and saying:

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 Lord of all time and eternity,  
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father  
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:  
by the power of your Spirit  
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth  
through the waters of the new creation;  
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 May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in you the image of his 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.**

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## Music after the service

Praeludium, F dur

*Diederich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

**Weekly Notices**  
**10 January 2021**  
**Upcoming Special Events and Services**

**Sunday 10 January - The Baptism of Christ**

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Monday 11 January**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Tuesday 12 January**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Wednesday 13 January**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

5.30pm Evensong (live on Facebook only)

**Thursday 14 January**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Friday 15 January**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Saturday 16 January**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Sunday 17 January**

10.30am Eucharist (live on Facebook)

5.30pm Evensong (live on Facebook only)

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