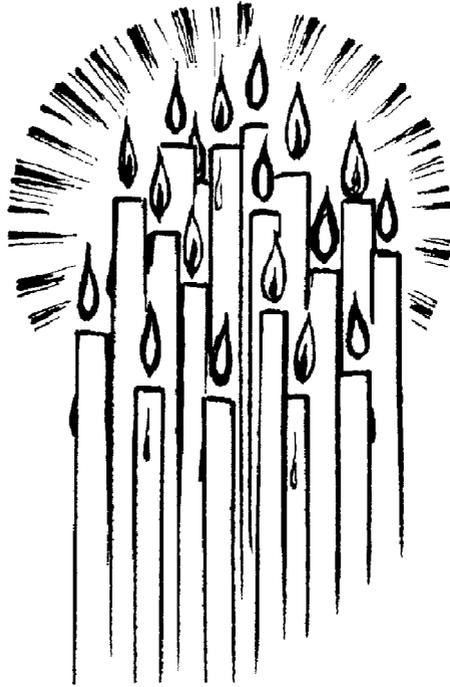


# The Eucharist



**Sunday 31 January, 10.30am**

**The Presentation of Christ  
in the Temple**

**President: The Dean**

**Preacher: The Rt Rev'd Dr David Walker,  
Bishop of Manchester**

*Communion Service (John Merbecke)*

## **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, retires today. Derrick has served the Cathedral for over 38 years and has been Head Verger for the last five. Members of the Congregation can still contribute to Derrick's retirement gift:

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 via [wardens@manchestercathedral.org](mailto:wardens@manchestercathedral.org) for details.

*Graham Curtis*

## **Today's Service**

### **President**

The Dean

### **Preacher**

The Rt Rev'd Dr David Walker  
Bishop of Manchester

### **Musicians**

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

## **Music before the service**

Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist

*Diederich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

# The Gathering

## The Greeting

President In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
All **Amen.**

President Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

*The President welcomes the congregation.*

Deacon Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:  
'I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness  
but shall have the light of life.'

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light  
and confess them in penitence and faith.

All **Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you and against our  
neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

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.

All **Amen.**

### **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 Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

*Silence is kept*

President Almighty and ever-living God,  
clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,  
in substance of our flesh:  
grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts,  
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the united of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

Revelation 12. 1-5a

### A reading from Revelation

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.

*At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 111

sung by the Cantor

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart: secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great: sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praised and had in honour: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath so done his marvellous works: that they ought to be had in remembrance.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he shall ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath shewed his people the power of his works: that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are verity and judgement: all his commandments are true.

They stand fast for ever and ever: and are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do thereafter; the praise of it endureth for ever.

## Gospel Reading

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

Luke 2. 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

*At the end of the reading*

All                    This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rt Rev’d Dr David Walker  
Bishop of Manchester

*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 pray to the Father through Christ who is our light and life.  
Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:  
look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.  
Lord, have mercy.
- All **Christ, have mercy.**
- Minister Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the world:  
look in mercy on the nations, who long for his justice.  
Lord, have mercy.
- All **Christ, have mercy.**
- Minister Father, your Christ, who was rich,  
for our sakes became poor:  
look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.  
Lord, have mercy.
- All **Christ, have mercy.**
- Minister Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants  
find their peace:  
look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation.  
Lord, have mercy.
- All **Christ, have mercy.**
- Minister Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected:  
Look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.  
Lord, have mercy.
- All **Christ, have mercy.**
- Minister Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,  
and showed them the infant King.  
Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises,  
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- All **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

President In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way 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 Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous;  
accept the gifts we bring before you  
and grant that Christ may shine in us  
to the praise and glory of your name.

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 and good,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.  
For on this day he appeared in the Temple  
in substance of our flesh  
to come near to us in judgement.  
He searches the hearts of all your people  
and brings to light the image of your splendour.  
Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the  
nations  
while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your redemption.

Destined for the falling and rising of many,  
he was lifted high upon the cross  
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart  
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.  
And now we rejoice and glorify your name  
that we, too, have seen your salvation  
and join with angels and archangels  
in their unending hymn of praise:

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 that cometh 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 Believing the promises of God,  
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 the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,  
light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

## The Giving of Communion

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.**

## 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.**

All The blood of Christ.  
**Amen.**

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

## **Anthem**

I look for the Lord,  
my soul doth wait for him;  
in his word is my trust.  
My soul looketh for the Lord  
more than watchmen look for the morning.  
Let Israel hope in the Lord:  
for with the Lord there is mercy,  
and with him is plenteous redemption;  
and he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

*Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

*Psalms 130. 5-8*

## Prayer after Communion

President Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,  
who lived to welcome the Messiah:  
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,  
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes  
to bring us to eternal life;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### The Blessing

Bishop Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from your path.

All **Amen.**

Bishop Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
gladden you eyes and warm your heart.

All **Amen.**

Bishop Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
Draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

All **Amen.**

Bishop 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 light and peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## **Music after the service**

Prelude and Fugue in F

*Diederich Buxtehude*

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

**Sunday 31 January - Candlemas**

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Monday 1 February**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Tuesday 2 February**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Wednesday 3 February**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Thursday 4 February**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Friday 5 February**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Saturday 6 February**

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

**Sunday 7 February**

10.30am Eucharist (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

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