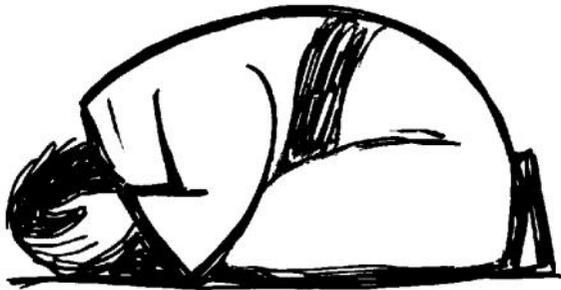


Ash Wednesday
Sung Eucharist
with
Imposition of Ashes



Wednesday 17 February 2021
5.30 pm

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.

Lent

Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter, as the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

As candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

The calculation of the forty days has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual in the West to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before Easter, Ash Wednesday. As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday.

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.

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.

Please wear your mask throughout the service

Musicians

The Lay Clerks are conducted by Christopher Stokes,
Organist and Master of the Choristers.

The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt, Sub-Organist.

President

Canon Dr David Holgate

Preacher

The Dean

Setting

Mass for Three Voices *William Byrd (1543-1623)*

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available.

Please stand

The Gathering

The President welcomes the people, and invites the people to pray.

Prayer of Preparation

President Almighty God,
 unto whom all hearts be open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hid:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love thee,
 and worthily magnify thy holy name;
 through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Commandments

President Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
 Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord;
 and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
 and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind,
 and with all thy strength.
 This is the first commandment.

 And the second is like, namely this:
 Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
 There is none other commandment greater than these.
 On these two commandments hang all the law
 and the prophets.

All **Lord, have mercy upon us,
 and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Kyrie

sung by the Choir

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect for the Sovereign

President Almighty God,
whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite:
have mercy upon the whole Church;
and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Elizabeth,
our Queen and Governor,
that she (knowing whose minister she is)
may above all things seek thy honour and glory:
and that we and all her subjects
(duly considering whose authority she hath)
may faithfully serve, honour and humbly obey her,
in thee, and for thee,
according to thy blessed word and ordinance;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who with thee and the Holy Ghost
liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**

The Collect

President Almighty and everlasting God,
who hatest nothing that thou hast made
and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please sit

A Reading

Joel 2.1-2,12-17

The Old Testament lesson is written in the second chapter of the book of the prophet Joel, beginning at the first verse.

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sound the alarm on my holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—
a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness!
Like blackness spread upon the mountains
 a great and powerful army comes;
their like has never been from of old,
 nor will be again after them
 in ages to come.

Yet even now, says the Lord,
 return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the Lord, your God,
 for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
 and relents from punishing.
Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,
 and leave a blessing behind him,
a grain offering and a drink offering
 for the Lord, your God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion;
 sanctify a fast;
call a solemn assembly;
 gather the people.
Sanctify the congregation;
 assemble the aged;
gather the children,
 even infants at the breast.
Let the bridegroom leave his room,
 and the bride her canopy.

Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.
Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.
Why should it be said among the peoples,
'Where is their God?'"

At the end the reader says

Here endeth the Old Testament lesson.

Please stand

All remain standing and face the Gospel book.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

Reader The holy Gospel is written in the sixth chapter of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

'Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Creed

All **I believe in one God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things
visible and invisible:**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost
of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified,
who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one catholic and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please sit

Homily

The Dean

The homily is followed by silence for reflection.

Offertory

Priest Lay not up for yourselves treasure upon the earth;
where the rust and moth doth corrupt, and where thieves
break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures
in heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and
where thieves do not break through and steal.

Matthew 6. 19-21

Intercession

President Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant
here in earth.

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy apostle hast
taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give
thanks, for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully
to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine
majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord:
and grant, that all they that do confess thy holy name may
agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and
godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen, that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole Council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments: and to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and specially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate.

All **Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

Priest Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

Confession

All **Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
we acknowledge and bewail
our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we, from time to time,
most grievously have committed,
by thought, word and deed,
against thy divine majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and
indignation against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us;
the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honour and glory of thy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Imposition of Ashes

President Dear friends in Christ,
I invite you to receive these ashes
as a sign of the spirit of penitence
with which we shall keep this season of Lent.

God our Father,
Thou createst us from the dust of the earth:
grant that these ashes may be for us
a sign of our penitence
and a symbol of our mortality;
for it is by thy grace alone
that we receive eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All **Amen.**

President Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

The ministers and Choir receive the imposition of ashes first. The congregation comes forward and stands before one of the Ministers. Please keep your mask on, and follow the Verger's instructions. Ashes will be sprinkled on your head.

During the imposition the Choir sings verses from Psalm 51

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness
According to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness:
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.
Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:
that thou mightest be justified in thy saying,
and clear when thou art judged.
Behold, I was shapen in wickedness:
and in sin hath my mother conceived me.
But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts:
and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.
Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness:
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
Turn thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God:
and renew a right spirit within me.

Tone IV 4

Absolution

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
 who of his great mercy
 hath promised forgiveness of sins
 to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith
 turn unto him:
 have mercy upon you;
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins;
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
 and bring you to everlasting life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith
unto all that truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11.28*

So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
to the end that all that believe in him should not perish,
but have everlasting life. *John 3.16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:
This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
1 Timothy 1.15

Hear also what Saint John saith:
If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous;
and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2.1, 2*

Preface

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

 Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Priest It is very meet, right and our bounden duty,
that we should at all times, and in all places,
give thanks unto thee,
O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious name,
evermore praising thee, and singing:

Sanctus and Benedictus

sung by the Choir

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra
gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full
of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Prayer of Humble Access

Priest We do not presume
to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in thy manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table.
But thou art the same Lord,
whose property is always to have mercy:
grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.

All **Amen.**

The Prayer of Consecration

Priest Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again:

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake 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.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

All **Amen.**

Giving of Communion

Members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please keep your hands down. Please keep your mask on and follow the directions of the vergers.

Please bring your offering with you and place it in the collection tray as you come up for communion.

Online worshippers may donate via this link

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

Loving God, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries, we have gathered today to worship you by hearing your holy word, breaking the bread of life and blessing the cup of salvation to share in your body and blood. We gladly offer you ourselves now to thank you for all that you have done for us. Though we cannot eat of the bread of life and drink from the cup of blessing today, we thank you that we are living members of the body of Christ, and united with your dear Son who gave his life for us. Come Lord Jesus, dwell in each of us and fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit.

Canon David Holgate, adapted from 1 Cor 10-12

The President receives communion and then says:

The body of Christ.
All **Amen.**

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

During the administration of communion, the Choir sings.

Agnus Dei

sung by the Choir

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. *O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis. *O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem. *O Lamb of God
that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

Anthem

sung by the Choir

O Lord, hear my prayer; and let my cry come unto thee.
Turn not away thy face from me.
In what day soever I am in tribulation, incline thine ear unto me;
in what day soever I shall invoke thee, hear me speedily.

Matthew Locke (c1622-77)

Psalms 102. 1,2

After the administration of communion, all sit

The Lord's Prayer

All **Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Priest Almighty and ever-living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

The Blessing

Priest The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The ministers and Choir depart in silence. Members of the congregation are encouraged to leave likewise.

Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the readings and prayers, and as a reminder of your visit this evening.

Lent 2021: Conversations and Lectures

During Lent, we warmly invite to take part in our Lent Conversations and Lectures.

Cathedral Lent Conversations on 'The Death of the Messiah': 25 February, 11, 18 and 25 March, 5.15pm

Following the successful format of our Advent Conversations, our Lent Conversations will be held on Facebook Live, on Thursday evenings from 5.15 to 6.00pm, following online Evening Prayer. The series will be interrupted on 4 March to allow us to attend the Ferguson Lecture and Cathedral Seminar with Archbishop Rowan Williams (see info below).

The Lent Conversations led each time by two of the Cathedral Clergy, are designed to enable us to reflect together on the events leading to the death of Jesus. The four gospels tell us a great deal about these events, so these conversations we will each focus on one stage of these events, looking at a short passage chosen from one of the gospels.

For those who would like to read a Bible passage daily, the three related passages are given. Noting the way each gospel writer describes each stage will enrich our conversations and Lenten prayers.

25 February: Jesus Prays and Is Arrested in Gethsemane

Mark 14.26-52; Matthew 26. 30-56; Luke 22.39-53; John 18.1-11

[4 March: The Ferguson Lecture and Cathedral Seminar with Archbishop Rowan Williams]

11 March: Jesus Before the Jewish Authorities

Mark 14.53-15.1; Matthew 26. 57-66; Luke 22.54-55, 66-71; John 18.12-25

18 March: Jesus Before Pilate, the Roman Governor

Mark 15.2-20a; Matthew 27.11-31a; Luke 23.2-25; John 18.28b-29.16a

25 March: Jesus is Crucified, Dies on Golgotha and Is Buried Nearby

Mark 15.20b-41; Matthew 27.31b-56 57-66; Luke 23.26-49; John 19.16b-37

Ferguson Lecture and Cathedral Presentation with Archbishop Rowan Williams: 4 March, 4.00-5.00pm and 5.15-5.45pm

The 2021 Ferguson Lecturer is Dr Rowan Williams (Cambridge). The 2021 Ferguson Lecturer is Dr Rowan Williams (Cambridge). The lecture will focus on the writings of Maria Skobtsova (1891-1945), poet and political exile, who developed a unique ministry in Paris with refugees and destitutes, and was eventually killed by the Nazis because of her active support for French Jews.

The Cathedral presentation will explore Dr Williams' latest book, *Candles in the Dark* (2020) offering reflections on faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic, concluding with Q&A.

Booking is essential via Eventbrite. Details on the Cathedral website.

Upcoming Special Events and Services

Thursday 18 February

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)
4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Friday 19 February

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)
4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Saturday 20 February

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)
4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Sunday 21 February - First Sunday of Lent

10.30am Eucharist (live on Facebook only)
4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)