

The Eucharist



Sunday 14 February, 10.30am

The Sunday next before Lent

President: Canon Dr David Holgate

Preacher: The Ven David Sharples

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.

The Eucharist

During his last evening, Jesus shared a meal with his disciples, knowing that the time had almost come for him to be arrested, tortured and put to death. The meal included the familiar Jewish elements of bread and wine and, as they shared in that meal, Jesus instructed his disciples to 'do this in remembrance' of him when they ate bread and drank wine from that point onwards.

After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, those first followers of his met regularly to 'break bread' together. Christians have continued to do so ever since, and this is what we do at the Eucharist (also known as *Holy Communion* and *The Lord's Supper*).

Today we gather together around God's word - the Scriptures - and his holy table, at which we share a foretaste of the heavenly banquet to which we look forward. God is our host, and to God we bring our praises, thanksgivings and prayers, and confess our sins.

We pray that you will know God's grace and love, and be blessed through participation in our worship.

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

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Photography

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

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

Canon Dr David Holgate

Preacher

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Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee;
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see;
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine,
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, radiancy divine,
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.

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*Melody from J G Werner's Choralbuch Leipzig 1815
Harmony by W H Havergal (1793-1870)*

Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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 may welcome 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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept.

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

President May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
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.

Silence is kept

President Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

2 Corinthians 4. 3-6

A reading from 2 Corinthians

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

At the end of the reading

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

Psalm 50. 1-6

All The Lord, the most mighty God, has spoken
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
**Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;
our God comes and will not keep silence.**
Consuming fire goes out before him
and a mighty tempest stirs about him.

All **He calls the heaven above,
and the earth, that he may judge his people:**
 ‘Gather to me my faithful,
 who have sealed my covenant with sacrifice.’

All **Let the heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.**

Gospel Reading

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

Mark 9. 2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

At the end of the reading

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

Sermon

The Ven David Sharples

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

The following response may be used after each prayer

Lord, in your mercy
All **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers

Merciful Father,
All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

President We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
Heirs of the promise of the Spirit 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 Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

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 You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to
look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and saying:

All **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
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 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

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:

All The body of Christ.
Amen.

All The blood of Christ.
Amen.

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Hymn

Bright the vision that delighted
Once the sight of Judah's seer;
Sweet the countless tongues united
To entrance the prophet's ear.

Round the Lord in glory seated
Cherubim and seraphim
Filled his temple, and repeated
Each to each the alternate hymn:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord.'

Heaven is still with glory ringing,
Earth takes up the angels' cry,
'Holy, Holy, Holy,' singing,
'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'

With his seraph train before him,
With his holy Church below,
Thus unite we to adore him,
Bid we thus our anthem flow:

'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;
Earth is with its fullness stored;
Unto thee be glory given,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.'

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Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

Richard Mant (1776-1848)

Prayer after Communion

President Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

President Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread,
make you one in praise and love,
and raise you up at the last day;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Saviour,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise.

Thaxted

Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Michael Perry (1942-96)

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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.

Weekly Notices
14 February 2021
Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 14 February - The Sunday next before Lent

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Monday 15 February

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Tuesday 16 February

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Wednesday 17 February - Ash Wednesday

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

1.10pm Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

5.30pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (live on Facebook)

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)

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