

The Eucharist



Sunday 21 February, 10.30am

First Sunday of Lent

President: The Dean

Preacher: Canon Dr David Holgate

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.

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

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Photography

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

Today's Service

President

The Dean

Preacher

Canon Dr David Holgate

Musicians

The cantor is Philip O'Connor, Lay Clerk.

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

Music before the service

Christe, du Lamm Gottes, BWV 619

J S Bach (1685-1750)

The Gathering

The president welcomes the congregation.

Please remain seated and refrain from singing the hymn

Hymn

sung by the Cantor

Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild,
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day,
Chilly dewdrops nightly shed,
Prowling beasts about thy way,
Stones thy pillow, earth thy bed.

Let us thine endurance share,
And awhile from joys abstain,
With thee watching unto prayer,
Strong with thee to suffer pain.

And if Satan, vexing sore,
Flesh or spirit should assail,
Thou, his vanquisher before,
Grant we may not faint nor fail.

So shall we have peace divine,
Holier gladness ours shall be,
Round us too shall angels shine,
Such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Saviour dear,
Ever constant by thy side,
That with thee we may appear
At the eternal Eastertide.

Aus der tiefe NEH 67

'M H' in Nürnbergisches Gesangbuch 1676

Melody possibly by M Herbst (1654-81)

G H Smyttan (1822-70)
and Francis Pott (1654-81)‡

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.**

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

Deacon The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

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, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith
turn to him: have mercy on 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.**

Kyrie eleison

All **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us**

The Collect

President Let us pray.

Silence is kept

President Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 sit

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

I Peter 3. 18-end

A reading from Colossians

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25. 1-9

sung by the Cantor

Unto thee, O Lord, will I lift up my soul; my God, I have put my trust in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me. For all they that hope in thee shall not be ashamed: but such as transgress without a cause shall be put to confusion. Shew me thy ways, O Lord: and teach me thy paths. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee hath been my hope all the day long. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies: and thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth: but according to thy mercy think thou upon me, O Lord, for thy goodness. Gracious and righteous is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. Them that are meek shall he guide in judgement: and such as are gentle, them shall he learn his way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth: unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Please stand

Gospel Reading

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

Mark I. 9-15

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."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

Please sit

Sermon

Canon Dr David Holgate

After the sermon silence is kept for reflection.

Please stand

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please sit

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.**

Please stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Coronavirus Information

*Following advice issued by the Church of England, in order to minimise the spread of infection
we ask that you do not shake hands during the Peace.*

The Peace

President Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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 God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

President Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

President It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

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
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.

Please sit

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.**

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

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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

O kind Creator, bow thine ear
To mark the cry, to know the tear
Before thy throne of mercy spent
In this thy holy fast of Lent.

Our hearts are open, Lord, to thee:
Thou knowest our infirmity;
Pour out on all who seek thy face
Abundance of thy pardoning grace.

Our sins are many, this we know;
Spare us, good Lord, thy mercy show;
And for the honour of thy name
Our fainting souls to life reclaim.

Give us the self-control that springs
From discipline of outward things,
That fasting inward secretly
The soul may purely dwell with thee.

We pray thee, holy Trinity,
One God, unchanging Unity,
That we from this our abstinence
May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.

Mode ii

*Latin, ascribed to St Gregory (540-604)
Tr T A Lacey (1853-1931)*

Prayer after Communion

President Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
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.**

Please remain seated and refrain from singing the hymn

Hymn

sung by the Cantor

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us,
All our weakness thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Self denying, death defying,
Thou to Calvary didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Mannheim NEH 393

Melody in F Filitz's Choralbuch 1847

Harmony by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

James Edmeston (1791-1867)†

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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.**

Music after the service

Passacaglia in D minor, BuxWV 161

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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 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
21 February 2021
Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 21 February - First Sunday of Lent

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Monday 22 February

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Tuesday 23 February

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Wednesday 24 February

9am Morning Prayer BCP (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Thursday 25 February

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Friday 26 February

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Saturday 27 February

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Sunday 28 February - Second Sunday of Lent

10.30am Eucharist (live on Facebook)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

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