

The Eucharist



Sunday 21 March, 10.30am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Passion Sunday

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

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.



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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.

Today's Service

President

The Dean

Preacher

Canon Dr David Holgate

Musicians

The cantor is Christopher Why, Lay Clerk.
The organ is played by Christopher Stokes,
Organist and Master of the Choristers.

Music before the service

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 730
O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 618

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

We sing the praise of him who died,
Of him who died upon the Cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride,
For this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the Tree;
He brings us mercy from above.

The Cross! it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

Bow Brickhill NEH 94
Sydney Nicholson (1875-1947)

Thomas Kelly (1769-1854)

The Greeting

Please stand

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 God shows his love for us
 in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 Let us then show our love for him
 by confessing our sins 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 Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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

Hebrews 5. 5-10

A reading from Hebrews

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

At the end of the reading

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

Psalm 51. 1-13

sung by the Cantor

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.

Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again: and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Please stand

Gospel Reading

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

John 12. 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

At the end of the reading

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
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

All Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers

All Merciful Father,
**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 Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our 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 Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

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 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.**

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.**

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:

The body of Christ.

All **Amen.**

The blood of Christ.

All **Amen.**

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

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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.

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

It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died
For love of those who loved him not.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.

*Essex folk song
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

W Walsham How (1823-97)

President Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, 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.**

Please remain seated and refrain from singing the hymn

Hymn

sung by the Cantor

When I survey the wondrous Cross,
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Rockingham NEH 95

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Adapted by Edward Miller (1731-1807)

Harmony chiefly from Webbe's Collection of Psalm-Tunes 1820

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Music after the service

Vater unser in Himmelreich, BWV 737

J S Bach

Please leave the building promptly, taking your order of service with you. Thank you.

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 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 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 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

Weekly Notices
21 March 2021
Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 21 March - Fifth Sunday of Lent, Passiontide begins

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Monday 22 March

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Tuesday 23 March

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Wednesday 24 March

9am Morning Prayer BCP (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Thursday 25 March

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

5.15pm Lent Conversations (live on Facebook only)

Friday 26 March

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Saturday 27 March

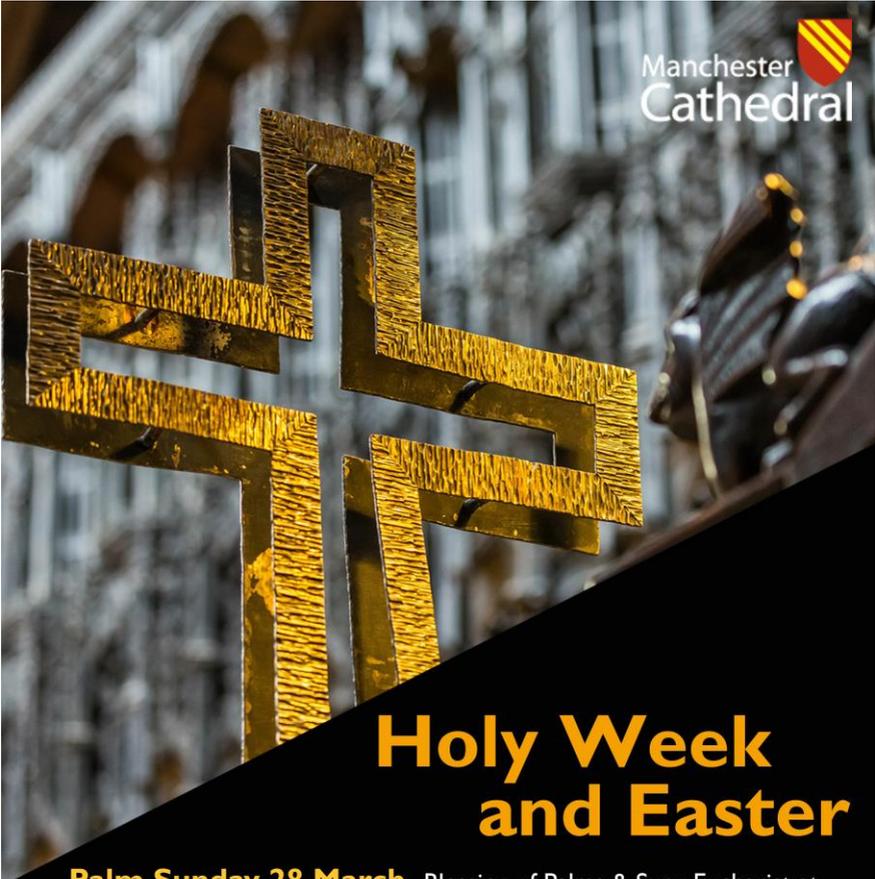
9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Sunday 28 March - Palm Sunday

10.30am Eucharist (please book your free ticket on Eventbrite
or join us online)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)



Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday 28 March Blessing of Palms & Sung Eucharist at 10.30 am

Holy Monday 29 March Sung Eucharist & Blessing of Oils at 10.30 am*

Choral Evensong with The Lamentations of Jeremiah (*Thomas Tallis*) at 5.30 pm*

Maunder Thursday 1 April Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altars at 5.30 pm

Good Friday 2 April The Way of the Cross at 12 noon

Holy Saturday 3 April Easter Vigil at 5.30 pm

Easter Day 4 April Sung Eucharist at 10.30 am
BBC Radio 3 Live Broadcast of
Choral Evensong at 3.00 pm*

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