

The Eucharist



Sunday 14 March, 10.30am

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

President: Canon Márcia Wall

Preacher: The Ven David Sharples

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.
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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

Canon Márcia Wall

Preacher

The Ven David Sharples

Musicians

The cantor is Stephen Newlove, Lay Clerk.
The organ is played by Christopher Stokes,
Organist & Master of the Choristers.

Music before the service

Ave Maria. Ave Maris Stella, Op 5 No 2

Jean Langlais (1907-90)

The Gathering

The president welcomes the congregation.

Please remain seated and refrain from singing the hymn

Hymn

sung by the Cantor

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
Make known his might, the deeds his arms has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore.

Woodlands NEH 186
Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b 1926)
based on St Luke 1. 46-55 in the New English Bible

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 Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
 though we have rebelled against him.
 Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy
 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 God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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

2 Corinthians I. 3-7

A reading from 2 Corinthians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

At the end of the reading

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

Psalm 127. 1-4

sung by the Cantor

Except the Lord build the house: their labour is but lost that build it.
Except the Lord keep the city: the watchman waketh but in vain.
It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early, and so late take rest, and eat
the bread of carefulness: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.
Lo, children and the fruit of the womb: are an heritage and gift that cometh of
the Lord.

Please stand

Gospel Reading

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

John 19. 25b-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

At the end of the reading

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

Please sit

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.**

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 our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our 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.**

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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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

Hail, O Star that pointest
Towards the port of heaven,
Thou to whom as maiden
God for Son was given.

Jesu's tender Mother,
Make thy supplication
Unto him who chose thee
At his Incarnation;

That, O matchless Maiden,
Passing meek and lowly,
Thy dear Son may make us
Blameless, chaste and holy.

So, as now we journey,
Aid our weak endeavour.
Till we gaze on Jesus,
And rejoice for ever.

Father, Son and Spirit,
Three in One confessing,
Give we equal glory,
Equal praise and blessing. Amen.

Mode i

*Latin c 9th century
Tr Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)*

Prayer after Communion

President Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal
life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
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

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Cwm Rhondda NEH 368
John Hughes (1873-1932)

Welsh, William Williams (1717-91)
Tr Peter Williams (1727-96)
and others

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.

All **Amen.**

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Music after the service

Rosa mystica

Jean Langlais

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’: 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 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.

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

Weekly Notices
14 March 2021
Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 14 March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Monday 15 March

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Tuesday 16 March

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Wednesday 17 March

9am Morning Prayer BCP (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Thursday 18 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 19 March

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Saturday 20 March

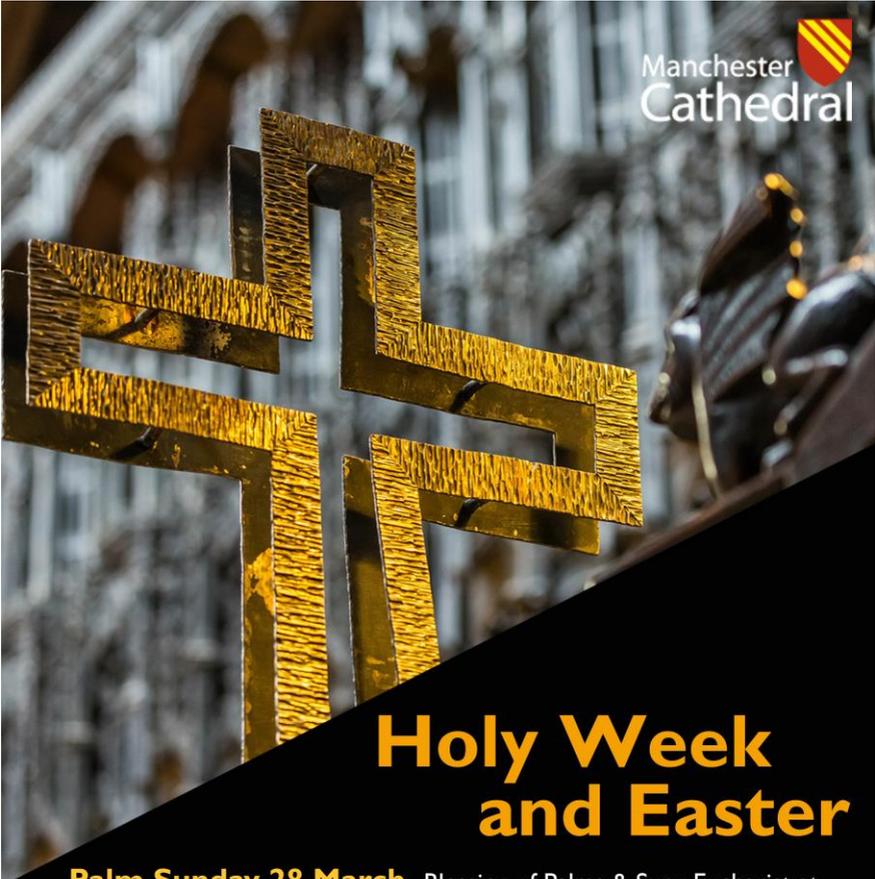
9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Sunday 21 March - Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins

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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