

Sung Eucharist



Sunday 25 April, 10.30am
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
St George
President: The Dean
Preacher: The Ven David Sharples

Missa Brevis in F, K192 W A Mozart

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Easter season is a fifty-day celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning on Easter Day and concluding on the Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday). It offers a sustained period of reflection on the meaning of Christ's eternal victory over evil, sin and death. A sense of joy, encapsulated in the great cry 'Alleluia', characterises this season, and the liturgical colour is white or gold, for celebration.

According to St Luke's chronology, Christ ascended on the fortieth day after his Resurrection (Acts 1: 3), and so this day is observed as Ascension Day. The ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost (including the Seventh Sunday of Easter) are days of prayer for renewal by the Holy Spirit.

The Day of Pentecost celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and brings the Easter season to its glorious conclusion. The liturgical colour of Pentecost is red to represent the coming of the Spirit in tongues as of fire (Acts 2: 3).

From the Monday after the Day of Pentecost the Church returns to 'Ordinary Time', save for the Sunday after Pentecost when we celebrate the great festival of the Godhead, Trinity 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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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.

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

The Dean

Preacher

The Ven David Sharples

Musicians

The Cathedral Choir is conducted by Christopher Stokes,

Organist and Master of the Choristers

The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt,

Sub-Organist

Music before the service

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731

J S Bach (1685-1750)

The Gathering

The President welcomes the congregation

Please remain seated and refrain from singing

Hymn

sung by the Choir

Lord God of Hosts, within whose hand
Dominion rests on sea and land,
Before whose word of life or death
The strength of nations is but breath:
O King, enthroned all thrones above,
Give strength unto the land we love.

Thou Breath of life since time began,
Breathing upon the lips of man,
Hast taught each kindred race to raise
United word to sound thy praise:
So, in this land, join, we beseech,
All hearts and lips in single speech.

To George our Saint thou gavest grace
Without one fear all foes to face,
And to confess by faithful death
That Word of Life which was his breath.
O help us, Helper of Saint George,
To fear no bonds that man can forge.

Arm us like him, who in thy trust
Beat down the dragon in the dust;
So that we too may tread down sin
And with thy Saints a crown may win.
Help us, O God, that we may be
A land acceptable to Thee.

Melita NEH 162
J B Dykes (1823-76)

Laurence Housman (1865-1959)

Please stand

The Greeting

President In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
All **Amen.**

President Peace be with you
All **and also with you.**

President Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Prayer of Penitence

Deacon Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

All **Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

President May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

Gloria in excelsis

sung by the Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus
bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi
propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili unigenite,
Jesu Christe. Domine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Filius Patris.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Qui tollis peccata mundi,

suscipe deprecationem nostram.
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,

miserere nobis.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus,
tu solus Dominus,
tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe,
cum Sancto Spiritu
in gloria Dei Patris.

Amen.

*Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace,
good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son
Jesu Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away
the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand
of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory
of God the Father.
Amen.*

The Collect

President O God of hosts,
 who didst so kindle the flame of love
 in the heart of your servant George
 that he bore witness to the risen Lord
 by his life and by his death:
 give us the same faith and power of love
 that we who rejoice in his triumphs
 may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;
 through Jesus Christ thy 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

Reading

2 Timothy 2. 3-13

A reading from 2 Timothy

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful -
for he cannot deny himself.

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

sung by the Choir

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion:
then were we like unto them that dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter:
and our tongue with joy.

Then said they among the heathen:
The Lord hath done great things for them.

Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already:
whereof we rejoice.

Turn our captivity, O Lord:
as the rivers in the south.

They that sow in tears:
shall reap in joy.

He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed:
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

Please stand

Gospel Reading

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

John 15. 18-21

“If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world—therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, ‘Servants are not greater than their master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me.

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

Minister God of resurrection:
All **hear our prayer.**

At the end

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

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.*

President Alleluia. Christ has been raised from the dead.

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 Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

Choir	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.</i>
	Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.	<i>Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>

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.

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 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 Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

President We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

President Live in us, that we may live in you.

President Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

The Giving of Communion

President Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

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.

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

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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 Choir sings the Agnus Dei and anthem.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,
qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*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

Ave verum Corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum, immolatum
In cruce pro homine,
Cujus latus perforatum
Unda fluxit sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
In mortis examine.

*Jesu, Word of God Incarnate,
Of the Virgin Mary born;
On the Cross Thy sacred Body,
For us men with nails was torn.
Cleanse us by the Blood and Water
Streaming from Thy pierced side.
Feed us with Thy body broken,
Now and in death's agony.*

W A Mozart (1756-91)

14th century Eucharistic hymn

President God, who gave us this holy meal
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross
and the victory of your martyr George:
by our communion with Christ
In his saving death and resurrection,
give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please remain seated and refrain from singing

Hymn

sung by the Choir

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the countenance divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark satanic mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!
I will not cease from mental fight.
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Jerusalem NEH 488
C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918)

William Blake (1757-1827)

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President The God of peace,
 who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
 that great shepherd of the sheep,
 make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The National Anthem

sung by the Choir

God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save The Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save The Queen!

Music after the service

Alla Breve in D major, BWV 589

J S Bach

Weekly Notices
25 April 2021
Upcoming Special Events and Services

Sunday 25 April - The Fourth Sunday of Easter - St George

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Monday 26 April

9am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 27 April

9am Morning Prayer

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 28 April

9am Morning Prayer

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

5.30pm Evensong - Live-streamed only

Thursday 29 April

9am Morning Prayer

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 30 April

9am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 1 May

9am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 2 May - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30am Sung Eucharist

4.30pm Evening Prayer

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

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