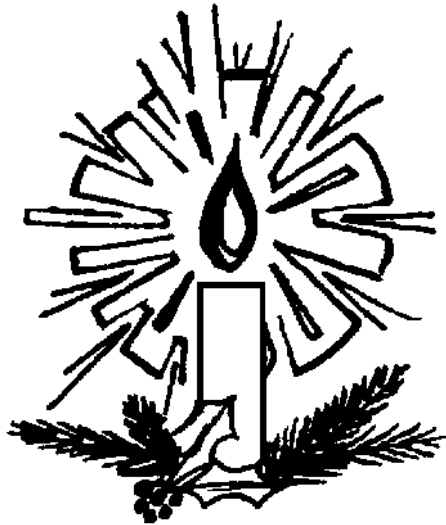


Christmas Day Eucharist



Saturday 25 December 2021
10.30 am

President: The Right Reverend David Walker
Bishop of Manchester

Preacher: The Very Reverend Rogers Govender
Dean

Mass in *G Franz Schubert*

Welcome to Manchester Cathedral

Welcome to the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St Mary, St Denis and St George on Christmas Day.

Christians Awake!

The well-known Christmas carol which is sung in our service today has its origins in Manchester. In 1749 John Byrom, a local scholar, wrote a Christmas poem for his daughter, Dolly. The poem became widely known and was set to music by John Wainwright - and it was first sung to the Byrom family outside their home on Hanging Ditch on Christmas Day 1750 by the 'singing men' (the choir of the Collegiate Church). John Wainwright was, at that time, the organist at Stockport Parish Church, and we still sing his tune, *Yorkshire*, today. Later, in 1767, he became the organist here, at the Collegiate Church (before it became a Cathedral).

At one point John Byrom lived in the building that now houses the *Old Wellington* pub, next to the Cathedral. The original of the poem, still bearing the inscription 'Christmas Day – for Dolly', is in Chetham's Library.

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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During the service there will be a collection for the work and mission of the Cathedral. If you would like the Cathedral to reclaim the tax that you have paid on the donation, at no cost to yourself, please use the Gift Aid envelope that is with this order of service.

Visiting Manchester Cathedral from 10 December 2021

Following the Government's recent announcement, as from Friday 10 December, the use of face masks is compulsory.

For your personal safety, the Dean and Chapter strongly encourage you to use the hand sanitisers provided when visiting the Cathedral. Please continue to access and make use the free NHS lateral flow test.



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 Right Reverend David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

Preacher

The Very Reverend Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester

Musicians

The Cathedral Choir is conducted by Christopher Stokes,
Organist and Master of the Choristers

The organ is played by Geoffrey Woollatt,
Sub-Organist

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available.

Music before the service

Chorale Prelude on 'In dulci jubilo', BWV 729
Before the service the Dean welcomes the congregation

J S Bach (1685-1750)

The Gathering

Christmas Acclamation

sung by the Choir

Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy which shall be to
all people: for unto you is
born in the city of David, a
Saviour, which is Christ the
Lord.
Alleluia.

Glory be to God on high.

Christopher Stokes

Luke 2. 10, 11

Please stand

Hymn

- 1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye,
O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the King of Angels:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*
- 2 God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! he abhors
not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created:
Refrain
- 3 See how the shepherds,
Summoned to his cradle,
Leaving their flocks,
draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps:
Refrain
- 4 Lo! star-led chieftains,
Magi, Christ adoring,
Offer him incense,
gold and myrrh;
We to the Christ Child
Bring our hearts' oblations:
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*
- 5 Child, for us sinners
Poor and in the manger,
Fain we embrace thee,
with awe and love;
Who would not love thee,
Loving us so dearly?
Refrain
- 6 Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens
of heaven above;
Glory to God
In the highest:
Refrain

7 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord.

Adeste Fideles NEH 30
Melody probably by
John Francis Wade (1711-86)
Descant by Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

Latin 18th century
Tr Frederick Oakeley (1802-80)
and others

The Greeting

The President may say

President In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

President I bring you good news of great joy:
a Saviour has been born to you. Alleluia!

All **Unto us a child is born, a son is given. Alleluia!**

He is Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

All **We worship and adore him. Alleluia!**

Grace, peace and joy from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **and also with you.**

The Christmas candle is lit on the wreath

President People of God: shout and sing!
Tell the good news of peace on earth.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's peace.
All God's people say:

All **Amen!**

Angels dance and the bright star shines.
All creation bows to the Lord of all.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's light.
All God's people say:

All **Amen!**

One with us,
yet born to save,
he will show us the way to God.
Lord, bring us today into Christ's love.
All God's people say:

All **Amen!**

People of God: shout and sing:

All **Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon The sun of righteousness has dawned
with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept

Deacon God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

President May the God of all healing and forgiveness
 draw you to himself,
 and cleanse you from all your sins
 that you may behold the glory of his Son,
 the Word made flesh,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

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 Let us pray in the peace of this Christmas celebration
that our joy in the birth of Christ will last forever.

Silence is kept

President Almighty God,
you have given us your only-begotten Son
to take our nature upon him
and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
grant that we, who have been born again
and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;
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

Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Isaiah 52.7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

At the end the reader says

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

Please stand

Hymn

During the hymn the deacon carries the Book of the Gospels into the midst of the congregation

Unto us is born a Son,
King of choirs supernal:
See on earth his life begun,
Of lords the Lord eternal.

Christ, from heav'n descending low,
Comes on earth a stranger;
Ox and ass their owner know
Becradled in the manger.

This did Herod sore affray,
And grievously bewilder,
So he gave the word to slay,
And slew the little childer.

Of his love and mercy mild
This the Christmas story;
And O that Mary's gentle child
Might lead us up to glory.

O and A, and A and O,
Cum cantibus in choro,
Let our merry organ go,
Benedicamus Domino.

Puer Nobis NEH 39
From Piaae Cantiones
Arr David Willcocks

tr G R Woodward (1848-1934)

Gospel Reading

John 1.1-14

All turn to face the Gospel book. An acclamation (*Alleluia*) heralds the Gospel reading

All



Cantor The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
 and we have seen his glory.

All sing **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Deacon Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to *John*.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**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

Leader Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

Christ, born in a stable,
give courage to all who are homeless.
Jesus, Saviour,

All **hear our prayer.**

Christ, for whom the angels sang,
give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.
Jesus, Saviour,

All **hear our prayer.**

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,
give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.
Jesus, Saviour,

All **hear our prayer.**

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,
give humility and wisdom to all who govern.
Jesus, Saviour,

All **hear our prayer.**

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,
Give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.
Jesus, Saviour,

All **hear our prayer.**

All **Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary,
you know us and love us,
you share our lives
and hear our prayer.
Glory to you for ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

President Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

The Preparation of the Table

Hymn

Christians awake! salute the happy morn
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love
Which hosts of angels chanted from above;
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.

Then to the watchful shepherds it was told,
Who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold,
I bring you tidings of a Saviour's birth
To you and all the nations on the earth:
This day hath God fulfilled his promised word,
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'

He spake; and straightway that celestial choir
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire;
The praises of redeeming love they sang,
And heaven's whole orb with alleluyas rang:
God's highest glory was their anthem still,
Peace on the earth, and unto men goodwill.

To Beth'lem straight the enlightened shepherds ran
To see the wonder God had wrought for man,
And found, with Joseph and the blessèd Maid,
Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid:
Joyful, the wondrous story they proclaim-
The first apostles of his infant fame.

Like Mary let us ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
From his poor manger to his bitter cross;
Then may we hope, angelic hosts among,
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song.

Yorkshire (Stockport) NEH 24
John Wainwright (1723-68)

John Byrom (1691-1763)‡

President Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we
offer our sacrifice of praise.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

All remain standing

President The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,
was born of the Virgin Mary
by the power of your Spirit,
and lived as one of us.
In this mystery of the Word made flesh,
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In him we see our God made visible,
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.
Therefore, with all the angels of heaven,
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name,
and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

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>
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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.**

President 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 and 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
**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 is here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Giving of Communion

President Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

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.**

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Please follow the directions of the stewards.*

During the administration of communion, the Choir sings the Agnus Dei and a selection of Christmas anthems.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, *O Lamb of God*
qui tollis peccata mundi, *that takest away the sins of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, *O Lamb of God*
qui tollis peccata mundi, *that takest away the sins of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy upon us.*

Agnus Dei, *O Lamb of God*
qui tollis peccata mundi, *that takest away the sins of the world,*
dona nobis pacem. *grant us thy peace.*

After communion all stand when the president approaches the holy table.

Prayer after Communion

President God our Father,
 whose Word has come among us
 in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
 may the light of faith illuminate our hearts
 and shine in our words and deeds;
 through him who is Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.

*Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Mendelssohn NEH 26

From a chorus by

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-47)

Descant by Howard Arman (b 1954)

Charles Wesley (1707-88) & others

The Blessing

Bishop The people who walked in darkness,
All **have seen a great light.**

 For to us a child is born,
All **to us a Son is given.**

 His name will be called
 Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
All **the Everlasting Father,**
 the Prince of Peace.

 Glory to God in the highest,
All **and peace to his people on earth.**

Bishop May the eagerness of the shepherds,
 the joy of the angels,
 the perseverance of the wise men,
 the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
 and the peace of the Christ-Child
 be yours this Christmas;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you, and remain with you always.
All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.
All **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

Music after the service

Carillon de Westminster, Op 54 No 6 *Louis Vierne (1869-1937)*

*Please take this order of service away with you to reflect upon the music,
readings and prayers, and as a reminder of your visit today.*

Weekly Notices
25 December 2021
Upcoming Special Events and Services

Saturday 25 December - Christmas Day

12pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 26 December - Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr

9am Matins

10.30am Holy Eucharist

12.30pm Evening Prayer

Monday 27 December

11am Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 28 December

11am Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 29 December

9am Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 30 December

9am Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 31 December

9am Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 1 January

11am Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

12.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 2 January - Epiphany

9am Matins

10.30am Holy Eucharist

4.30pm Evening Prayer

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Thank you.

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