

The Holy Eucharist



Sunday 1 January 2023
10.30 am

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Communion Service
John Merbecke

Welcome to Manchester Cathedral for this celebration of The Holy Eucharist

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.

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The Cathedral has a hearing-loop.
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Visiting Manchester Cathedral from 19 July 2021

For your personal safety, the Dean and Chapter strongly encourage you to continue to wear face masks and use the hand sanitisers provided when visiting the Cathedral.

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 inform a steward before the service. Please note that the wine may contain traces of gluten.

President & Preacher

The Ven David Sharples

Musicians

The organ is played by John LeGrove.

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available

Music Before the Service

Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614

J S Bach (1685-1750)

The Gathering

Please stand

The Processional Hymn

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy!
comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name:

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray:

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other new embrace;
And let this Christmas festival
All bitterness displace.

God Rest You Merry NEH 25
London Carol Melody
harmonised by John Stainer (1840-1901)

Traditional

The congregation remains standing

The President may say

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

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

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome may be said by the President

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.**

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon uses these or other suitable words

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

Silence is kept

All **Most merciful God,
 Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 we confess that we have sinned
 in thought, word and deed.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart.
 We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
 In your mercy
 forgive what we have been,
 help us to amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be;
 that we may do justly,
 love mercy,
 and walk humbly with you, our God.
 Amen.**

President Almighty God,
 who forgives all who truly repent,
 have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in life eternal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

The musical score is written on three staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The first measure is marked 'Cantor' and the second measure is marked 'All'. The lyrics are: (Glo-ry be to God on high;) and in earth peace, good-will to-wards men. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee. The third staff continues with lyrics: we give thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, O Lord God, hea-ven - ly King.

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 God the Fa-ther al-migh-ty. O Lord the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus Christ:

14

 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world,

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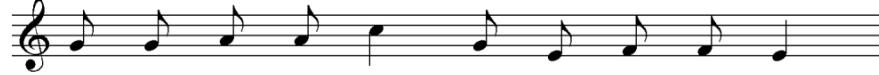
 have mer-cy up-on us. Thou that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

21

 Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer-cy up-on us.

23

 For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord;

25

 thou on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

26

 art Most High in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Remain standing

The Collect

The President introduces a period of silent prayer after which the Collect is said

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above every name:
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings and psalm

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Numbers 6. 22-end

A reading from Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying,
Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,
The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.
So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

At the end the reader says

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

Psalm 8

O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!

All **Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.**

You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.

All **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,**

What is man, that you should be mindful of him;
the son of man, that you should seek him out?

All **You have made him little lower than the angels
and crown him with glory and honour.**

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands
and put all things under his feet,

All **All sheep and oxen,
even the wild beasts of the field,**

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea
and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.

All **O Lord our governor,
how glorious is your name in all the world!**

Second Reading

Galatians 4. 4-7

A reading from Galatians

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But Little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my bedside till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

Cradle Song NEH 22

Melody by W J Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

Anonymous

Philadelphia 1883

Gospel Reading

Luke 2. 15-21

All turn to face the Gospel book

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

At the end of the reading

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Ven David Sharples

After the sermon silence is kept for reflection

Please stand with the president as we affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed

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 be seated

Prayers of Intercession

The following response may be used after each prayer

Minister Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

President Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

The Offertory Hymn

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
'Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heaven's all gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
With peaceful wings unfurled;
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing;
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring:
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When, with the ever-circling years,
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Noel NEH 29
Traditional English Melody
adapted by Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)

Edmund Sears (1810-76)

President As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

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 All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We praise you that on the eighth day he was circumcised in obedience to the law of Moses, that he might fulfil the law and reveal to us your grace and truth.
For here is foreshadowed his perfect self-offering upon the cross, the shedding of his blood to set us free from sin and death. In baptism we die with him and are raised in him, that we might walk in newness of life, and proclaim the wonders of his saving name. 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:

Organ

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,

5 hea-ven and earth are full of thy glo-ry. Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord most high.

Bles-sed is he that co-meth in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 Great is the mystery of faith:
 All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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 be seated

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.**

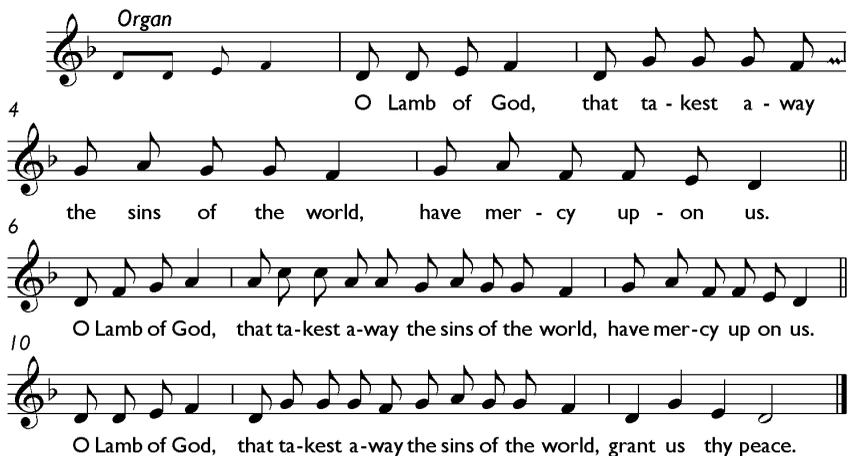
The Breaking of the Bread

President We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Organ



4 O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
6 the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
10 O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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

Members of all Christian Churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please keep your hands down.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds (i.e. consecrated bread and wine). If you prefer, continuing to receive only bread is also permitted. Please refrain from touching the chalice and consecrated bread must not be intincted (dipped) in the wine.

Please follow the directions of the stewards.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the administration points by the nave platform.

Please stand if you are able as the President approaches the altar

Prayer after Communion

President Eternal God,
 whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:
 grant that we who have shared
 in this sacrament of our salvation
 may live out our years in the power
 of the Name above all other names,
 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.**

Post-Communion Hymn

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

‘Fear not,’ said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
‘Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind.

'To you in David's town this day
Is born of David's line
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
And this shall be the sign:

The heavenly Babe you there shall find
To human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
And in a manger laid.'

Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith
Appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus
Addressed their joyful song:

'All glory be to God on high,
And on the earth be peace;
Good-will henceforth from heaven to men
Begin and never cease.'

Winchester Old NEH 42

Nahum Tate (1652-1715)

First published in

Thomas Este's Psalter 1592

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
 the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
 the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
 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

In dir ist Freude, BWV 615

J S Bach

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

Refreshments are usually served after the service; everyone is invited to stay.

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Weekly Notices for the Cathedral Community 1 January 2023

Special Events and Services this Week

Sunday 1 January - The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Monday 2 January

11 am Morning Prayer followed by Holy Communion

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 3 January

9 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 4 January

9 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 5 January

9 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Friday 6 January

9 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 7 January

9 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Eucharist - not live-streamed

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 8 January - Epiphany

8.45 am Matins
9.00 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Holy Eucharist
5.30 pm Epiphany Procession

The Cathedral's Voluntary Choir

Manchester Cathedral Voluntary Choir is seeking to recruit adult singers in all voices. This auditioned choir sings evensong on Sundays during term time and rehearses on Friday evenings. For further information and to book an audition please contact geoffrey.woollatt@manchestercathedral.org

Manchester Children's Choir

The choir meets Friday evening from 5pm – 5.45pm. It is open to children of all singing abilities and it is free to all members. The original Manchester Children's Choir was famous for their recording of Purcell's Nymphs and Shepherds with the Hallé Orchestra which sold over one million copies, however the choir soon disbanded after the outbreak of World War II.

For more information, contact Christopher Stokes on Christopher.Stokes@manchestercathedral.org

Children's Corner

Parents are welcome to sit in that area with their children where they can find activities for them to do during the service. Parents are also invited to bring the children up during the administration of communion for a blessing. If you need baby changing facilities, they are available in the unisex disabled toilet just through the corridor by the Jesus Chapel. Parents are responsible for their own children.

Heavenly Honey

Heavenly Honey is still available! If anyone wishes to purchase a jar, they are £7.50 per jar. Please see the Vergers.

Rainbow Surprise Launch

Manchester Cathedral need your help! Manchester Cathedral is now an official collection point for items to help Rainbow Surprise, a charity providing food bank and community fridge support for people across North Manchester.

The team at Rainbow Surprise are currently preparing between 250-300 food parcels a week for those in need and that number is only set to rise this winter.

Anyone in need is welcome and the only questions asked are around dietary requirements and what means a household has to cook food.



FOODDRIVE Project

Let's Help People In Their Time Of Need

PLEASE HELP US SUPPORT LOCAL PEOPLE AND FAMILIES THROUGH OUR FOOD DRIVE PROJECT

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What we need from you.

Could you spare any of these items listed on the flyer each week to help Manchester families in need? Thank you.

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