

The Civic Service



In the presence of

The Right Worshipful
The Lord Mayor of the
City of Manchester
Councillor Yasmine Dar

Sunday 21st May 2023
11am

Welcome from the Dean The Very Revd Rogers Govender, MBE

Welcome to Manchester Cathedral – and a very particular welcome to the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Councillor Yasmine Dar.

The annual Civic Service gives us the opportunity to welcome the new Lord Mayor, to reflect together on our community and civic life and to pray for our city.

There has been a place of Christian worship here for around a thousand years. In 1421 the old Parish Church on this site was granted Collegiate status by Henry V. When Manchester grew into a city that church became Manchester Cathedral. Today the Cathedral serves the city region. We have deep roots and contemporary concerns.

We also warmly welcome Professor Erinma Bell, our preacher. She is Honorary Professor at the University of Salford, Deputy Lieutenant for Greater Manchester and was awarded the MBE for voluntary services to her community in 2008. Erinma Bell also serves as one of the City's councillors.

May God bless us as we thank him for the life of our City and dedicate ourselves to work for the common good.

Safeguarding

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Live streaming

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Photography

Please do not use cameras, photo-imaging devices or recording equipment during the service.

Gift Aid

During the service there will be a collection for the mission and aims 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.

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

Tranquilly

C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918)

Order of Service

Gathering

All stand as a fanfare is sounded and the Lord Mayor's Procession enters the Cathedral.

The Processional Hymn

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Was Lebet NEH 52
Melody from the Rheinhardt MS 1754

J S B Monsell (1811-1875)

Please sit

The Greeting and Welcome

The Dean

Dean Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction are said by the Dean.

The Lord Mayor moves to the platform. Representatives of Manchester's different faith communities greet the Lord Mayor on behalf of their communities.

The Lord Mayor is welcomed with applause.

Dean We meet in the presence of God
to praise him for his goodness to us,
both now and in the past;
to pray for his blessing upon our city;
to affirm all that is good here;
to seek forgiveness for whatever is amiss
and to ask that our lives and our community
may be transformed and renewed
in the service of all our people:

Thanksgiving

Dean Let us pray:
For the life we share in this city;
for the laws which protect us and guard our freedom;
for the courtesies which enhance our lives
and the friendships which support us:
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

Dean For men and women of principle and courage;
for those whose vigilance protects our freedom
and whose protest guards our corporate conscience:
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

Dean For those who support charities and hospitals,
places of learning and libraries in this city:
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

Dean For those who by their enterprise and efforts
have created employment and enhanced our environment:
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

Dean For the great diversity of peoples and races
who have enriched the life of the city
in succeeding generations:
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

Dean For those who look to the living God as their inspiration,
whose presence and example
have enhanced our corporate life,
and strengthened love, truth, peace and justice in our midst:
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

Dean For those who from a variety of faiths and beliefs
have endeavoured to influence the life of this city
in order that we may understand our differences
and share our common convictions:
let us bless the Lord.

All **May God be praised.**

Dean Almighty God,
we give you thanks for you have called us
to live in this city of Manchester.
Lead us to journey as citizens of heaven,
that we may come at the last to that city
with eternal foundations,
where you live and reign for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Please stand

Hymn

Lord, make us servants of your peace:
where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive;
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
where all is gloom, may we sow hope
where all is night, may we sow light;
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts,
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,
but seek to live unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive,
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying we live, and are reborn
through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace
to wake at last in heaven's light.

O Waly Waly SP 290

Traditional English melody arr. Noel Tredinnick (b 1949)

James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010)

after Francis of Assisi

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading from the Holy Quran

Al-Quran Surah 55. Ar-Rahman
(‘The Merciful’)

Read by Imam Qari Munther Saigh
from Makkah al-Mukarramah

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 55.6-13
Read by Amina Dar

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever."

At the end the reader says

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

The Heavens are telling the glory of God,
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Today that is coming speaks it the day,
the night that is gone to following night.
The Heavens are telling the glory of God,
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

In all the lands resounds the word,
never unperceived, ever understood.
The Heavens are telling the glory of God,
the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

Psalm 19.1

Reading from the Holy Gospel

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-45

Read by a member of the Cathedral Community

A reading from St Matthew's Gospel:

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

At the end the reader says

Thanks be to God.

Address

Dr Erinma Bell

Benedictus

Sung by the Choir

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel:
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us:
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets:
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies:
and from the hand of all that hate us.
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers:
and to remember his holy Covenant;
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather
Abraham: that he would give us;
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies:
might serve him without fear;
In holiness and righteousness before him:
all the days of our life.

And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his
ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the
remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God:
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of
death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Luke 1.68-79

Prayer

Intercession and The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of intercession are said for the City, the City Council and the Lord Mayor

Minister Let us pray to God for our City and for all those who work
for the common good.

For all elected members of the City Council,
for the Lord Mayor and her staff
and for all who work in public services in Manchester:
Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those who serve the community
in the maintenance of law and order,
and for the magistrates:
Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who guard our liberty, and for all who serve
our democracy within the political parties:
Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For all who seek peace and guard it,
and for all who strive to reconcile the tensions
and injustices in our society:
Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the many who minister
to others in voluntary organisations;
for all who serve society in hidden, often unrecognised ways:
Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For ourselves, that we may rededicate our lives
to the service of the common good,
and to the renewal of our society in justice and peace,
and in care and respect for all:

Lord hear us,

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Eternal God, our heavenly Father,
you have given to your servants an abiding citizenship
in heaven and, in the days of our pilgrimage,
a citizenship also upon earth;
help us, as we journey through life,
faithfully to discharge the responsibilities which fall to us,
that by your grace, we may, at the last,
enter into the life and joy of that heavenly City,
of which you are the builder and maker.

All **Amen.**

We gather together our prayers and praises
in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples:

All **Our Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Please stand

The Sending Out

The Civic Prayer

led by the Lord Mayor's Chaplain
Mohammed Rehman Ullah

Chaplain Let us pray for our city of Manchester and for ourselves:

Grant us, O God,
a vision of our city, fair as she might be;
a city of justice, where none shall prey on others;
a city of plenty, where vice and poverty shall cease;
a city of support and community,
where success shall be founded on service,
and honour be given to worth alone;
a city of peace, where order shall not rest on force,
but on the love of all for the city:

All **Hear, O Lord, the prayer of all our hearts,
as we each pledge our time
and strength and thought
to speed the day
of her coming beauty and righteousness.
Amen.**

Please remain standing

Hymn

During the hymn pupils from Whalley Range 11-18 High School will take a collection for the Cathedral's work in the community. Thank you for your generosity.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temple leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy host above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Blaenwern NEH 408
William Rowlands (1860-1937)

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Please remain standing

The Blessing

The Dean

God bless Manchester
and make her people strong in faith,
steadfast in hope and generous in charity;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause,
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

Music after the Service

Fantasia and Fugue in G

C Hubert H Parry

*Please remain standing as the Procession
leaves the Cathedral.*

*After the service transport will be available
from Victoria Street outside the Cathedral
to convey members of the congregation
who require it to Central Library.*

*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.*