

Palm Sunday Sung Eucharist



Sunday 28 March 2021

10.30 am

Plainsong Mass XIII

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.

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.



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.

Today's Service

President

The Dean

Musicians

The Lay Clerks are 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

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem

The Greeting

The President welcomes the congregation

Please stand

President Lift up your heads, O gates;
and be lifted up, you everlasting doors:
and the King of glory shall come in.

Psalm 24.7

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

President Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

All hold up their palms while this prayer is said

President God our Saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, let these palms be for us a sign of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Palm Gospel

Luke 19.28-40

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

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

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." 'So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

 "Blessed is the king
 who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
 and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

President Let us go forth, praising Jesus our Messiah.

Please sit and refrain from singing

Hymn

sung by the Lay Clerks

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry,
Thy humble beast pursues his road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne
Awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Winchester New NEH 511

Henry Milman (1791-1868)

Adapted from a chorale in

Musicalisches Hand-Buch, Hamburg 1690

Remain seated

Collect

President Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering
and in his glory.

Silence is kept

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example
of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Philippians 2.5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death -
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of the Passion

Matthew 27. 1-54

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death:

And when they had bound him, they led him away and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.

And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

And they took counsel, and bought with them the potters field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; And gave them for the potters field, as the Lord appointed me.

And Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest.

And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas.

Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him.

But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers. And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, They gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted thereof, he would not drink.

And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there; And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Then were there two thieves crucified with him, one on the right hand, and another on the left.

And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, And saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.

He trusted in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him: for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

Silence is kept.

Prayers of Intercession

In prayer we face, with Christ, his suffering.
For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin
which mean spiritual death,
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people,
that through the suffering of disunity
there may grow a rich union in Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them,
and administer them,
that our common life may be ordered in justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,
and for all in the midst of warfare,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty
to work openly for justice and peace,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,
that they may find support and encouragement,
let us pray to the Lord.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship,
failure, or sorrow,
feel that God is far from them,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,
may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

All **Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

Please stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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 Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought
near through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace.

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

Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hymn

sung by the Lay Clerks

Please sit and refrain from singing

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovely be.

O, who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow:
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

Love Unknown NEH 86
John Ireland (1879-1962)

Samuel Crossman (1624-83)

Please stand

President Jesus, true vine and bread of life,
ever giving yourself that the world might live,
let us share your death and passion:
make us perfect in your love.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

President The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hears.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

President It is indeed right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws
near, the whole world is called to acknowledge his
hidden majesty.
The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement
that has come upon the world,
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,
for ever praising you and singing:

Lay Clerks	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 We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends and,
taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did;
in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
All **Dying, you destroyed our death,
rising, you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

President Lord of all life, help us to work together
for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with The Blessed Virgin Mary, St Denys,
St George and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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 Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
All **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

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.**

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

Online worshippers may donate via this link
www.manchestercathedral.org/get-involved/donate

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 Lay Clerks sing the Agnus Dei and anthem.

Agnus Dei

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

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

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

Anthem

Adoramus te, Christe
et benedicimus tibi.
Quia per tuam sanctam crucem
redemisti mundum.
Domine, miserere nobis. *We adore thee, O Christ,
and we bless thee,
because by thy holy cross
thou hast redeemed the world.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Orlande de Lassus (1532-94)

Antiphon for Good Friday

Prayer after Communion

President Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the courage to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

All **Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Please remain seated and refrain from singing

Hymn

sung by the Lay Clerks

It is a thing most wonderful,
Almost too wonderful to be,
That God's own Son should come from heaven,
And die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:
He chose a poor and humble lot,
And wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died
For love of those who loved him not.

But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
Of that great love, which, like a fire,
Is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know
His love for me so free and sure;
But 'tis more wonderful to see
My love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
And I will love thee more and more,
Until I see thee as thou art.

Herongate NEH 84
Essex folk song arranged by
R Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

W Walsham How (1823-97)

The Dismissal

The Blessing

President May the Father,
 who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
 bring you by faith to his eternal life.

All **Amen.**

 May Christ,
 who accepted the cup of sacrifice
 in obedience to the Father's will,
 keep you steadfast as you walk with him the way of his cross.

All **Amen.**

 May the Spirit,
 who strengthens us to suffer with Christ
 that we may share his glory,
 set your minds on life and peace.

All **Amen.**

 And the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

O sacred head, sore wounded

sung by the Lay Clerks

O sacred head, sore wounded,
Defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
With mocking crown of thorn:
What sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendour
The hosts of heaven adore.

Passion Chorale NEH 90
Harmony by J S Bach

Paul Gerhardt (1607-76)
from a 14th century Latin hymn
Tr Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

The ministers and Choir depart in silence.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to leave likewise.

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

Holy Week Services

Sunday 28 March - Palm Sunday

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Monday 29 March

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

10.30am Sung Eucharist with Blessing of Oils
and the Renewal of Vows (closed to the public - live on
Facebook only)

5.30pm Choral Evensong, including the Lamentations of the Prophet
Jeremiah by Thomas Tallis (live on Facebook only)

Tuesday 30 March

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Wednesday 31 March

9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)

4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Thursday 1 April - Maundy Thursday

- 9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)
4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)
5.30pm Sung Eucharist with Stripping of the Altars (please book your free ticket on Eventbrite or join us online)

Friday 2 April - Good Friday

- 9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)
12.00pm The Way of the Cross: The Liturgy of the Day (please book your free ticket on Eventbrite or join us online)
4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)

Saturday 3 April - Holy Saturday

- 9am Morning Prayer (live on Facebook only)
4.30pm Evening Prayer (live on Facebook only)
5.30pm Easter Vigil (please book your free ticket on Eventbrite or join us online)

Sunday 4 April, Easter Day

- 10.30am Eucharist (please book your free ticket on Eventbrite or join us online)
3pm Choral Evensong (live on BBC Radio 3 only)

We aspire to open more services to the public from Monday 12 April*, more information below.

Daily Morning and Evening Prayer will be open to the public and livestreamed.

1.10pm Eucharist offered on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays, open to the public, not livestreamed.

** Subject to COVID guidelines. We reserve the right to cancel services at short notice if necessary.*

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