

Holy Eucharist

The Epiphany
7th January 2024
10.30 am

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.

Sundays of Epiphany

The celebration of Christ's incarnation at Christmas celebrates the wonderful mystery of God's dwelling among us in the fullness of humanity, as Emmanuel, foretold by the prophets and born of Mary. Christmas is much more than simply the celebration of Jesus' birth, although it is Christ's nativity that has provided the occasion for this festival of the incarnation, since the end of the third century. We recall, amid all the joyful customs and celebrations of Christmas, this central truth of the Word made flesh for our salvation.

In the Western churches, the Epiphany ('manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. In the Eastern churches, the Epiphany is, rather, the celebration of Christ's baptism at the hands of John, when the heavens were opened and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son. The miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory', follows immediately. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity also falls during Epiphany.

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Receiving Holy Communion

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

Canon Nigel Ashworth

Preacher

The Revd Grace Thomas

Organist

The organ is played by Christopher Stokes,
Organist and Master of the Choristers.

Large-print copies of this booklet are also available

Music before the Service

Liebster Jesu wir sind hier BWV 731

J S Bach (1685-1750)

Gathering

Please stand

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)

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

President Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
All **From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

President The Lord of glory be with you.
All **The Lord bless you.**

Words of welcome are said

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon introduces the prayers of penitence

Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

All **God our Father,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing
and give us life.
You give your faithful people
new life in the water of baptism.
You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

Cantor *All*

(Glo-ry be to God on high;) and in earth peace, good-will to-wards men.

4 We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee,

8 we give thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, hea-ven-ly King,

10 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,

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

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

Collect

The president says the Collect for today

President O God,
 who by the leading of a star
 manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
 mercifully grant that we,
 who know you now by faith,
 may at last behold your glory face to face;
 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

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 60.1-6

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gradual Hymn

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning;
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
maker and monarch and Saviour of all!

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning;
dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Epiphany NEH 49ii
J F Thrupp (1827-1867)

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

Remain standing

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2.1-12

All turn to face the Gospel book.

Deacon Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
 Matthew.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and

scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

At the end

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit

The Sermon

The Revd Grace Thomas

The sermon is followed by a time of reflection. Please stand for the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All **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 or kneel

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers of intercession are said

Let us worship the Saviour with joy
and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

The magi came from the east to worship your Son:
Father, grant to Christians everywhere
the spirit of adoration.

We pray that in our lives and in our worship
we may encounter you and offer of ourselves in love.
Lord of glory,

All **hear our prayer.**

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh,
but the gift without price was your gift to us:
We pray that the world may turn from hatred,
 violence and war,
and turn to Christ and his kingdom of peace.
Have mercy on the people of Gaza and Israel
and the people of Ukraine.
Lord of glory,

All **hear our prayer.**

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death:
Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless,
and all who suffer.
We cry to you for refugees, those who have lost their homes
and all who live a precarious life.
Lord of glory,

All **hear our prayer.**

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth:
Father, protect in your love our neighbours,
our families and this city of Manchester.
We hold before you all who struggle with the cost of living,
foodbanks across this city and the people who rely on them.
Lord of glory,

All **hear our prayer.**

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship
with the shepherds, the angels, the magi,
the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph
and all the faithful departed.
In your unfailing love for us and for all your children,
hear and answer our prayers through your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Please stand

The Peace

President Christ is our peace.
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.
2 Corinthians 5.17

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

President Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Offertory Hymn

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides harmonic support. The music is a hymn tune with a steady, rhythmic pattern.

Wise men, they came to look for wisdom,
finding one wiser than they knew;
rich men, they met with one yet richer
King of the kings, they knelt to you:
Jesus, our wisdom from above,
wealth and redemption, life and love.

Pilgrims they were, from unknown countries,
searching for one who knows the world;
lost are their names, and strange their journeys,
famed is their zeal to find the child:
Jesus, in you the lost are claimed,
strangers are found, and known, and named.

Magi, they stooped to see your splendour,
led by a star to light supreme;
promised Messiah, Lord eternal,
glory and peace are in your name.
Joy of each day, our song by night,
shine on our path your holy light.

Guests of their God, they opened treasures,
incense and gold and solemn myrrh;
welcoming one too young to question
how came these gifts, and what they were.
Gift beyond price of gold or gem,
make among us your Bethlehem.

Neumark NEH 423i
Georg Neumark (1621-1681)

Christopher Idle (b 1938)

The president takes the bread and wine

President Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 Father, we give you thanks and praise
 through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
 your living Word, through whom you have created all things;
 who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
 By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
 as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth
 and went about among us;
 he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
 he put an end to death by dying for us;
 and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
 so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks for, by the leading of a star,
 you have revealed your only Son to the world,
 that in following him
 we are led from darkness into his marvellous light.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
 and with all the company of heaven,
 we proclaim your great and glorious name,
 for ever praising you and singing:

All *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 St Mary, St Denys, St George
 and all the saints,
 may praise and glorify you forever,
 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, forever and ever.
All **Amen.**

Please sit

The Lord's Prayer

Please say the Lord's Prayer in the language of your choice

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

The president breaks the consecrated bread and says

President We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
All **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Communion

The invitation to Communion is said

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

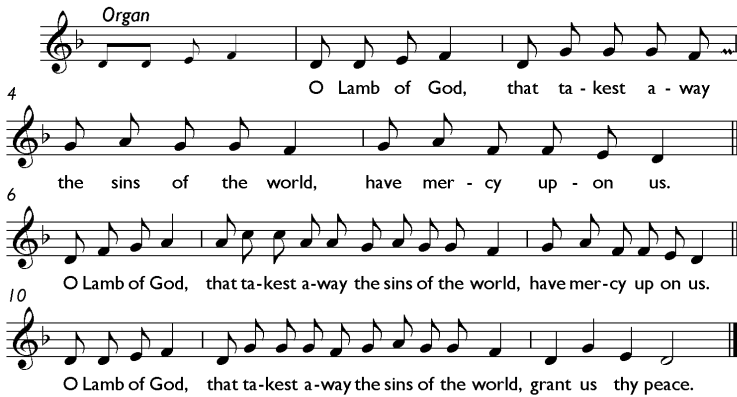
This prayer for spiritual Communion is offered on behalf of those joining the service online

President Heavenly Father, source of all life!
Send us your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize
and grow in the love of Christ present in the Eucharist,
who handed himself over for us. Amen.

Prayer of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress, 2021

Agnus Dei

The Agnus Dei is sung



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.

Communion

The president and people receive communion. Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies

Amen.

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 (that is in both elements of bread and wine). If you prefer, continuing to receive only bread is also permitted. Consecrated bread must not be intincted (dipped) in the wine.

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

Please follow the directions of the stewards.

Prayer after Communion

A period of reflection is held. Please stand if you can as the President approaches the Altar

President Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Saviour of the World.

All **May the light of faith fill our hearts,
and shine in our words and deeds;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to let the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth:
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever;
that name to us is Love.

Crüger NEH 55
Adapted by W H Monk
from a chorale by J Crüger (1598-1662)

James Montgomery (1771-1854)
based on Psalm 72

The Blessing

President Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory
and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
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 Sending Out

Deacon Let us go in the peace of Christ.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Music after the Service

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*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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Services this Week

Sunday 7th January

5.30 pm Epiphany Procession

Monday 8th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Tuesday 9th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Wednesday 10th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Thursday 11th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

5.30 pm Choral Evensong

Friday 12th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Saturday 13th January

9.00 am Morning Prayer

1.10 pm Holy Communion *not live-streamed*

4.30 pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 14th January *Second of Epiphany*

8.45 am Matins followed by Holy Communion

10.30 am Sung Eucharist

5.30 pm Choral Evensong



Manchester
Cathedral 

Canon Wray's
**SOCK
DAY** 21st
JANUARY

Donate a pair of new socks
to support the people of
Manchester who are homeless



COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Let's Help
People in
Their Time Of
Need

Welcome to our community fridge.

This is open to everyone and free of charge.

Our community fridge runs every Monday and Friday from 11am, which is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

We have an amazing team that collects surplus food from our local sandwich shops and supermarkets.



Usually, we have sandwiches, pasties and soups and might have other things ie: bread or fruit that we can add to the bag.

We suggest coming as early as possible on the day as this is very popular and the fridge can get empty within the first couple of hours of us opening.

This helps to stop food waste and helps us to distribute unwanted food to the people who can make use of it.



If you are interested in donating your surplus food or supporting our community fridge then please get in touch or donate through our website.

Thank you and hope to see you soon.

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