



 **THE CHURCH  
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Diocese of Manchester

**CHURCH  
FOR A  
DIFFERENT  
WORLD**



**Newton Heath**

**All Saints' Parish Church**

With St Wilfrid's, St Ann and St Cuthbert's

10<sup>th</sup> May 2026, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

**10.00 am Parish Sung Eucharist**

**PLEASE TAKE THIS AWAY WITH YOU**

## **Take comfort**

To the right is an image of a stone altar, the kind to which Paul refers in his speech to the Athenians. I guess it leaves us nonplussed. It looks like a garden ornament. But note the kindness with which Paul addresses the people, despite their indifference to him. He doesn't say "please don't tell me you worship something like this: look at what we've got." He excites curiosity.



We can understand the bewilderment of 'the Athenians' who may well have been baffled when faced with Paul's model of God which had no physical manifestation since the Ascension (which we mark on Thursday).

Cut to the Gospel Jesus tells us that in addition to him (in John always think 'Word made flesh') he will send comfort, an advocate in the form of the Holy Spirit, also described as the Paraclete, an 'advocate' who can be alongside us. We need this judge in the often hostile court of public opinion. We saw how that panned out for Stephen last week. Be brave. Remember, we are not left comfortless.

Fr A

**Welcome to the Eucharist**, also known as  
Holy Communion or The Mass

This act of worship is a partnership between the priest and the people who:

- greet each other in the Lord's name
- confess their sins and, if repentant, are assured of God's forgiveness
- keep silence and pray a Collect  
( a special prayer or collection of thoughts for that day)
- proclaim and respond to the word of God in scripture and reflect on it
- pray for the Church, the world and those in need
- exchange the Peace (this should be a simple gesture, not a major interruption to the flow of the service)
- prepare the table (it is only a table, but it becomes an altar)
- pray the Eucharistic Prayer (listen along and pray, and over time these words will become more familiar to you.
- break the bread (which recalls Christ's body, broken on the Cross)
- receive communion (or a blessing instead)
- depart with God's blessing, to go in peace to love and serve the Lord

If you have arrived very late, relax! Sit still and make your confession knowing God understands and loves you. Then read the Gospel, and join us in full when you are ready.

**Safeguarding**



*Jesus Christus, unser Heiland BWV 689*  
*Jesus Christ, our Redeemer*

J.S. Bach

**THE GATHERING**

*We stand to sing*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am, Lord.*  
*Is it I, Lord?*  
*I have heard you calling in the night.*  
*I will go, Lord, if you lead me.*  
*I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Chorus*

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Chorus*

*Daniel L. Schutte (born 1947)*  
*© 1981 Daniel L. Schutte & New Dawn Music*

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

**Amen.**

**Alleluia. Christ is risen.**

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

### **The Greeting**

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

**and also with you**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

*Please sit or kneel.*

**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**

#### **Invitation to confession**

Christ our Passover lamb  
has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all  
malice and evil and confessing our sins with a  
sincere and true heart.

**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**

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.

**Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

*Please stand  
(Mass of Sr Cedd, Nadone)*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

**The Collect**

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us

he may raise us to eternal joy;  
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.

**Amen**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### Acts 17.22-31

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

### 1 Peter 3.13-22

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those

who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Reading**

*As you are able, please stand*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the first and the last, says the Lord,  
and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love

me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

*John 14.15-21*

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel*

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father, through the Son who is present with us to eternity.

**Our bishops:** David, Mark and Matthew

### **The Anglican Communion**

The Church of Pakistan (United)

### **Porvoo Communion**

The Diocese of Gloucester

The Church of Sweden: Diocese of Västerås

### **Schools and Colleges**

All Saints; St Wilfrid's; Briscoe Lane Academy; Christ the King;

Co-op Academy Broadhurst; Oldham Blue Coat; Trinity High School;

Bowdoin College, Maine; Churchill College, Cambridge; University of Coventry;

Edge Hill University; University of Leeds; Loretto Sixth Form College;

Oldham Sixth Form College.

### **Parish**

Harringay Rd, Heathfield Street, Herondale Close, Hethorn Street,

High Peak Street, Highland Walk.

### **Book of Remembrance**

Jack Hadden; Kevin Helling; George Roberts; Nellie Holland; Eliza Gorst; John Steel; Eleanor Crudger; Harry Beswick; James Walsh; William Edwards.

## **The Peace**

*Please stand*

*The President introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said "Peace be with you." Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **Preparation of the Table**

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, the majesty:  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

Be present, be present,  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
our risen high priest;  
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

**Amen.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Please sit or kneel*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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 president recites the Preface as far as*

while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the  
hymn of your glory:

*(Mass of St. Cedd, Nadone)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
+Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The president continues with the institution narrative as far as*

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

*The Eucharistic prayer continues to its conclusion in the Doxology*

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  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour  
has taught us:

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many we are one body  
because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God:**  
**have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins:**  
**have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, Redeemer of the world:**  
**give us your peace.**

**Giving of Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world  
**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,**  
**but only say the word and I am healed.**

*We join in Communion.*

*Communicant members of other Christian Churches are welcome to join us for Communion or if you wish to come forward for a Blessing please bring this booklet with you or keep your arms folded.*

**Music after Communion**

*(Remain seated)*

*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth.*

*From John 14*

*Music: Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)*

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept*

God our Father  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
gives the water of eternal life:  
may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**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.**

*Church News may be shared.*

## **Hymn**

All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.

God's great goodness ay endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light, and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of nought.  
Evermore,  
From his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
At his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call

One and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*Meine Hoffnung stehet feste Joachim Neander (1650-1680) paraphrased Robert  
Bridges (1844-1930)*

## **The Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead  
our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you strong in every good work  
to do his will,  
working in you that which is  
well-pleasing in his sight;  
and the blessing of God almighty  
the +Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

### **The Dismissal**

Go in the light and peace of Christ  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Master Tallis's Testament*

### **Voluntary**

*Herbert Howells*

**Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM,  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 immediately after the  
10.00 service.**

As a charitable body, we are obliged to hold a meeting annually to 'sign off' the previous year's work and accounts (to the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December) elect Church Wardens, members of the PCC, and parish officers if vacancies remain; and, this year, present the revised Electoral Roll.

We try to get the meeting completed as quickly as possible. In recent years this has usually been 15-20 minutes, start to finish.

Reports and Accounts for 2025 will be available in hard copy, electronically and online from 9<sup>th</sup> May also.

If there is a question you would like to ask, please email it in – just in case it's a difficult one!

## Manchester and Salford Whit Walk Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2026

Honouring a tradition that began over 200 years ago, the Whit Walk processions, first held in 1801, celebrate the birthday of the Church and bring together Christians from across the



region in a joyful expression of faith and community. Each year, crowds line the streets of Manchester City Centre to support the churches as they take part in this much-loved event.

Led by brass bands, the procession makes its way from Manchester Cathedral along Deansgate to St Peter's Square. This vibrant and family-friendly event welcomes people of all ages to cheer on those walking, share in fellowship, and participate in a collective Act of Worship at St Peter's Square

We've booked our slot. Come and join us.

## About us



*The Parish of All Saints, Newton Heath  
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