

**Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool**

# **SOLEMN MASS**

**ON THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
7 AUGUST 2022 AT 11.00AM**

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, the mother Church of the Roman Catholic Community, and seat of the Archbishop of Liverpool. We hope you will fully participate in this celebration of the Mass, and that – along with so many others – you will experience the presence of God in this holy place.

## **THE MASS**

At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, or the Mass, to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until he should come again.

The Mass is an act of thanksgiving to God for his saving work; it is a sacred meal which nourishes us spiritually and anticipates the heavenly banquet, and it is a holy sacrifice, making present the one true sacrifice of Christ our Saviour.

Roman Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is truly present at the Mass; in the assembly gathered as the Body of Christ, through his Word made present in scripture, but supremely under the appearance of bread and wine. In the Eucharist the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ is wholly and entirely present.

Strengthened by this sacred food, we go forth to build up the Body of Christ in this world, and to bring his healing and salvation to all peoples.

*The Celebrant for today's Mass is Fr Chris McCoy.*

*The Solemn Mass each Sunday is offered for all Benefactors of the Cathedral.*

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE HYMN *all stand and join in singing*



1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon my breast:’  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
And he has made me glad.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘I am this dark world’s Light;  
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
And all thy day be bright:’  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
Till travelling days are done.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one;  
Stoop down, and drink, and live:’  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in him.

### GREETING

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Amen.**

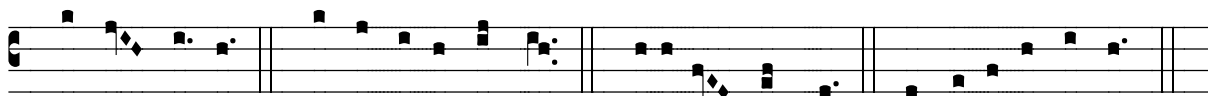
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.  
**R. And with your spirit.**

### PENITENTIAL RITE *all join in saying*

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

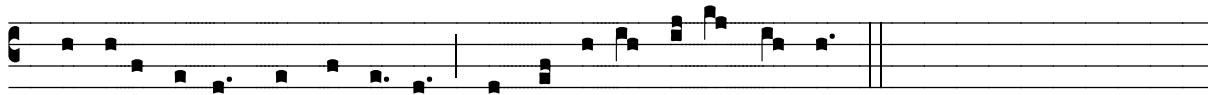
**GLORIA VIII** *all join in singing the verses in bold type*

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.



**Lauda- mus te. Be-ne-di-ci-mus te. Ado-ra- mus te. Glo-ri-fi-camus te.**

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.



**Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, De-us Pa-ter omni- pot-ens.**

Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.



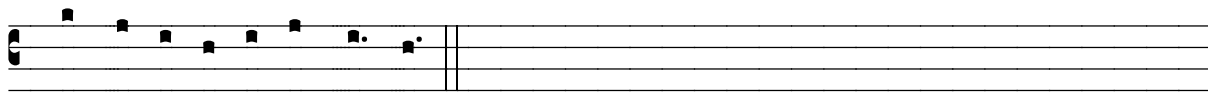
**Domi-ne De-us, Agnus De- i, Fi-li- us Pa- tris.**

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.



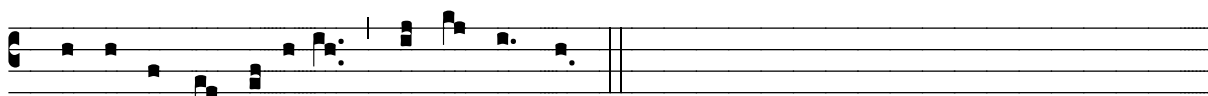
**Qui to-llis pec-ca-ta mundi, susci-pe de-pre-ca-ti-o- nem no- stram.**

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.



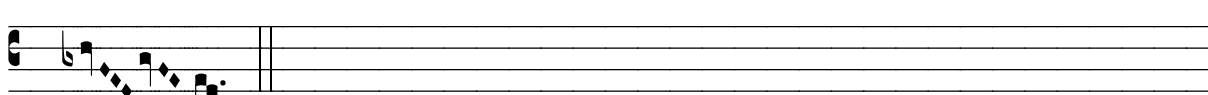
**Quo-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus.**

Tu solus Dominus.



**Tu so- lus Al- tissimus, Je-su Chri-ste.**

Cum sancto Spiritu, in Gloria Dei Patris.



**A- men.**

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,  
we dare to call our Father,  
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts  
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,  
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance  
which you have promised.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING *from the book of Wisdom 18:6-9*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,  
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in  
they would joyfully take courage.  
This was the expectation of your people,  
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;  
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes  
you made us glorious by calling us to you.  
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret  
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:  
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;  
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 32 *all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm*



Hap - py the peo - ple the Lord has cho - sen as his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

**SECOND READING** *from the letter to the Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord.  
**R.** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *all join in singing the Gospel Acclamation after the Cantor and again after the verse*

**A** I- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia, al- le- lu- ia.

Blessed are you, Father,  
 Lord of heaven and earth,  
 for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
 to mere children.

## **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:32-48

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After the Gospel, all sing the Gospel Acclamation.*

## **HOMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** *all join in saying*

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

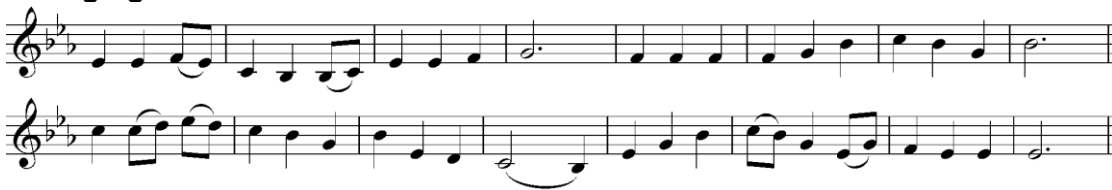
**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.**

**God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.  
 For us men and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
 of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
 he suffered death and was buried,  
 and rose again on the third day  
 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.  
 I 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 adored and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
 I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERTORY HYMN** *a collection is taken for the upkeep of the Cathedral, meanwhile all join in singing*



- 1** Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
 Naught be all else to me save that thou art;  
 Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2** Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 Thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3** Be thou my breast-plate, my sword for the fight,  
 Be thou my armour, and be thou my might,  
 Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,  
 Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.



4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance through all my days,  
Thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5 High King of heaven when battle is done,  
Grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's sun;  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*The Celebrant says*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

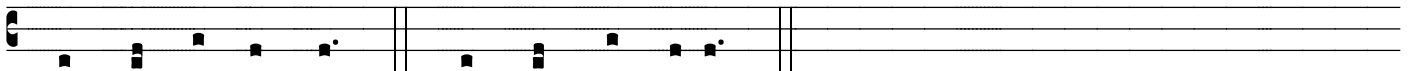
*All stand and say*

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

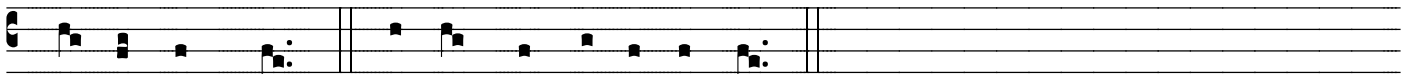
#### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church,  
for in your mercy you have given them to be offered  
and by your power you transform them  
into the mystery of our salvation.  
Through Christ our Lord.

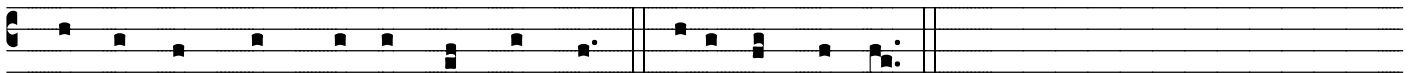
*R. Amen.*



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.



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



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

**SANCTUS VIII** *all join in singing*

VI  
**S** an- ctus, \* Sanctus, San- ctus Do- minus De-us Sa- ba-oth.

Pleni sunt cae-li et ter- ra glo-ri- a tu- a. Ho- sanna in excel- sis.

Bene- di- ctus qui ve- nit in nomi- ne Do- mi- ni. Ho- san- na in excel- sis.

*Gregorian Chant*

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** *all join in singing*

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

**GREAT AMEN** *all join in singing*

A-men. A-men. A- men.

**COMMUNION RITE**

**THE SIGN OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*R.* And with your spirit.

**AGNUS DEI VIII** *all join in singing*

VI  
**A** - gnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis pecca- ta mun- di: mi- se- re- re no- bis.

A- gnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis pecca- ta mun- di: mi- se- re- re no- bis.



A- gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa- cem.

Gregorian Chant

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*All join in saying*

**R. Lord, I am not worthy  
that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Those who are not Roman Catholic, or do not wish to receive communion, are welcome to come forward in spiritual communion. Crossing your arms across your chest will indicate to the priest or eucharistic minister that you would welcome his or her words of spiritual communion.*

**HYMN AFTER COMMUNION** *all stand and join in singing*



**1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**3 Alleluia, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**2 Alleluia, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**

**4 Alleluia, King eternal  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament  
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,  
and confirm us in the light of your truth.

Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## CONCLUDING RITE

### BLESSING and DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you:  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

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