

**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

SOLEMN MASS

**ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
7 APRIL 2024 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 Anthony Lippo.

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** Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluya!
- 2** Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluya!
- 3** But the pains that he endured, Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluya!

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

Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth:
Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life:
Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

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.



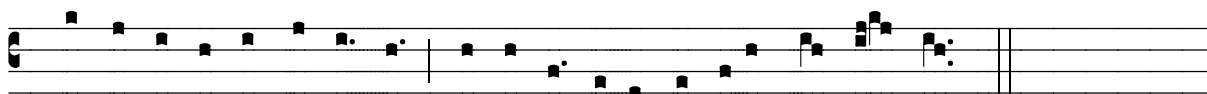
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, De-us Pa-ter omni- pot-ens.

Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.



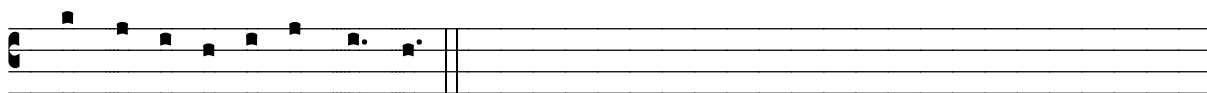
Domi-ne De-us, Agnus De- i, Fi-li- us Pa- tris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.



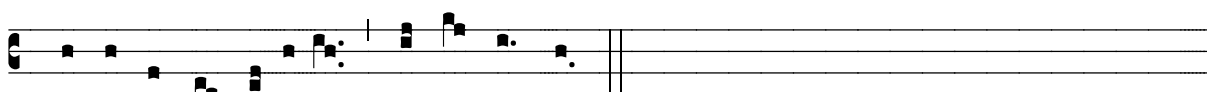
Qui to-llis pec-ca-ta mundi, susci-pe de-pre-ca-ti-o- nem no- stram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.



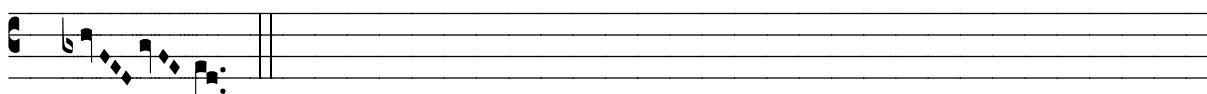
Quo-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus.

Tu solus Dominus.



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

Cum sancto Spiritu, in Gloria Dei Patris.



A- men.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

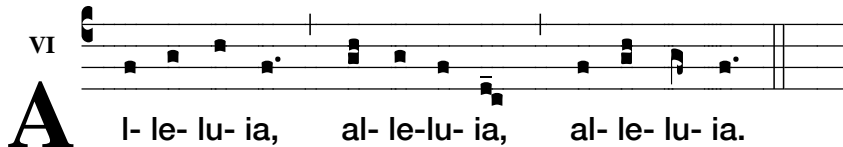
SECOND READING *from the first letter of St John 5:1-6*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.
We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.
Who can overcome the world?
Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

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*

VI



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

Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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 or please use the QR codes at the back of the booklet, meanwhile all join in singing*



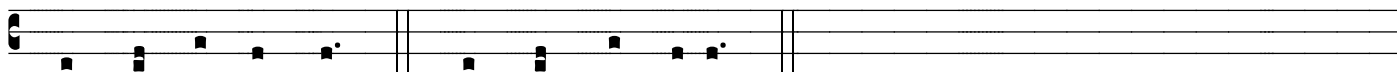
- 1 Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our heart that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

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

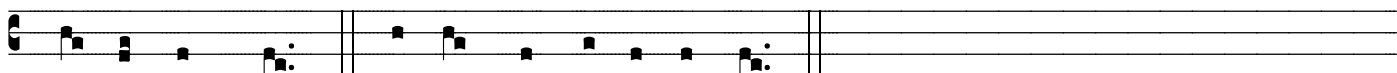
All stand and say
 May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
 for the praise and glory of his name,
 for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

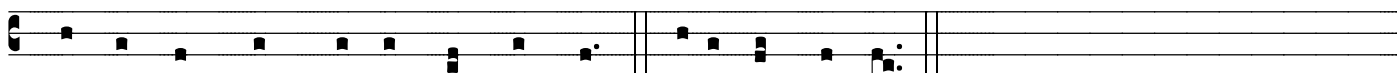
Accept, O Lord, we pray,
 the oblations of your people
 and of those you have brought to new birth,
 that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism,
 they may attain unending happiness.
 Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.



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.

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HYMN AFTER COMMUNION *all stand and join in singing*



1 **Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment
Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes
Where his body lay.
Thine be the glory,
Risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry
Thou o'er death has won.**

3 **No more we doubt thee,
Glorious Prince of life;
Life is nought without thee:
Aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conq'rors
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above.
Thine be the glory...**

2 **Lo! Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom.
Let the Church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth;
Death has lost its sting.
Thine be the glory...**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
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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