

SOLEMN MASS

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 Canon Anthony O'Brien.

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 All creatures of our God and King,
 Lift up your voice and with us sing
 Alleluya, alleluya!
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 Thou silver moon with softer gleam:
 O praise him, O praise him,
 Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!
- Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, Alleluya! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice: O praise 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.

Let all things their Creator bless,
 And worship him in humbleness,
 O praise him, Alleluya!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, three in One:
 O praise him...

GLORIA VIII all join in singing the verses in bold type

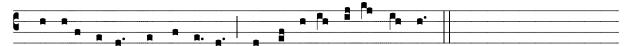
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.



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.



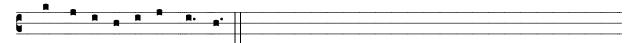
Domi-ne De-us, Agnus De- i, Fi-li- us Pa- tris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.



Qui to-llis pecca-ta mundi, susci-pe depre-ca-ti-o- nem no- stram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.



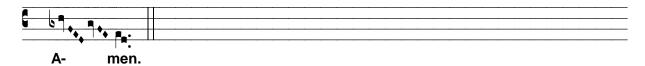
Quo-ni-am tu so-lus sanctus.

Tu solus Dominus.



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

Cum sancto Spiritu, in Gloria Dei Patris.



COLLECT

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure.

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 second book of the Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat.' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 144 all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm



All creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. *R.*

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. *R.*

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. *R.*

SECOND READING from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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



Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:1-15

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish; giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Allelu, alleluia.

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find; Knock and it shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia...

- We do not live by bread alone But by ev'ry word That comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia...
- 4 Where two or three are gathered in my name, There am I in your midst; And whatsoever you ask I will do: Alleluia...

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

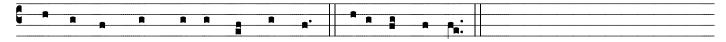
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

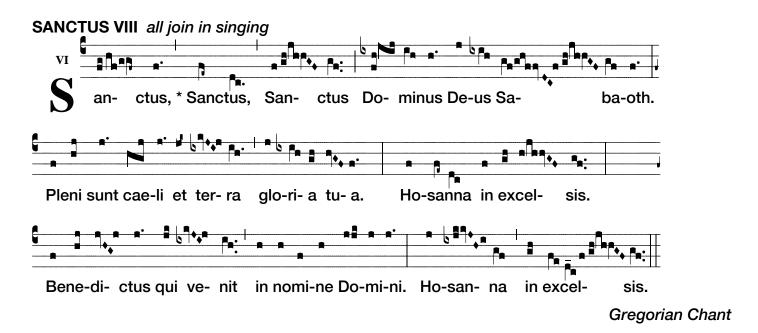
Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.



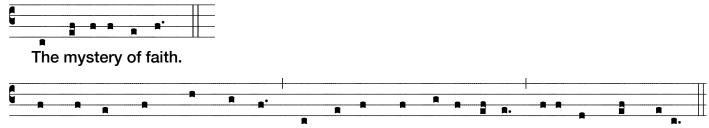




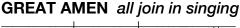
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION all join in singing



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





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.



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 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast; Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest, Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide, Wash me with water flowing from thy side.
- 2 Strength and protection may thy passion be, O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me; Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me, So shall I never, never part from thee.

3 Guard and defend me from the foe malign, In death's dread moments make me only thine; Call me and bid me come to thee on high Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. 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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