



**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

SOLEMN MASS

**ON THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
6 OCTOBER 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 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!
- 2 **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...
- 3 **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...

INTROIT *the Choir sings*

In voluntate tua, Domine,
universa sunt posita, et non est qui posit
resistere voluntati tuae:
tu enim fecisti omnia,
caelum et terram, et universa quae caeli
ambtu continentur:
Dominus universorum tu es.

*O Lord, you have given everything
its place in the world,
and no one can make it otherwise.
For it is your creation,
the heavens and the earth
and the stars:
you are the Lord of all.*

Gregorian Chant

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 *Missa Brevis - Jonathan Dove (b1959)*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour out your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.
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 Genesis 2:18-24*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

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

PSALM 127 *all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm*



O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
by the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **R.**

SECOND READING *from the letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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

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



Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, all sing the Gospel Acclamation.

HOMILY

CREDO I *all join in singing the verses in bold type*

IV. **C**redo in unum De-um, Patrem omni-po-ten-tem, factorem caeli et ter-rae, vi-si-bi-li-um
omni-um, et in-vi-si-bi-li-um. **Et in unum Domi-num Jesum Christum, Fi-li-um De-i**
u-ni-ge-ni-tum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. **Deum de Deo, lumen de lumi-**
ne, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstan-ti-a-lem Patri, per
quem omnia facta sunt. **Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de**
caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Vir-gi-ne: Et homo factus est.
Cru-ci-fi-xus et-i-am pro nobis: sub Pontio Pi-la-to passus, et sepultus est. Et re-sur-rexit
ter-ti-a di-e, secundum Scripturas. **Et ascendit in caelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris.**
Et i-terum venturus est cum glori-a, iudicare vivos et mortuos : cuius regni non e-rit fi-nis.
Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum, et vi-vi-fi-cantem: qui ex Patre Fi-li-o-que procedit. Qui cum
Patre et Fi-li-o simul adoratur, et conglori-fi-catur: qui locutus est per Prophetas. **Et unam**

sanctam catho-li-cam et apo-sto-li-cam Eccle-si-am. Confi-teor unum baptisma in
 re-mis-sionem peccatorum. **Et exspecto resurrecti-onem mortu-orum.** Et vitam venturi
 sae-cu-li. **A-** men.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY MOTET *a collection is taken for the upkeep of the Cathedral or please use the QR codes at the back of the booklet, meanwhile the Choir sings*

Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth bring forth her increase: and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing. God shall bless us: all the ends of the world shall fear him. God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us. That thy way may be known upon earth: thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God: yea, let all the people praise thee. O let the nations rejoice and be glad: Glory be to the Father...

William Mathias (1934-1992)

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.**

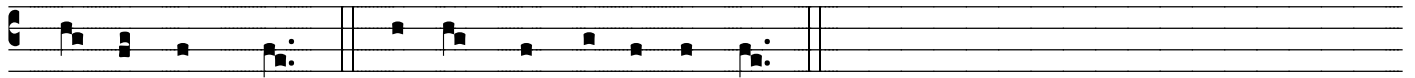
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
 the sacrifices instituted by your commands
 and, through the sacred mysteries,
 which we celebrate with dutiful service,
 graciously complete the sanctifying work
 by which you are pleased to redeem us.
 Through Christ our Lord.

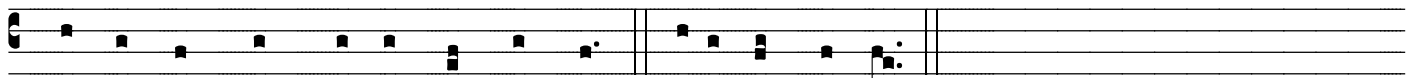
R. Amen.



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.

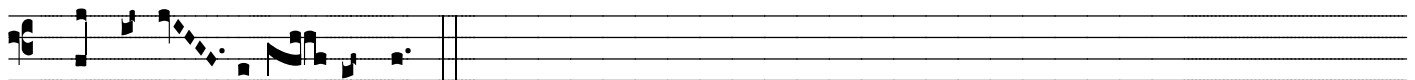
SANCTUS XI *all join in singing*



San-ctus,* Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra



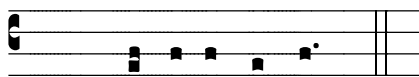
glo-ri-a tu-a. Hosanna in ex-cel-sis. Benedictus qui venit in no-mine Domini.



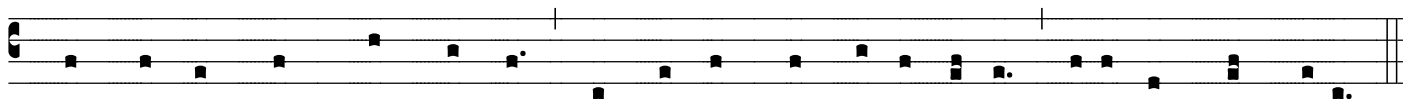
Ho-sanna in ex-cel-sis.

Gregorian Chant

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *all join in singing*

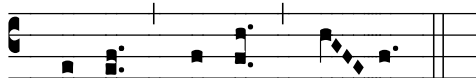


The mystery of faith.



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 *the Choir sings*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world. Grant us peace.*

*Missa Brevis
Jonathan Dove*

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *the Choir sings*

In salutari tuo anima mea,
et in verbum tuum speravi:
quando facies de persequentibus
me iudicium? iniqui persecute sunt
me, adiuva me, Domine Deus meus.

*I yearn for your saving help;
I hope in your word.
When will you judge my foes?
Help me when lies oppress me,
O Lord my God.*

Gregorian Chant

COMMUNION MOTET *the Choir sings*

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom; lead thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead thou me on! Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene - one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that thou shouldst lead me on. I loved to choose and see my path; but now, lead thou me on! I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, pride ruled my will. Remember not past years.

So long thy pow'r hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone. And with the morn those angel faces smile, which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Charles H Purday (1799-1885)

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION *all stand and join in singing*



- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name – the Lord, the Mighty One.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we consume.
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.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY *Fanfare - William Mathias*

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MUSIC AT THE MET 2024

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CONCERT Saturday 19 October, 7.00pm Bruckner and Saint-Saëns

The Choir of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral is joined by the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra to present a programme of music by Bruckner and Saint-Saëns.

An opportunity to hear the restored grand organ of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral featured in Saint-Saëns' popular Third Symphony, affectionately known as the 'Organ Symphony'.

In celebration of Anton Bruckner's 200th anniversary in 2024, the Cathedral Choir will sing three of Bruckner's best-known motets, before combining with the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra and soloists to complete the programme with his mighty Te Deum.

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