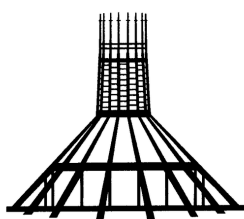




# Order of Services & Music

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**Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool**



Archdiocese of Liverpool

**MUSIC**



# Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

One of Liverpool's two iconic cathedrals, the Metropolitan Cathedral sits at the beating heart of the city of Liverpool. Its vast circular space and spectacular lantern tower draw visitors in for an array of services, concerts and events each year. Savour the silence. Join us in prayer. Hear our music. Explore and discover. Whatever shape your visit takes, we look forward to welcoming you to Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

## Regular choral services in the cathedral

Monday–Thursday: Sung Mass at 17.00

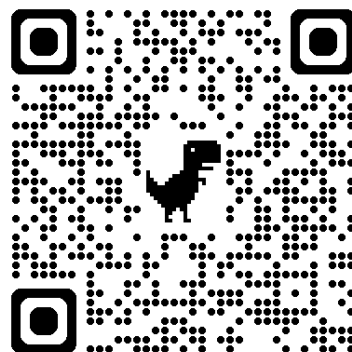
Friday: Sung Mass and Choral Evening Prayer at 17.00

Sunday: Solemn Mass at 11.00 and Choral Evening Prayer at 15.00

## Music at the Met 2024


The 2024 'Music at the Met' concert series features organ recitals, choral concerts and a variety of special musical offerings within liturgical services.

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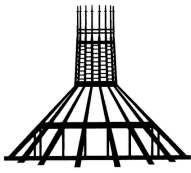
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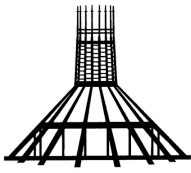
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Sunday	1	11.00	<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Boys &amp; Adults</i>		
			Mass for Four Voices (S, A) - Byrd	Hark! A herald voice is calling	H
1st Sunday of Advent			Vigilate - Byrd	Ad te levavi (15)	I
			Virga Jesse - Bruckner	Ostende nobis Domine (16)	G
			Asperges me - Buchholz	Dominus dabit (17)	C
			Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BVW 659) - Bach	Lo! He comes	H
		17.00	<b>Advent Sequence</b> <i>Boys, Girls &amp; Adults</i>		
			Rorate cæli desuper - Gregorian	O come, O come, Emmanuel	H
			A tender shoot - Briggs	Hark! A herald voice is calling	H
			Vigilate - Byrd	Long ago, prophets knew	H
			Matin Responsory - Palestrina	The voice of God	H
			A Hymn to the Virgin - Britten	Lo! He comes	H
			The Beloved - Allain		
			Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen - Sandström		
			People, look east - Trepte		
			Toccata 'Veni Emmanuel' - Carter		
Monday	2	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Youth Choir</i>		
			Missa Brevis (K, S, A) - Wilton	See, the Lord is coming	E
			Alma Redemptoris Mater - Palestrina	The Lord is just	C
			Iesu, dulcis memoria - Victoria		
Tuesday	3	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Boys</i>		
			Mass XVIII (K, S, A) - Gregorian	See, the Lord is coming	E
St Francis Xavier			Rorate cæli desuper - Gregorian	The Lord is just	C
			Anima Christi - Gregorian		
Wednesday	4	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Girls &amp; Adults</i>		
			Missa 'Rorate cæli' (K, S, A) - Haydn	See, the Lord is coming	E
			Adam lay ybounden - Ord	The Lord is just	C
			This is the truth - Vaughan Williams		
Thursday	5	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Boys &amp; Adults</i>		
			Missa 'Æterna Christi' (K, S, A) - Palestrina	See, the Lord is coming	E
St John Almond			O radiant dawn - MacMillan	The Lord is just	C
Friday	6	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Adults</i>		
			Missa 'Dixit Maria' (K, S, A) - Hassler	See, the Lord is coming	E
			Dixit Maria - Hassler		
			Sicut cervus - Palestrina		
		17.30	<b>Choral Evening Prayer</b> <i>Adults</i>		
			Bethlehem Down - Warlock	Creator of the stars of night	H
			Magnificat 'Short Service' - Byrd	Friday Advent Week I	P
			Alma Redemptoris Mater - Gregorian		



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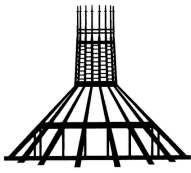
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Sunday	8	11.00	<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Girls &amp; Adults</i>		
			Mass in G (K, S) - Schubert	On Jordan's bank	H
2nd Sunday of Advent			A tender shoot - Briggs	Populus Sion (18)	I
			Agnus Dei - Schubert	Lætatus sum (19)	G
			Agnus XVIII - Gregorian	Ierusalem, surge (20)	C
			Wachet auf - Bach	Come, thou long expected Jesus	H
		15.00	<b>Bach and Handel</b>		
			<i>Music by Bach (Cantata 140, Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme) and Handel (selections from Part I of Messiah) for the Advent and Christmas season performed by Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and members of the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra</i>		
Monday	9	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Cantor</i>		
			Mass VIII (G, S, A) - Gregorian	Hail, holy Mother	E
Immaculate Conception				The Almighty works marvels	C
				Holy virgin, by God's decree	H
Tuesday	10	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Cantor</i>		
			Mass XVIII (K, S, A) - Gregorian	Come, Lord, from your cherubim throne	E
				I am coming quickly	C
Wednesday	11	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Adults</i>		
			Mass XVIII (K, S, A) - Gregorian	Come, Lord, from your cherubim throne	E
			Alma Redemptoris Mater - Palestrina	I am coming quickly	C
			Iesu, dulcis memoria - Victoria		
Thursday	12	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Adults</i>		
			Mass XVIII (K, S, A) - Gregorian	Come, Lord, from your cherubim throne	E
			Canite tuba - Guerrero	I am coming quickly	C
			This is the record of John - Gibbons		
Friday	13	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Adults</i>		
			Missa Brevis (K, A) - Gabrieli	Come, Lord, from your cherubim throne	E
St Lucy			A spotless rose - Howells		
			Beati viscera - Byrd		
			Sanctus XVIII - Gregorian		
Saturday	14	19.00	<b>A Celebration of Christmas</b>		
			<i>The choirs of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, joined by special guests, provide an evening of Christmas music</i>		
			<i>Tickets available from: <a href="http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral">www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral</a></i>		





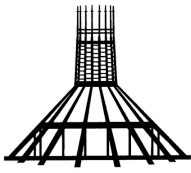
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Sunday	15	11.00	<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Boys &amp; Adults</i> Messe Solennelle (K, S) - Vierne Rejoice in the Lord alway - Rathbone E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come - Manz Agnus XVIII - Gregorian Final (Symphonie I) - Vierne	O come, O come, Emmanuel H Gaudete in Domino semper (21) I Excita, Domine (23) G Dicite: Pusillanimes (23) C Long ago, prophets knew H
3rd Sunday of Advent		15.00	<b>Choral Evening Prayer</b> <i>Boys, Girls &amp; Adults</i> <b>with Britten's A Ceremony of Carols</b> Magnificat Tone I - Gregorian Alma Redemptoris Mater - Gregorian	Creator of the stars of night H Sunday Advent Week III P
Monday	16	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Youth Choir</i> Mass XVIII (K, S, A) - Gregorian O radiant dawn - MacMillan Rejoice in the Lord alway - Purcell	Hear the message E Come to us, Lord C
Tuesday	17	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Girls</i> Messe d'Escalquens (K, S, A) - Langlais The Lamb - Poston Adam lay ybounden - Ord	Hear the message E O Sapientia G Come to us, Lord C
Wednesday	18	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Girls &amp; Adults</i> Missa Brevis (K, S, A) - Gabrieli O thou that tellest - Handel Zion hört die Wächter singen - Bach	Hear the message E O Adonai G Come to us, Lord C
Thursday	19	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Adults</i> Mass XVIII (K, S, A) - Gregorian Rorate cæli desuper - Gregorian Conditor alme siderum - Gregorian	He who is to come E O Radix Jesse G The dawn from on high C
Friday	20	17.00	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>Boys, Girls &amp; Adults</i> Mass in G minor (K, S, A) - Vaughan Williams A Hymn to the Virgin - Britten Benedictus - Vaughan Williams	A branch shall sprout E O Clavis David G The Angel said to Mary C



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Sunday	22	11.00	<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Girls &amp; Adults</i>		
			Missa 'Rorate cæli' (K, S, A) - Haydn	Tell out, my soul	H
4th Sunday of Advent			Богородице Дево - Rachmaninoff	Rorate cæli desuper (34)	I
			Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen - Sandström	O Rex gentium	G
			Prelude and Fugue in G minor - Buxtehude	Ecce virgo concipiet (37)	C
				The angel Gabriel	H
		17.00	<b>Festial Carol Service</b> <i>Boys, Girls &amp; Adults</i>		
			Hodie Christus natus est - Britten	O come, all ye faithful	H
			In dulci júbilo - Pearsall	O little town of Bethlehem	H
			In the bleak midwinter - Stopford	Silent night	H
			Sussex carol - Ledger	Once in royal David's city	H
			Gloria (St Nicholas) - Haydn	Hark! The herald angels sing	H
			A child is born in Bethlehem - Stopford		
			Missi cælo super nos - Gevaert		
			O magnum mysterium - Laurisden		
			Vom Himmel hoch - Edmundson		
		18.00	<b>La Nativité du Seigneur</b>		
			<i>Organist Richard Lea performs Olivier Messiaen's meditations on the Nativity of our Lord</i>		

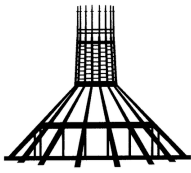
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Monday 23 **No sung liturgies in the cathedral today**

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Tuesday	24	15.00	<b>First Vespers</b> <i>Boys, Girls, Youth Choir &amp; Adults</i>		
Christmas Eve			Qui creavit - Chester nunnery	Once in royal David's city	H
			A child is born in Bethlehem - Stopford	Christmas (I)	P
			Magnificat in G - Stanford	Hodie Christus natus est	M
			Gaudete! - Fitzgerald	Come, come, come to the manger	H
			In dulci júbilo (BWV 729) - Bach	Away in a manger	H
		18.00	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <i>Cantor</i>		
				O come, all ye faithful	H
				O little town of Bethlehem	H
				Hark! The herald angels sing	H
		23.30	<b>Midnight Mass</b> <i>Boys, Girls &amp; Adults</i>		
			Mass in G minor (G, S, A) - Vaughan Williams	O come, all ye faithful	H
			In the bleak midwinter - Stopford	Dominus dixit ad me (41)	I
			O magnum mysterium - Lauridsen	I bring you news of great joy	G
			Credo III - Gregorian/Duffy	In splendoribus (44)	C
			Toccata (Symphonie V) - Widor	Silent night	H
				Hark! The herald angels sing	H

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Wednesday	25	11.00	<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Boys, Girls &amp; Adults</i>	
			Spatzenmesse (G, S) - Mozart	O come, all ye faithful H
Christmas Day			Ding dong! merrily on high - Wilberg	Puer natus est nobis (47) I
			Missi cælo super nos - Gevaert	A hallowed day has dawned G
			Away in a manger - Gjeilo	Hark! The herald angels sing H
			Agnus VIII - Gregorian	
			Credo III - Gregorian/Duffy	
			Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals - Karg-Elert	

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Sunday	29	11.00	<b>Solemn Mass for the Opening of the Jubilee Year</b>	<i>Cantor</i>
			Mass VIII (G, S, A) - Gregorian	Once in royal David's city H
Holy Family			Carillon-Sortie - Mulet	Open our hearts, O Lord G
				God rest ye merry, gentlemen H
				O little town of Bethlehem H

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A CELEBRATION  
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7PM SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER

*Join us for a festive celebration with the Cathedral Choir and special guests, as they perform beloved Christmas carols and seasonal favourites.*

Tickets: £10 each/£18 family



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# ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

## Advent Sequence

**Sunday 1 December | 17.00**

*Admission free, retiring collection*

As the season of Advent begins, the cathedral choir and clergy offer a sequence of music and readings to prepare us for the liturgical journey, including choral works by Britten, Byrd and Sandström.

## Bach and Handel

**Sunday 8 December | 15.00**

*Admission free, retiring collection*

Music by Bach (Cantata 140, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*) and Handel (selections from Part I of *Messiah*) for the Advent and Christmas season performed by Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and members of the Liverpool Mozart Orchestra.

## A Celebration of Christmas

**Saturday 14 December | 19.00**

*Tickets £10 available from: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral)*

A magical night of Christmas carols and seasonal favourites featuring the cathedral choir and special guests.

## A Ceremony of Carols

**Sunday 15 December | 15.00**

*Admission free, retiring collection*

The cathedral choristers sing Benjamin Britten's famous carol sequence, accompanied by harpist Elizabeth McNulty.

## Festival Carol Service and *La Nativité du Seigneur* – Messiaen

**Sunday 22 December | 17.00**

*Admission free, retiring collection*

Join the cathedral choir and clergy for a mix of seasonal music, readings and congregational carols. Immediately following the carol service, there will be a performance of Olivier Messiaen's monumental organ work *La Nativité du Seigneur* given by the cathedral organist, Richard Lea. In composing the nine meditations, Messiaen was inspired by the nativity narrative, mountains, birdsong, and stained-glass windows.