



**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

**SOLEMN MASS
ON PEACE SUNDAY**

**ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
19 JANUARY 2025 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 Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN *all stand and join in singing*



- 1 Praise to the holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise.
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.
- 2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.
- 3 O generous love! that he who smote
In man for man the foe,
The double agony in man
For man should undergo.
- 4 And in the garden secretly,
And on the cross on high,
Should teach his brethren, and inspire
To suffer and to die.
- 5 Praise to the holiest in the height,
And in the depth be praise,
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways.

INTROIT *the Choir sings*

Omnis terra adoret te, Deus,
et psallat tibi: psalmum dicat nomini
tuo, Altissime.

*May all the earth give you worship
and praise, and break into song
to your name, O God, Most High.*

*Psalm 65:4
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 Laudis - Flor Peeters (1903-1986)*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
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 prophet Isaiah 62:1-5*

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

PSALM 95 *all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm*



O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
the world he made firm in its place;
he will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING *from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:4-11*

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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 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 2:1-11

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water

now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

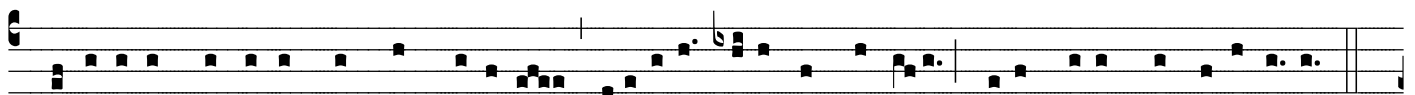
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, all sing the Gospel Acclamation.

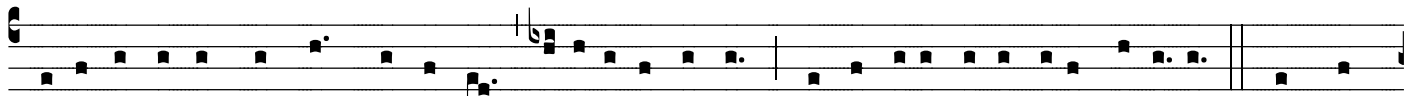
HOMILY

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

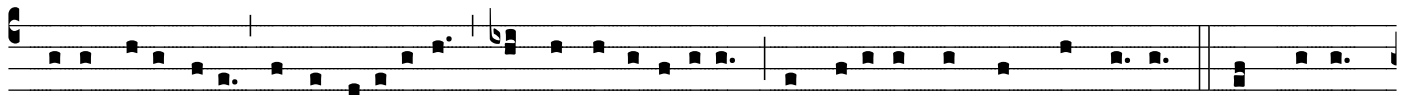
IV. **C**redo in unum De-um, Patrem omni-po-ten-tem, factorem caeli et ter-rae, vi-si-bi-li-um
omni-um, et in-vi-si-bi-li-um. **Et in unum Domi-num Jesum Christum, Fi-li-um De-i**
u-ni-ge-ni-tum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. **Deum de Deo, lumen de lumi-**
ne, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, 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.**



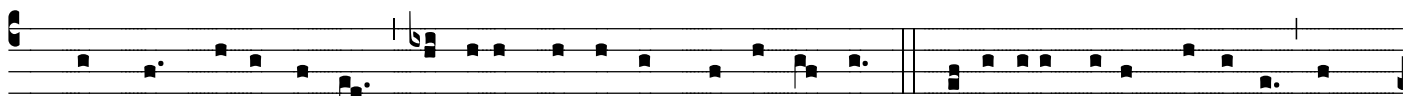
Et i-terum venturus est cum glori-a, iudicare vivos et mortuos : cuius regni non e-rit fi-nis.



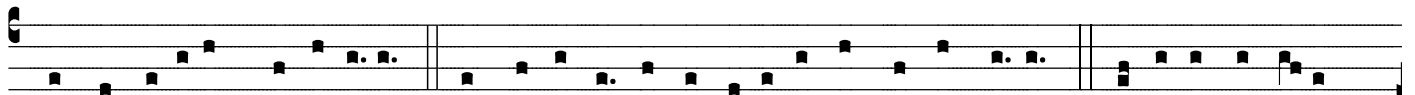
Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum, et vi-vi-fi-cantem: qui ex Patre Fi-li-oque procedit. Qui cum



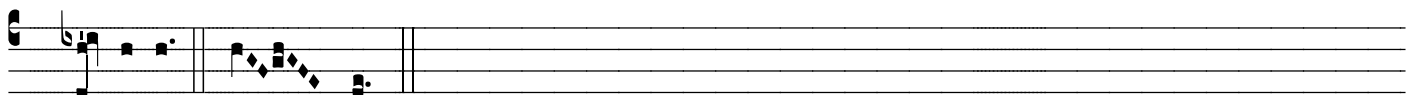
Patre et Fi-li-o simul adoratur, et conglori-fi-catur: qui locutus est per Prophetas. **Et unam**



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 *the Archbishop begins*

It is Christ who is our peace and who calls us to follow him as peacemakers in our violent and broken world. Let us pray for ourselves and for the world in which we are his witnesses.

A Reader continues

For our own homes, our families, our parish community; that the peace of Christ will work in and through us. For the relief of those who are victims of war and violence.

Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Christ, be our light.**

For all Christians, that we will recognise our calling as peacemakers, using our God-given talents to build a culture of peace. For the ministry of Pope Francis, that he may continue his bold proclamation of the gospel of justice, peace and reconciliation.

Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Christ, be our light.**

For our political leaders, that they will not provoke division and hatred but pursue a shared understanding, reconciliation and healing. And for our nation, that we may lead the world in laying down arms and in working to achieve a just peace.

Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Christ, be our light.**

For a rejection of violence as a solution to human conflict. We pray especially for an end to wars and violent conflicts across the world, those we are aware of in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia and the many that are forgotten but still persist. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Christ, be our light.**

For all involved in the development of artificial intelligence, that all technology will be advanced to serve the common good and not used for evil, the dehumanising of individuals or the destruction of creation. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Christ, be our light.**

On this Peace Sunday, we pray for all who work, locally and internationally, for peace and justice; for all who will not be silent in the face of injustice or suffering; for all who take risks for peace. We ask God's blessing today especially on the work of the international Catholic peace movement, Pax Christi. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Christ, be our light.**

Let us commend to God's mercy all who are unwell that they might be restored to health; and all who have died. May they dwell for eternity in the light of God's face. Let us pray to the Lord. **R. Christ, be our light.**

In a moment of silence, let us place before the Lord our own hunger and thirst for peace.

The Archbishop concludes

Father, as the Spirit descended like a dove on your Son at his baptism, so grant that the same Dove of Peace may open up paths to a just peace for all in our world today. To you we make these our prayers, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

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 'Geistliches Lied'*

Laß dich nur nichts nicht dauren mit
Trauren, sei stille, wie Gott es fügt, so
sei vergnügt mein Wille!

*Let nothing trouble you - be calm,
as God ordains,
so will my desire be satisfied.*

Was willst du heute sorgen auf
morgen? Der Eine steht allem für, der
gibt auch dir, das Deine.

*Why think of tomorrow?
The one God who you gives you
everything, watches over all.*

Sei nur in allem Handel ohn Wandel,
stch feste, was Gott beschleußt, das
istund heißt das Beste. Amen.

*In all your doings be steadfast,
and true, what God determines
is best for you. Amen.*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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

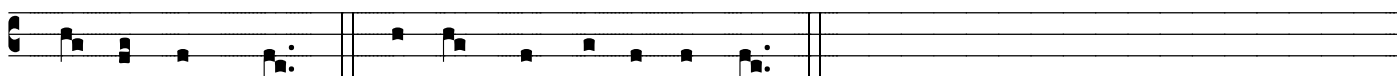
All stand and say
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

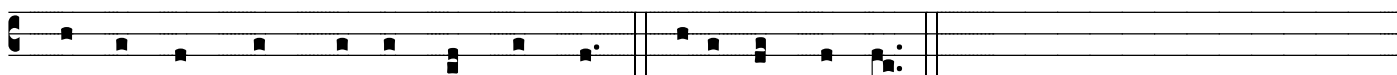
Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that we may participate worthily in these mysteries,
for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated
the work of our redemption is accomplished.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.



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
San- ctus, * Sanctus, San- ctus Do- minus De-us Sa- ba-oth.

Musical notation for the beginning of the Sanctus VIII, starting with a VI sign and a large S. The melody is more complex than the previous sections.Musical notation for the second line of the Sanctus VIII.

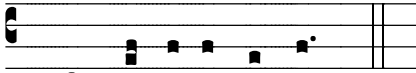
Pleni sunt cae-li et ter- ra glo-ri- a tu- a. Ho- sanna in excel- sis.

Musical notation for the third line of the Sanctus VIII.

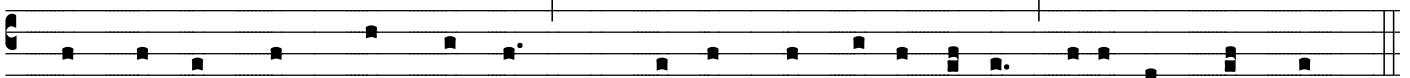
Bene- di- ctus qui ve- nit in nomi- ne Do- mi- ni. Ho- san- na in excel- sis.

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 *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 Laudis
Flor Peeters*

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*

Dicit Dominus: Ego cogito cogitationes
pacis, et non afflictionis:
invocabitis me, et ego exaudiam vos:
et reducam captivitatem vestram
de cunctis locis.

*The Lord says: my plans for you are
peace and not disaster: when you call
to me, I will listen to you; and I will bring
you back to the place from which I
exiled you.*

*Psalms 84:1
Gregorian Chant*

COMMUNION MOTET *the Choir sings*

Ave verum corpus natum
ex Maria Virgine:
Vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
Esto nobis praegustatum
mortis in examine.
O Jesu dulcis! O Jesu pie!
O Jesu fili Mariae.

*Hail to thee! True body sprung
from the Virgin Mary's womb!
The same that on the cross was hung
and bore for man the bitter doom.
Thou whose side was pierced
and flowed both with water
and with blood, suffer us to taste
thee in our life's last agony.
O kind, O loving one,
O sweet Jesu, Mary's son!*

William Byrd (1543-1623)

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION *all stand and join in singing*



- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest – to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love,
and in your kindness
make those you have nourished
by this one Bread
one in mind and heart.
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 *Allegro risoluto (Plymouth Suite) - Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)*

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