

CHRISM MASS

**CELEBRANT
ARCHBISHOP MALCOLM McMAHON OP**

**WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
16 APRIL 2025 AT 7.30PM**



**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

The Chrism Mass is celebrated only in Cathedral Churches. It draws attention to the Cathedral as the Archbishop's Church from which, as it were, all priests of the diocese are sent out on their pastoral mission and in which the diocese can gather in prayer.

It is the occasion, therefore, for the Archbishop to consecrate the oils which the priests will take with them throughout the diocese for the conferring of the sacraments in the Lord's name. It is the occasion too, for priests to renew their commitment to their ministry and for people to join themselves with their priests in prayer.

As its name implies, the Oil of the Sick is used for anointing those who are ill. The Oil of Catechumens takes its name from the title given to those preparing for baptism, the Catechumens. They are anointed with this oil during the rite of baptism.

Chrism is a mixture of sweet-smelling balsam and pure olive oil, and this mixture is given the dignity of being consecrated, not merely blessed. It is used to anoint those being baptised, confirmed or ordained, monarchs at their coronation, and the altars and bells of churches when they are consecrated. It takes its name from Christ (the Anointed One) himself.

After today's Mass, a quantity of each oil is borne to every parish in the diocese, for use in the administration of the sacraments. This oil is purchased every year direct from Palestine to connect us with the Holy Land.

FORTHCOMING MAJOR EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY

10.00am Sung Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper *The Archbishop*

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Sung Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
11.30am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion *The Archbishop*

HOLY SATURDAY

10.00am Sung Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
9.00pm The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter *The Archbishop*

EASTER SUNDAY

9.00am Mass (*Blessed Sacrament Chapel*)
10.00am Family Mass (*Crypt*) *The Archbishop*
11.00am Solemn Mass
3.00pm Solemn Baptismal Evening Prayer
7.00pm Mass (*Crypt*)

The Chrism Mass will be recorded and live-streamed. The recording will be shown live on YouTube, and a copy of the recording will be available on this platform. Should you wish not to be filmed, please speak to Cathedral Security or one of the Stewards, who will direct you to a seat in the West Gallery. For more details, please email dataprotection@rcaol.org.uk

ORDER OF MUSIC

Introit *Dilexisti*: Gregorian Chant

Entrance Hymn *The King of Love*: words by H W Baker (1821-1877); music by J B Dykes (1823-1876); descant by Philip Duffy (b1943)

Antiphon *The Lord I will praise*: music by Philip Duffy

Gloria *Liverpool Mass*: music by Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

Psalm 88: music by Joseph Cullen and Joseph Gelineau (1920-2008)

Gospel Acclamation: music by Philip Duffy

Responsory for the Oils *O Redeemer*: Gregorian Chant

Hymn *A year of God's favour*: words by Delores Dufner OSB (b1939); music based on a traditional Welsh tune arranged by John Roberts (1822-1877)

Offertory Motet *Do not be afraid*: music by Philip Stopford (b1977)

Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation and Great Amen *St Chad's*: music by Canon Peter Jones (1951-2016)

Agnus Dei *Mass in G*: music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Communion Antiphon *Dilexisti*: Gregorian Chant

Communion Motet *Ave verum corpus*: music by William Byrd (1543-1623)

Hymn after Communion *Like a flame my hope is burning*: music by Francesco Meneghello; text by Pierangelo Sequeri (English translation by Andrew Wadsworth)

Recessional Hymn *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*: words by William Williams (1717-1791); music by John Hughes (1873-1932)

Organ Voluntary

INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT *the Choir sings*

Dilexisti iustitiam,
et odisti iniquitatem
propterea unxit te Deus,
Deus tuus, oleo laetitiae
prae consortibus tuis.

*You have loved justice,
and hated iniquity:
therefore God, your God,
has anointed you with the
oil of gladness above your rivals.*

ENTRANCE PROCESSION *as the procession of clergy enters the Cathedral all stand and join together in singing*

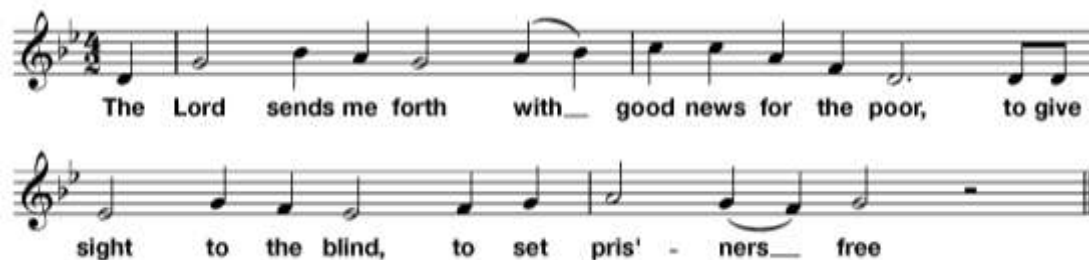


- 1 The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine for ever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house for ever.

The Cantor sings words from Isaiah (61:1-2)

The Lord sends me forth with good news for the poor, to give sight to the blind, to set prisoners free.

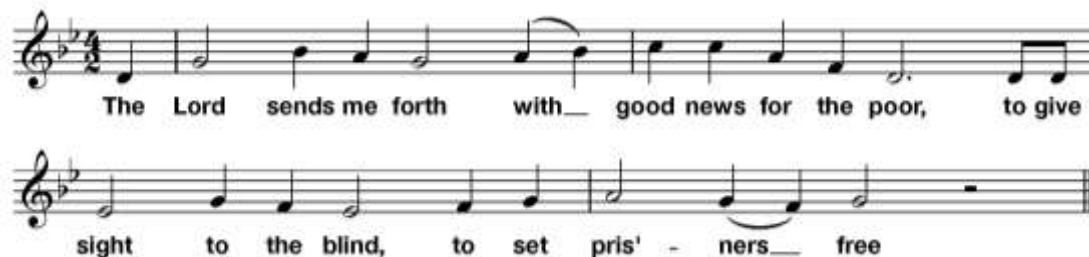
All sing the response



The Lord sends me forth with good news for the poor, to give sight to the blind, to set prisoners free

The Choir sings words from St John's Gospel (20:19, 21-22)

On the evening of that Sunday, when the disciples were gathered behind locked doors, Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them 'Peace be with you'. The disciples were filled with joy and he said: 'As the Father sent me, so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.



The Lord sends me forth with good news for the poor, to give sight to the blind, to set prisoners free

All continue singing Psalm 145



The Lord I will praise as long as I live.
To him I will sing till life is no more.
The Lord is the maker of heaven and earth,
of rivers and oceans, and all that they hold.

- 2 The Lord God of heaven is steadfast in faith.
To all who are wronged he shows himself just.
The poor and the hungry he feeds with his bread.
He frees from their prisons the captives in chains.**

3 He opens the eyes of those who are blind.
He lifts up the heads that bow in their grief.
He shelters the stranger, the friendless befriends.
For widow and orphan he cares in his love.

4 The Lord loves the just who work out his will.
The wicked he foils; they stumble and fall.
For ever and ever the Lord will be King,
Enthroned upon Sion, till time is no more.

GREETING AND INTRODUCTION *the Archbishop begins*
In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.

Peace be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

The Archbishop introduces the Mass ending with this invitation
Let us acknowledge our sins and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God:
Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

You are the firstborn of all creation:
Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

You are the head of the body, the Church:
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 *please repeat the refrain after the Cantor*

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

The Choir sings

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give thanks for your great glory.

Please repeat the refrain after the Cantor

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

The Choir sings

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

Please repeat after the Cantor

have mer - cy on us,

The Choir sings

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Please repeat the refrain after the Cantor



Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the highest, and on
earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

Please repeat after the Cantor



A - men,

COLLECT

Let us pray.

O God, who anointed your Only begotten Son
with the Holy Spirit
and made him Christ the Lord,
graciously grant
that, being made sharers in his consecration,
we may bear witness to your Redemption in the world.
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

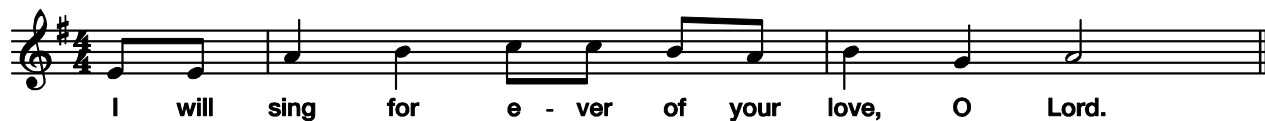
FIRST READING *read by Ken McCabe, Prison Chaplain and Knowsley Deanery Synodal Council Chair, accompanied by 'We Are Nugent Deaf Community Team' Signer*
A reading from the prophet Isaiah 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;
he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to grant to those who mourn in Sion –
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit.

You shall be called the priests of the Lord;
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God.
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their offspring shall be known among the nations,
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge them,
that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.

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

PSALM 88 *all join in singing the response R. after the Cantor and again at the end of each verse*



I have found David my servant
and with my holy oil anointed him.
My hand shall always be with him
and my arm shall make him strong. **R.**

My truth and my love shall be with him;
by my name his might shall be exalted.
He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.' **R.**

SECOND READING *read by Barbara Norris, St Wilfrid's, Widnes, accompanied by 'We Are Nugent Deaf Community Team' Signer*
A reading from the book of the Revelation 1:4b, 5-8

Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.'

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

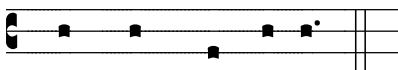
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *the Deacon of the Gospel asks the Archbishop for a blessing, then he carries the Book of Gospels in procession to the Lectern.*

All stand and join in singing the response R. after the Cantor and again after the verse



The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the poor. **R.**

GOSPEL *the Deacon sings*
The Lord be with you.



And with your Spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:16-21



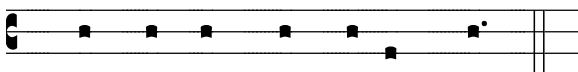
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written,

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, ‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All again sing, after the organ introduction



RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT TO PRIESTLY SERVICE

The priests stand and the Archbishop addresses them

Beloved sons,
on the anniversary of that day
when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood
on his Apostles and on us,
are you resolved to renew,
in the presence of your Archbishop and God's holy people,
the promises you once made?

The priests reply

R. I am.

Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus
and more closely conformed to him,
denying yourselves and confirming those promises
about sacred duties towards Christ's Church
which, prompted by love of him,
you willingly and joyfully pledged
on the day of your priestly ordination?

R. I am.

Are you resolved to be faithful stewards
of the mysteries of God
in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites
and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching,
following Christ the Head and Shepherd,
not seeking any gain,
but moved only by zeal for souls?

R. I am.

The Archbishop addresses the people

As for you, dearest sons and daughters,
pray for your Priests,
that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them,
and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest,
so that they may lead you to him,
who is the source of salvation.

The people reply

R. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

The Archbishop continues

And pray also for me,
that I may be faithful to the apostolic office
entrusted to me in my lowliness
and that in your midst I may be made day by day
a living and more perfect image of Christ,
the Priest, the Good Shepherd,
the Teacher and the Servant of all.

The people reply

R. Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

The Archbishop concludes

May the Lord keep us all in his charity
and lead all of us,
shepherds and flock,
to eternal life.

R. Amen.

THE RITE OF OILS

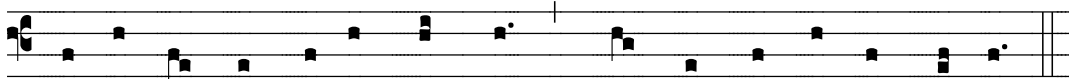
BLESSING OF THE OIL OF THE SICK *all sit as the Oil of the Sick is brought to the Sanctuary.
The Oil of the Sick is presented to the Archbishop by Shawn Miranda, Doctor in Liverpool
Royal Hospital, Liam Redmond, Chaplain in Whiston Hospital and Shirley Sunderland,
Chaplain in the Liverpool Royal Hospital.*

When the oil has been brought to the Archbishop he blesses it saying

O God, Father of all consolation,
who willed to heal the infirmities of the weak through your Son,
listen favourably to the prayer of faith:
send forth from the heavens, we pray,
your Holy Spirit, the Paraclete,
upon this oil in all its richness,
which you have graciously brought forth from the verdant tree
to restore the body,
so that by your holy blessing
everyone anointed with this oil
as a safeguard for body, soul, and spirit
may be freed from all pain,
all infirmity,
and all sickness.

May your holy oil, O Lord,
be blessed by you for our sake
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

All join in singing the response R. after the Cantor and again after the verse:



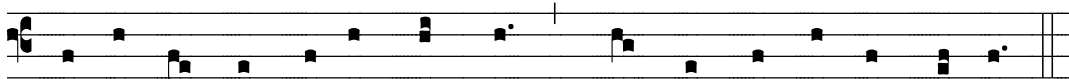
O Re-dee-mer accept our hymn, which we sing in your honour.

Judge of the dead and only hope of the living, listen to the prayers of those
who are bringing the gift that leads to peace. **R.**

BLESSING OF THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS *the Oil of the Catechumens is brought to the Sanctuary. The oil is presented by Emma and Kev Pender and their son Elijah, who was baptised this year in St Wilfrid's, Widnes, Ruth Speakman, baptism catechist from Our Lady's, Standish and Veronica McDonnell, RCIA catechist, Min (Mandy) Din and Hongfu (Philip) Pan, a couple who have completed RCIA from St Teresa's, Norris Green.*

When the oil has been brought to the Archbishop he blesses it saying
O God, strength and protection of your people,
who have made the oil you created a sign of strength,
graciously bless this oil,
and grant courage to the catechumens
who will be anointed with it,
so that, receiving divine wisdom and power,
they may understand more deeply
the Gospel of your Christ,
they may undertake with a generous heart
the labours of the Christian life,
and, made worthy of adoption
as your sons and daughters,
they may rejoice to be born anew and to live in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

All join in singing the response R. after the Cantor and again after the verse



O Re-dee-mer accept our hymn, which we sing in your honour.

For when the soul is washed in baptism's water sin is put to flight,
and when the forehead is anointed sacred graces are received. **R.**

CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM *the Chrism and the vial of sweet smelling balsam are brought to the Sanctuary by Bill McMahon, newly ordained deacon serving the parish of St Oswald, Longton, Adult confirmation candidates from the parish of St Monica and St Francis de Sales, Walton and Sarah Yates, confirmation candidate from the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.*

The Archbishop pours balsam (a sweet smelling herb) into olive oil to form the chrism. Then he says

Let us pray,
dear brothers and sisters, to God the almighty Father,
that he bless and sanctify this oil;
may those who are signed with it outwardly
be inwardly anointed
and made worthy of divine redemption.

He breathes over the vessel.

All stand as the Archbishop says the prayer of consecration
O God, author of all growth and spiritual progress,
receive in your goodness the grateful homage
that the Church joyfully offers to you through our voice.

For in the beginning you commanded the earth
to bring forth fruit-bearing trees,
among which olive trees would arise
as providers of this most rich oil,
so that their fruit might serve for sacred Chrism.

In the spirit of prophecy,
David foresaw the sacraments of your grace
and sang of the oil that would gladden our faces.
After the world's offences were washed away by the flood,
a dove announced the restoration of peace on earth with the olive branch,
foreshadowing the gift to come.
In the last days all this has been clearly revealed:
when every offence is removed through the waters of Baptism,
the anointing with this oil makes our faces cheerful and serene.

You also commanded your servant Moses
to make his brother Aaron a priest,
by pouring this oil upon him
after he had been washed in water.

Still greater dignity was added to this
when your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord,
insisted that he be washed by John
in the waters of the Jordan:
you sent the Holy Spirit from on high
in the likeness of a dove;
you declared by the witness of the voice that followed,
that you were well pleased in him,

your Only Begotten Son;
and you were seen to confirm clearly
what the prophet David had foretold in song,
that Christ would be anointed with the oil of gladness
above his companions.

All the concelebrants extend their right hand towards the chrism, and the Archbishop continues

Therefore we beseech you, Lord:
be pleased to sanctify with your blessing this oil in its richness,
and to pour into it the strength of the Holy Spirit,
with the powerful working of your Christ.
From his holy name it has received the name of Chrism,
and with it you have anointed your priests, prophets, kings, and martyrs.

May you confirm the Chrism you have created
as a sacred sign of perfect salvation and life
for those to be made new in the spiritual waters of Baptism.

May those formed into a temple of your majesty
by the holiness infused through this anointing
and by the cleansing of the stain of their first birth
be made fragrant with the innocence of a life pleasing to you.

May those anointed with royal, priestly, and prophetic dignity
be clothed with the garment of an incorruptible gift
in keeping with the Sacrament you have established.

May this oil be the Chrism of salvation
for those born again of water and the Holy Spirit,
and may it make them partakers of eternal life
and sharers of heavenly glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

All join in singing the response R. after the Cantor and again after the verse



O Re-dee-mer accept our hymn, which we sing in your honour.

That man and woman may receive new life through anointing with chrism,
and our tainted honour may be healed. **R.**

After Mass the Oils will be taken to the parishes of the diocese, where they will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the coming year.

All sit.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *a collection is taken for the upkeep of the Cathedral or please use the QR codes at the back of the booklet. The gifts are brought to the Altar by Annemarie Harrison, (Jubilee Cross) prison chaplain in HMP Hindley, Rosemary Ojukwu, (A set of Small Book about Racism) member of Racial Justice Working Group and Louise Vose, Headteacher of St Mary and St John Catholic Primary School, Wigan with two pupils; Barney and Edwin Speakman (Frame of Jubilee pledges from schools), Aarthi Miranda, reader from the Co-Cathedral of St Mary of the Isle from the Isle of Man (Bread), Jean Lea, member of St Helens Deanery Synodal Council (Wine), Members of Jesus Youth Group (Water).*

Meanwhile all join in singing



- 1** A year of God's favour Christ promised, and more:
Good news to the pris'ner, the weak and the poor,
Recov'ry of sense to the deaf and the blind,
Full healing for spirit, for body and mind.
- 2** This word is fulfilled in believers today,
In women and men who would follow Christ's way.
Respond, then, with gladness, in all that you do:
A lifetime of favour is offered to you!
- 3** Fulfilled in our living be God's word today,
Fulfilled in our loving, our work and our play,
Fulfilled now in justice, in mercy and peace,
In joyful thanksgiving and praise without cease.

The Choir sings

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name, you are mine.

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you. You will never sink beneath the waves. Do not be afraid...

When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames. Do not be afraid...

When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side. Do not be afraid...

When you dwell in the exile of the stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes. Do not be afraid...

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love. Do not be afraid...

All stand when the thurifer comes forward to incense the people.

Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

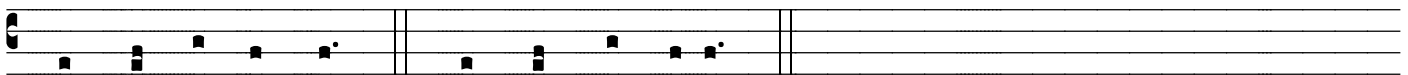
**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

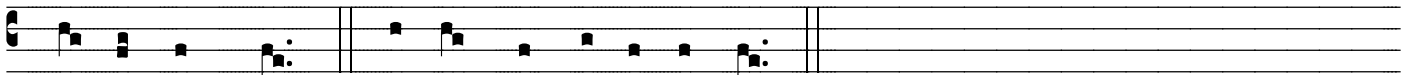
May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
mercifully wipe away what is old in us
and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

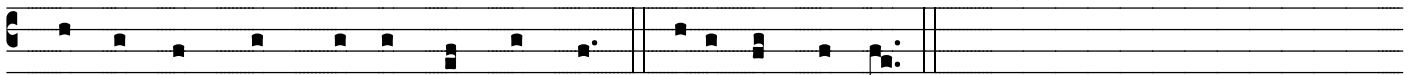
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



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.

The Archbishop continues

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit
you made your Only Begotten Son
High Priest of the new and eternal covenant,
and by your wondrous design were pleased to decree
that his one Priesthood should continue in the Church.

For Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood
the people he has made his own,
but with a brother's kindness he also chooses men

to become sharers in his sacred ministry
through the laying on of hands.

They are to renew in his name
the sacrifice of human redemption,
to set before your children the paschal banquet,
to lead your holy people in charity,
to nourish them with the word
and strengthen them with the Sacraments.

As they give up their lives for you
and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters,
they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself
and offer you a constant witness of faith and love.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

SANCTUS *all repeat the text in bold type, after the Cantor*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho ly Lord God of hosts.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly Ho ly Lord God of hosts.

Choir
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

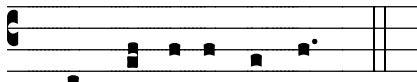
Choir
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel and the Eucharistic Prayer continues.

After the Eucharistic Words of Jesus, first spoken at the Last Supper, the Archbishop sings



The mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *all repeat the text in bold type, after the Cantor*



The Eucharistic Prayer continues.

The Archbishop leads into the Great Amen singing, with all the celebrants

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All repeat the text in bold type, after the Cantor



COMMUNION RITE

The Archbishop says

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**R. Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Then he continues

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ.

**R. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

One of the Deacons says

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

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.*

All kneel as the Archbishop says
 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.
R. Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communicants are asked to follow the directions of the Stewards in coming forward for Holy Communion. Those who are not Roman Catholic, or do not wish to receive communion, are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Crossing your arms across your chest will indicate to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *the Choir sings*

Dilexisti iustitiam,
 et odisti iniquitatem
 propterea unxit te Deus,
 Deus tuus.

*You have loved justice,
 and hated iniquity:
 therefore God, your God,
 has anointed you.*

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!*

All join in singing

A - ni - ma Chri - sti, san - cti - fi - ca me. Cor - pus Chri - sti, sal - va me.
 San - guis Chri - sti, i - ne - bri - a me. A - qua la - te - ris Chri - sti, la - va me.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION *all stand and join in singing the official Hymn of the 2025 Jubilee*

Like a flame my hope is burn-ing, may my song a - rise to you:
Source of life that has no end-ing, on life's path I trust in you.

- 1 **Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people
Find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
Find a home in your dear Son.**
- 2 **God, so tender and so patient,
Dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
By the Spirit of Life set free.**
- 3 **Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
For our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
Who will find the way in him.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *all stand and the Archbishop says*

Let us pray.
We beseech you, almighty God,
that those you renew by your Sacraments
may merit to become the pleasing fragrance of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

FINAL BLESSING *the Archbishop says*

The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

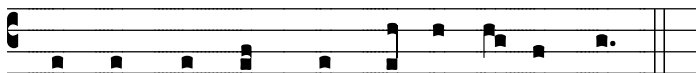
May almighty God always keep every adversity far from you
and in his kindness pour out upon you the gifts of his blessing.
R. Amen.

May God keep your hearts attentive to his words,
that they may be filled with everlasting gladness.
R. Amen.

And so, may you always understand what is good and right,
and be found ever hastening along
in the path of God's commands,
made coheirs with the citizens of heaven.
R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

The Deacon sings



Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing



Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *all join in singing*



- 1** Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.
- 2** Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.
Be thou still my strength and shield.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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