

**Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool**

# **SOLEMN MASS**

**ON THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
10 AUGUST 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.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### ENTRANCE HYMN *all stand and join in singing*



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| <p>1 All my hope on God is founded;<br/>He doth still my trust renew.<br/>Me through change and chance he guideth,<br/>Only good and only true.<br/>God unknown, he alone<br/>Calls my heart to be his own.</p> <p>2 Pride of man and earthly glory,<br/>Sword and crown betray his trust;<br/>What with care and toil he buildeth,<br/>Tower and temple, fall to dust<br/>But God's power, hour by hour,<br/>Is my temple and my tower.</p> <p>3 God's great goodness aye endureth,<br/>Deep his wisdom, passing thought:<br/>Splendour, light and life attend him,<br/>Beauty springeth out of naught.<br/>Evermore from his store<br/>New-born worlds rise and adore.</p> | <p>4 Daily doth th'Almighty giver<br/>Bounteous gifts on us bestow;<br/>His desire our soul delighteth,<br/>Pleasure leads us where we go.<br/>Love doth stand at his hand;<br/>Joy doth wait on his command.</p> <p>5 Still from man to God eternal<br/>Sacrifice of praise be done,<br/>High above all praises praising<br/>For the gift of Christ his Son.<br/>Christ doth call one and all:<br/>Ye who follow shall not fall.</p> |
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### 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.

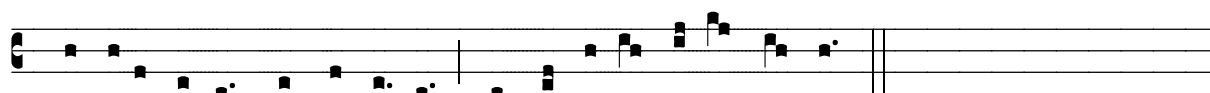
**GLORIA VIII** *all join in singing the verses in bold type*

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.



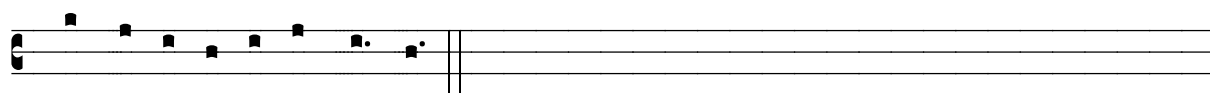
**Domi-ne** De-us, Agnus De- i,    **Fi-li-** us Pa- tris.

Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.



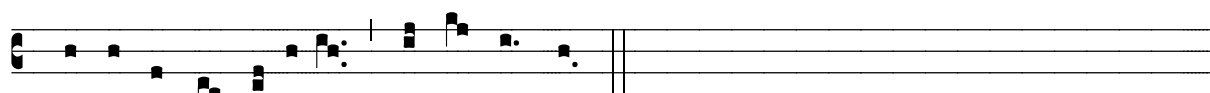
**Qui to-llis** pec-ca-ta mundi,    **susci-pe** de-pre-ca-ti-o- nem no- stram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis.



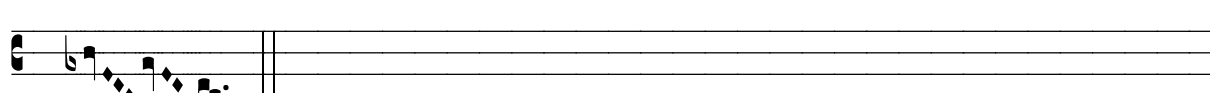
**Quo-ni-am** tu so-lus sanctus.

Tu solus Dominus.



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

Cum sancto Spiritu, in Gloria Dei Patris.



**A-** men.

## COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,  
we dare to call our Father,  
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts  
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,  
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance  
which you have promised.  
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 Wisdom 18:6-9*

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

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

### PSALM 32 *all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm*



Hap - py the peo - ple the Lord has cho - sen as his own.

Ring our your joy to the Lord, O you just;  
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

## **SECOND READING** *from the letter to the Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19*

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, 'Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.' He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

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*



Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.

## **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:32-48

**R.** Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

**‘Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’**

**Peter said, ‘Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?’ And the Lord said, ‘Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, “My master is delayed in coming”, and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut in pieces and put him with the unfaithful.**

**‘And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.’**

**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    **Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**
- 2    **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.**
- 3    **Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**
- 4    **The Lord has promised good to me;  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**



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

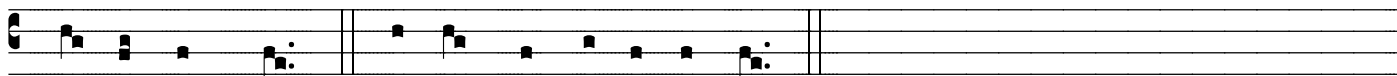
*All stand and say*  
 May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
 for the praise and glory of his name,  
 for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

# **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

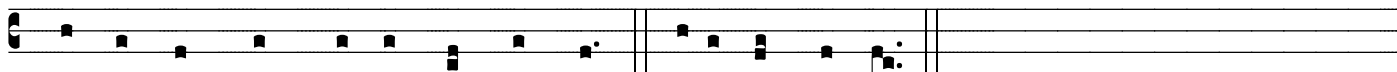
Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church,  
 for in your mercy you have given them to be offered  
 and by your power you transform them  
 into the mystery of our salvation.  
 Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**



The Lord be with you.      And with your spirit.

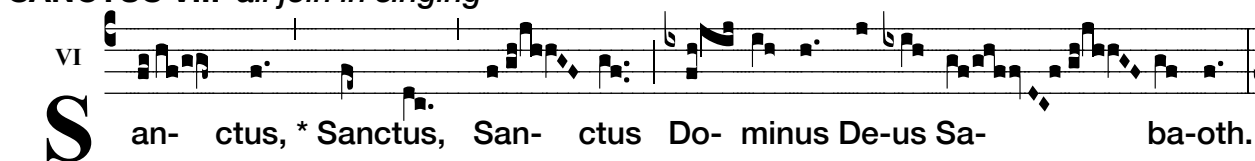


Lift up your hearts.      We lift them up to the Lord.



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

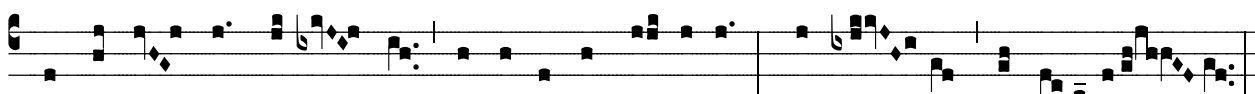
# **SANCTUS VIII** *all join in singing*



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



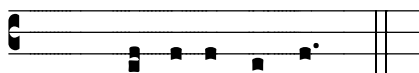
Pleni sunt cae-li et ter- ra glo-ri- a tu- a.      Ho-sanna in excel- sis.



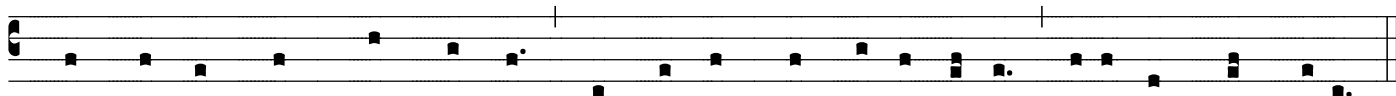
Bene-di- ctus qui ve- nit in nomi-ne Do-mi-ni. Ho-san- na in excel- sis.

*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

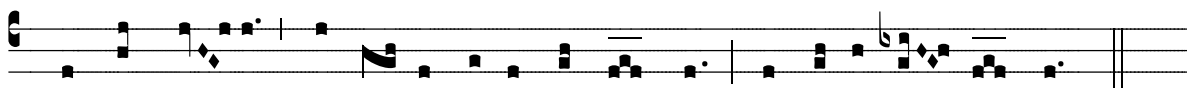
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*R.* And with your spirit.

## AGNUS DEI VIII *all join in singing*



**A** - gnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis pecca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no- bis.



A-gnus De- i, \* qui tol- lis pecca-ta mun- di: mi-se-re-re no- bis.



A- gnus De- i, \* qui tol-lis pecca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa- cem.

*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 Alleluia, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluia, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?
- 3 Alleluia, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia, King eternal  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluia, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament  
that we have consumed, save us, O Lord,  
and confirm us in the light of your truth.  
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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