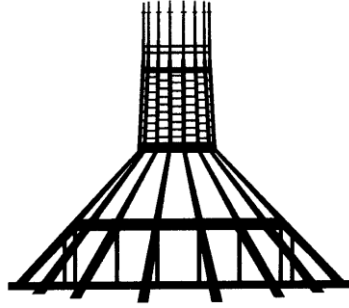




**Metropolitan Cathedral**  
of Christ the King Liverpool

# **SOLEMN MASS**

**ON THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**19 OCTOBER 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 Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi.*

*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 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation.  
All you who hear, now to his altar draw near,  
Join in profound adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar;  
Let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter.  
Christ, the High Priest, bids us all join in his feast;  
Victims with him on the altar.
- 3 Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in us adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now in praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again,  
Now as we worship before him.

### INTROIT *the Choir sings*

Ego clamavi, quoniam exaudisti me,  
Deus: inclina aurem tuam, et exaudi  
verba mea: custodi me, Domine,  
ut pupillam oculi: sub umbra alarum  
tuarum protege me.

*I call upon you, God,  
for you will answer me;  
bend your ear and hear my prayer.  
Guard me as the pupil of your eye;  
hide me in the shade of your wings.*

*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** *Cantus Missæ - Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901)*

**COLLECT**

Almighty ever-living God,  
grant that we may always conform our will to yours  
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.  
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 Exodus 17:8-13*

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 120** *all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm*



I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. **R.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night. **R.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming  
both now and for ever. **R.**

**SECOND READING** *from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 3:14-4:2*

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

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*



May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind,  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8

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

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming."'

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

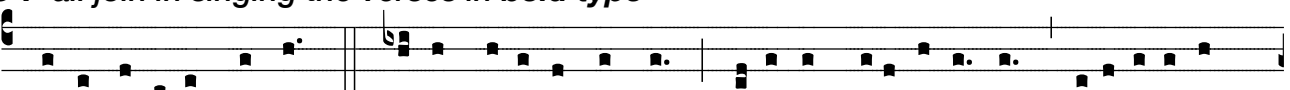
The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

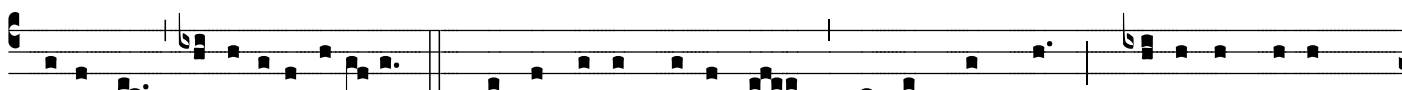
*After the Gospel, all sing the Gospel Acclamation.*

## HOMILY

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

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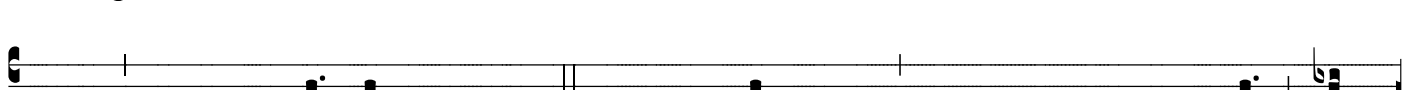
**C**redo in unum De-um, Patrem omni-po-ten-tem, factorem caeli et ter-rae, vi-si-bi-li-um



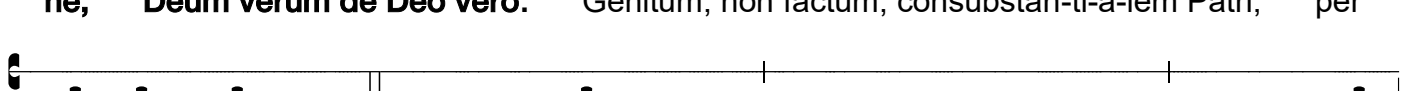
omni-um, et in-vi-si-bi-li-um. **Et in unum Domi-num** **Jesum Christum,** **Fi-li-um De-i**



**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 all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation, and to be given for food to the faithful. Before him come the choirs of angels, with every principality and power, the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling.

*Edward Bairstow (1847-1946)*

*The Celebrant says*

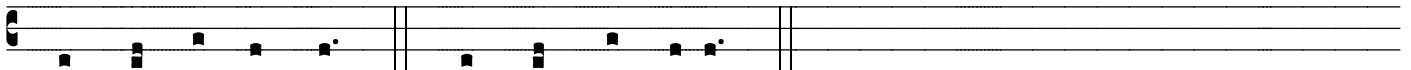
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

*All stand and say*

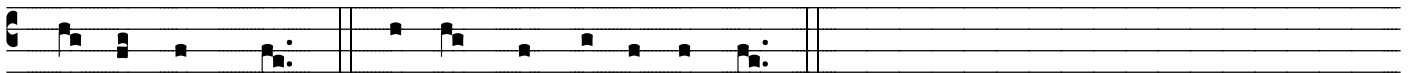
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

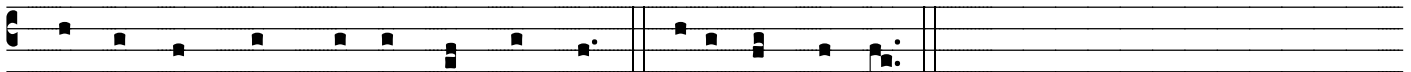
Grant us, Lord, we pray,  
a sincere respect for your gifts,  
that, through the purifying action of your grace,  
we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**



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** *the Choir sings*

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus,  
Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord  
God of hosts, heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Cantus Missæ  
Josef Gabriel Rheinberger*

## **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**

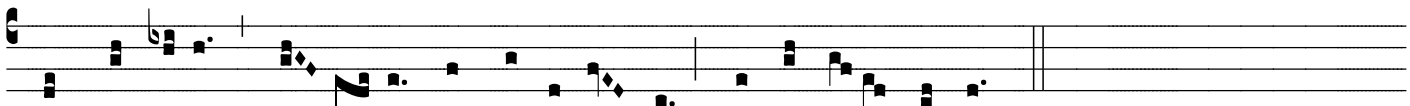
### **THE SIGN OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*R.* And with your spirit.

## **AGNUS DEI XI** *all join in singing*



**A** - gnus De-i, \* qui tol-lis pec-ca- ta mundi : mi-se-re- re no-bis.



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



A- gnus De-i, \* qui tol-lis pec-ca- ta mun-di : do-na nobis 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.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *the Choir sings*

Domine Dominus noster,  
quam admirabile est nomen tuum in  
universa terra!

*How great is your name,  
O Lord our God,  
through all the earth!*

*Gregorian Chant*

**COMMUNION MOTET** *the Choir sings 'Cantique de Jean Racine'*

Verbe égal au Très-Haut  
Notre unique espérance,  
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,  
Nous rompons le silence, de la paisible  
nuit, Divin Sauveur,  
Jette sur nous les yeux!

*Word of God, the Most High,  
on thee alone relying,  
Eternal Day of the earth and the night,  
with our repentant crying  
O Saviour turn on us thine eyes.*

Répands sur nous le feu  
de ta grâce puissante,  
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son  
de ta voix,  
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme  
languissante,  
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!

*Spread over us the fire of thy  
abounding mercy;  
let hell retire before thy mighty voice.  
Disperse the clouds of sleep  
surrounding our drowsy souls,  
and lead us back to the love  
of thy laws.*

O Christ sois favorable à ce peuple  
fidèle pour te benir  
maintenant rassemblé,  
Reçois les chants qu'il offre,  
à ta gloire immortelle,  
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!

*O Christ, look down with favour  
on thy congregation assembled here for  
thy worship and praise.  
Receive the songs we offer to thee  
our true salvation, and send us forth  
heaped with gifts of thy grace.*

*Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)*

**HYMN AFTER COMMUNION** *all stand and join in singing*



- 1 O God beyond all praising,  
We worship you today,  
And sing the love amazing  
That songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder  
At ev'ry gift you send,  
At blessings without number  
And mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you  
And wait upon your word,  
We honour and adore you,  
Our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flower of earthly splendour  
In time must surely die,  
Its fragile bloom surrender  
To you, the Lord most high:  
But hidden from all nature  
The eternal seed is sown;  
Though small in mortal stature,  
To heaven's garden grown:  
For Christ the man from heaven  
From death has set us free,  
And we through him are given  
The final victory.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Saviour,  
Accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favour  
May serve you as our king;  
And whether our tomorrows  
Be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows  
And rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty  
And glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty  
Our sacrifice of praise.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things,  
we may be helped by what you give in this present age  
and prepared for the gifts that are eternal.  
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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