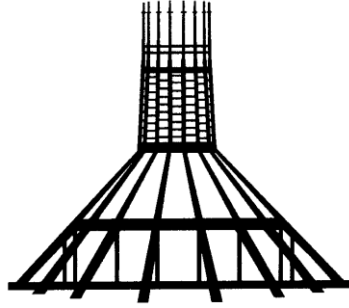




**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

**ON THE FEAST OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
9 NOVEMBER 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 Mgr Anthony O'Brien.

*The wreaths will be laid by a member of the Cathedral Community
and by a student from St Edward's College.*

The Solemn Mass each Sunday is offered for all Benefactors of the Cathedral.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT MOBILE TELEPHONES ARE SWITCHED OFF

The use of private cameras, video or sound equipment
is strictly prohibited in the Cathedral

The 11.00am Sunday 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

The Mass setting for today's Mass is taken from the Requiem by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

At 11.00am, two minutes' silence is observed and wreaths are placed on the Sanctuary.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT *during the incensation of the altar the Choir sings*

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus, Deus, in Sion, et tibi
reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam,
ad te omnis care veniet. Requiem
aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux
perpetua luceat eis.

*Grant them eternal rest, Lord,
and let perpetual light shine on them.
You are praised, God, in Zion,
and homage will be paid to You in
Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, to You all
flesh will come. Grant them eternal
rest, Lord, and let perpetual light shine
on them.*

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 *the Choir sings*

Kyrie eleison,
Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison.

*Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy.*

COLLECT

O God, who from living and chosen stones
prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty,
increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed,
so that by new growth your faithful people
may build up the heavenly Jerusalem.
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 Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12*

In those days: The angel brought me back to the door of the Temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the Temple towards the east (for the Temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the Temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me round on the outside to the outer gate that faces towards the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side. And he said to me, 'This water flows towards the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing.'

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *the Choir sings*

Dies irae, dies illa Solvet saeculum in
favilla, teste David cum Sibylla.
Quantus tremor est futurus,
quando iudex est venturus,
cuncta stricte discussurus!

*Day of wrath, day of anger will dissolve
the world in ashes, as foretold by David
and the Sibyl. Great trembling there will
be when the Judge descends from
heaven to examine all things closely.*

SECOND READING *from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17*

Brothers and sisters: You are God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

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*



Stay awake, praying at all times
for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:13-22

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the Temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, 'Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

So the Jews said to him, 'What sign do you show us for doing these things?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking about the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

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*

**Domine Jesu Christe, Rex gloriae, libera
animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de
poenis inferni et de profundo lacu.**

**Libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat
eas tartarus, ne cadant in obscurum.**

Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory, liberate the souls of the faithful, departed from the pains of hell and from the bottomless pit. Deliver them from the lion's mouth, lest hell swallow them up, lest they fall into darkness.

Hostias et preces tibi, Domine, laudis
offerimus. Tu sucipe pro animabus illis,
quaram hodie memoriam facimus.

Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad
vitam, Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et
semini ejus.

***Sacrifices and prayers of praise, Lord,
we offer to You. Receive them in behalf
of those souls we commemorate today.
And let them, Lord, pass from death to
life, which was promised to Abraham
and his descendants.***

The Celebrant says

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

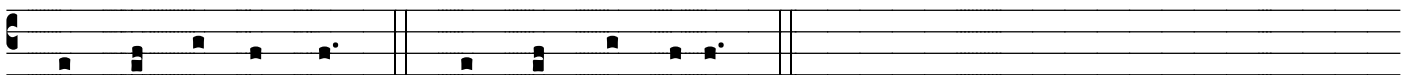
All stand and say

**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.**

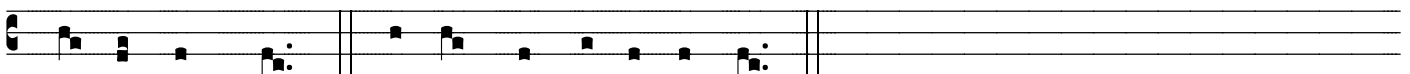
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here
and grant that by it those who seek our favour
may receive in this place
the power of the Sacraments
and the answer to their prayers.
Through Christ our Lord.

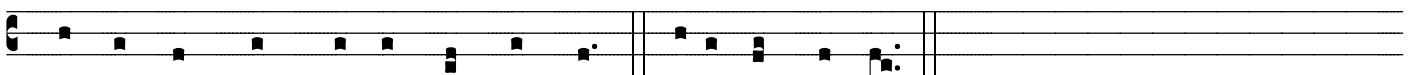
R. Amen.



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.



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



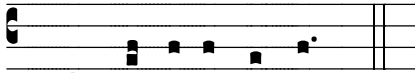
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

SANCTUS *the Choir sings*

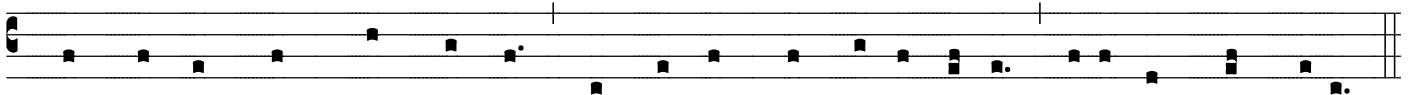
**Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus,
Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.**

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

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,
dona eis requiem.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona eis requiem sempiternam.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant them eternal rest
forever.*

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 MOTET *the Choir sings*

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine, cum
sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternum dona eis, Domine,
et Lux perpetua luceat eis, cum Sanctus
tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.

*Let eternal light shine on them, Lord, as
with Your saints in eternity, because
You are merciful. Grant them eternal
rest, Lord, and let perpetual light shine
on them, as with Your saints in eternity,
because You are merciful.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who chose to foreshadow for us
the heavenly Jerusalem
through the sign of your Church on earth,
grant, we pray,
that, by our partaking of this Sacrament,
we may be made the temple of your grace
and may enter the dwelling place of your glory.
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.

The Choir sings

Lacrimosa dies illa, qua resurget ex
favilla judicandus homo reus.
Huic ergo parce, Deus, pie Jesu Domine,
dona eis requiem.
Amen.

*That day of tears and mourning, when
from the ashes shall arise, all humanity to
be judged. Spare us by your mercy,
Lord, gentle Lord Jesus, grant them
eternal rest. Amen.*

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