

**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

SOLEMN MASS

**ON THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
10 MAY 2026 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.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN *all stand and join in singing*



- 1 Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.
- 2 Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love, is his mark.
Richer than gold...
- 3 Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood."
Love, only love, is his sign.
Richer than gold...
- 4 Love is his sign, love is his news,
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget
All my deep sorrow, all my dear blood,"
Love, only love, is his news.
Richer than gold...
- 5 Love is his news, love is his name,
We are his own, chosen and called,
Family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.
Richer than gold...

INTROIT *the Choir sings*

Vocem iucunditatis annuntiate,
et audiatur, alleluia:
nuntiate usque ad extremum terrae:
liberavit Dominus populum suum,
alleluia, alleluia.

*Speak out with a voice of joy,
alleluia;
let it be heard to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has set his people free,
alleluia, alleluia.*

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 *Coronation Mass - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honour of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17*

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *all join in singing the Gospel Acclamation after the Choir and again after the verse*

VI



A I-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15-21

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, all sing the Gospel Acclamation.

HOMILY

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

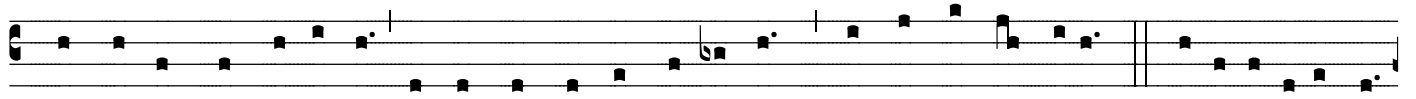
v.



Credo in unum De-um, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem caeli et terrae, vi-si-bi-li-um omnium,
et in-vi-si-bi-li-um. **Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Fi-li-um De-i u-ni-ge-ni-tum.**
Et ex Patre na-tum ante omni-a sae-cu-la. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum



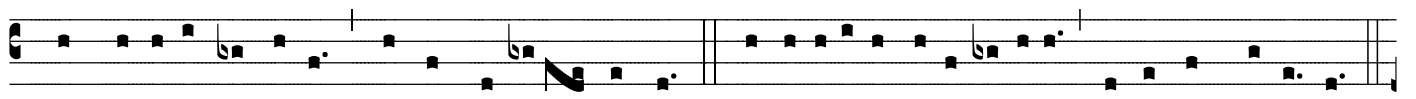
de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, con-sub-tan-ti-alem Patri, per quem om-ni-a facta sunt.



Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram sa-lu-tem descendit de caelis. Et incarnatus est



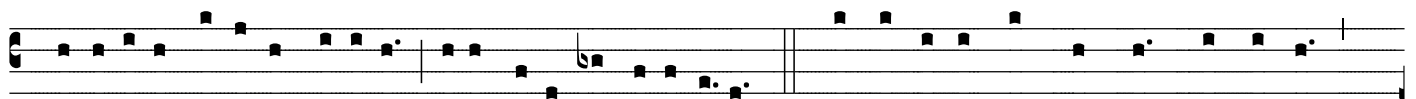
de Spi-ri-tu Sancto ex Ma-ri-a Virgine: Et homo factus est. **Cru-ci-fi-xus et-i-am pro no-bis:**



sub Ponti-o Pi-la-to passus, et sepul-tus est. Et resurrexit ter-ti-a di-e, secundum Scripturas.



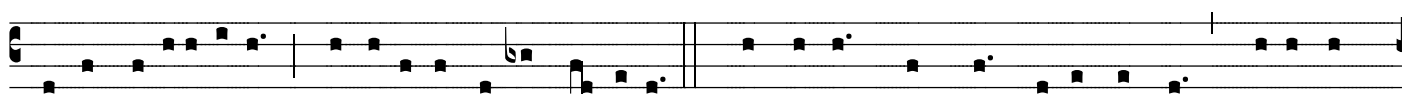
Et ascendit in caelum : sedet ad dexteram Pa-tris. Et i-terum venturus est cum Glo-ri-a,



iu-di-ca-re vivos et mortuos : cuius regni non er-it fi-nis. **Et in Spi-ri-tum Sanctum, Do-mi-num,**



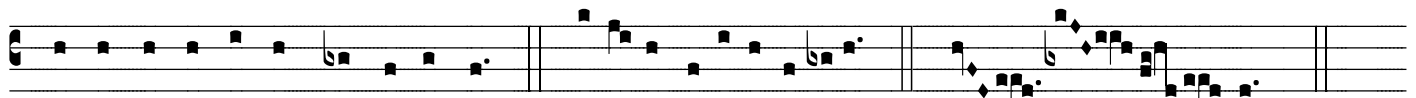
et vi-vi-fi-cantem: qui ex Patre Fi-li-o-que procedit. Qui cum Patre et Fi-li-o si-mul a-do-ra-tur



et con-glo-ri-fi-ca-tur: qui lo-cu-tus est per Prophetas. **Et unam sanctam catho-li-cam et a-po-**



sto-li-cam Eccle-si-am. Con-fi-te-or unum baptisma in remissi-o-nem peccatorum. **Et exspecto**



re-surrecti-onem mortu-o-rum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. **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 'A Song of Divine Love'*
Love bears all things and will never come to an end.

Love is patient and kind, love is not jealous or boastful, it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way, it is not angry or resentful, it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

Love bears all things and will never come to an end.

Love will never come to an end, but the prophecy will vanish tongues shall cease and knowledge pass away. Now we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the perfect come the imperfect shall pass away.

Love bears all things and will never come to an end.

When I was a child I spoke like a child, I thought like a child I reasoned like a child. But when I became a man, I put an end to childish ways. There are three things that last for ever: Faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love.

Love bears all things and will never come to an end.

Grayston Ives (b1948)

The Celebrant says

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

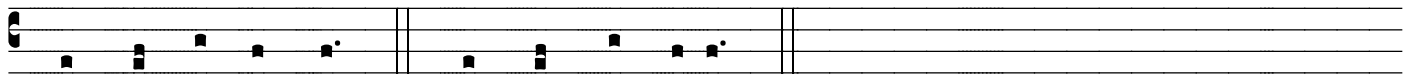
All stand and say

**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.**

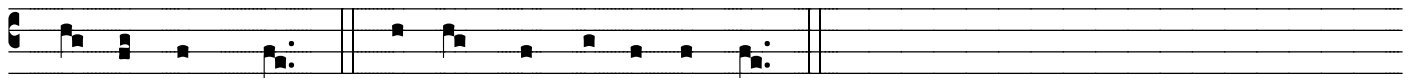
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings,
so that, purified by your graciousness,
we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.
Through Christ our Lord.

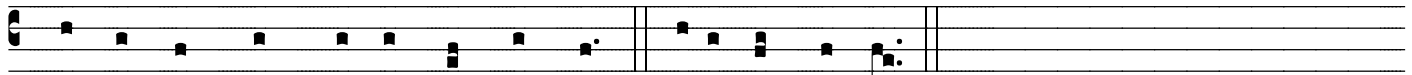
R. Amen.



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

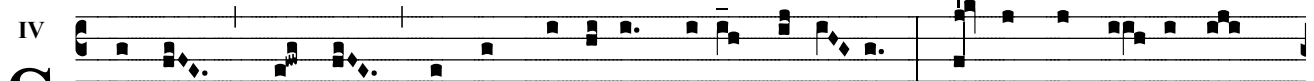


Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

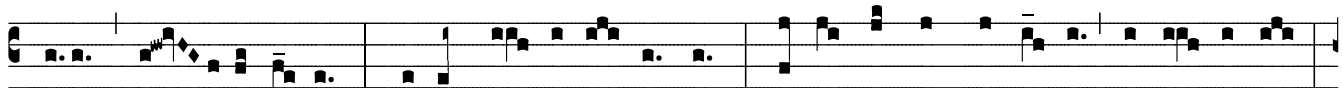


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

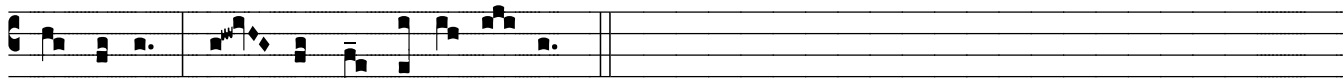
SANCTUS I *all join in singing*



Sanctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sa-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et



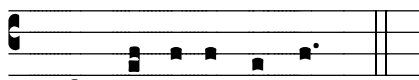
terra glo- ri-a tu- a. Hosan-na in ex- cel-sis. Be-ne-dic-tus qui ve-nit in no- mi-ne



Do-mi-ni. Ho- san-na in ex-cel-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.*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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*

Non vos relinquam orphanos:
veniam ad vos iterum, alleluia:
et gaudebit cor vestrum,
alleluia, alleluia.

*I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you again, alleluia,
and your hearts will be full of joy,
alleluia, alleluia.*

Gregorian Chant

COMMUNION MOTET *the Choir sings*

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth.

Thomas Tallis (c1505-1585)

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION *all stand and join in singing*



- 1** Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

- 2** Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

- 3** Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God,
who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray,
the fruits of this paschal Sacrament
and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.
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 *Festival Toccata - Percy Eastman Fletcher (1879-1932)*

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