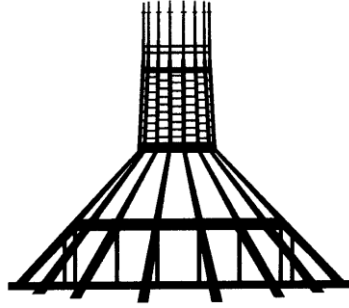




**Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool**

# **SOLEMN MASS**

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**ON THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
13 SEPTEMBER 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.

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES

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



- 1 All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluya, alleluya!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!
- 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
O praise him...
- 3 Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One:  
O praise him...

### INTROIT *the Choir sings*

Da pacem, Domine, sustinentibus te,  
ut prophetae tui fideles inveniantur:  
exaudi preces servi tui, et plebis tuae  
Israel.

*Give peace, Lord, to those who wait  
for you, and your prophets will proclaim  
you as you deserve. Hear the prayers of  
your servant and of your people Israel.  
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** *Spatzenmesse - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*

**COLLECT**

Look upon us, O God,  
Creator and ruler of all things,  
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,  
grant that we may serve you with all our 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 Sirach 27:30-28:7*

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

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

**PSALM 102** *all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm*



My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. *R.*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. *R.*

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. *R.*

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. *R.*

**SECOND READING** *from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9*

Brothers and sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

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*



Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.

## GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

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

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

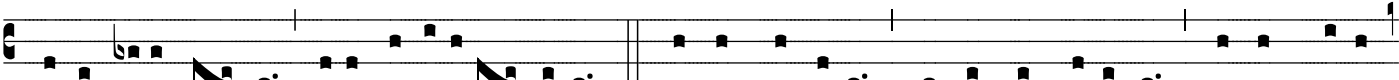
*After the Gospel, all sing the Gospel Acclamation.*

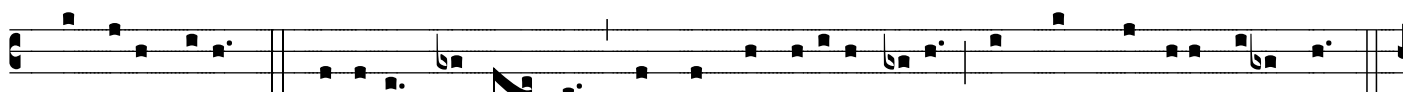
## HOMILY

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

v. redo 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.**

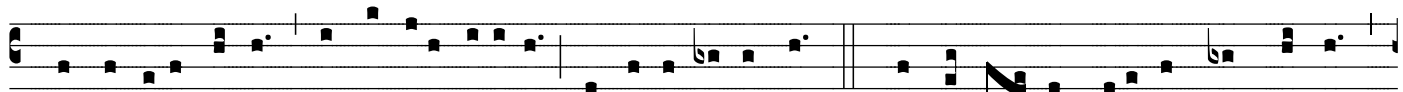
Et ex Patre na- tum ante omni-a sae-cu-la. **Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum**



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



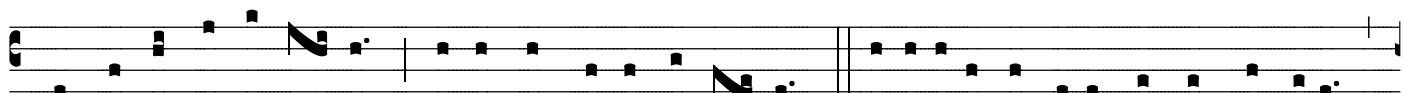
**Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram sa-lu-tem descendit de caelis.** Et incarnatus est



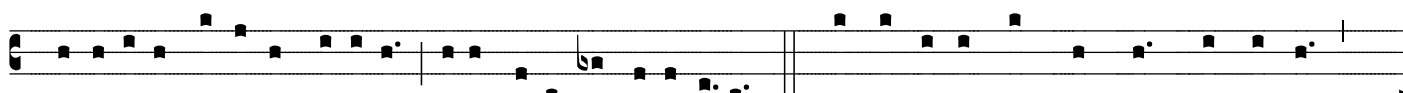
de Spi-ri-tu Sancto ex Ma-ri-a Virgine: Et homo factus est. **Cru-ci-fi- xus et-i-am pro no- bis:**



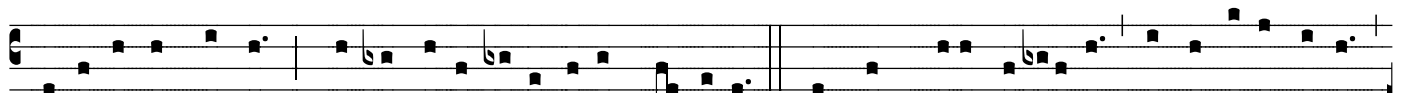
**sub Ponti-o Pi- la-to passus, et sepul-tus est.** Et resurrexit ter-ti- a di-e, secundum Scripturas.



**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,**



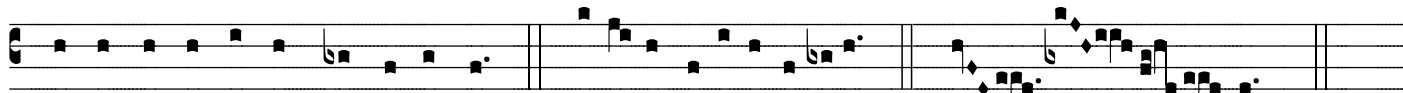
**et vi-vi-fi-cantem: qui ex Patre Fi-li-o-que procedit.** Qui cum Patre et Fi-li-o si-mul a-do-ra-tur



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*

Ecce sacerdos magnus, qui in diebus  
suis, placuit Deo, et inventus es iustus.

*Behold the great priest, who in his days,  
pleased God, and has been found just.*

*Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)*

*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*

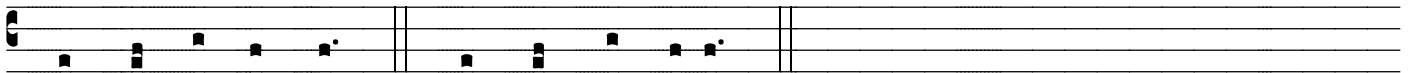
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

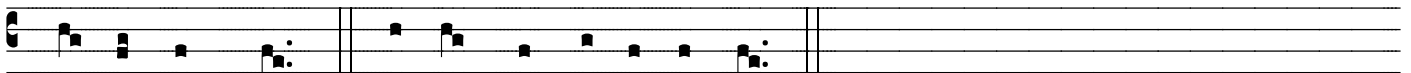
Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord,  
and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings,  
that what each has offered to the honour of your name  
may serve the salvation of all.

Through Christ our Lord.

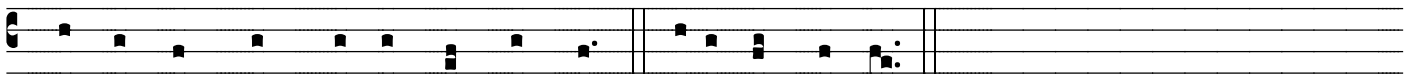
**R. Amen.**



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.

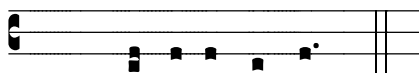
## SANCTUS *the Choir sings*

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

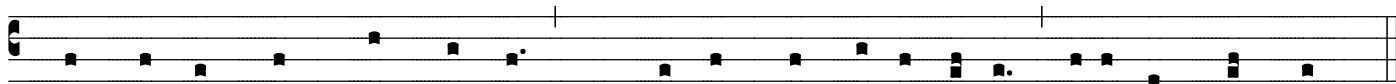
*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Spatzenmesse  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

## 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.

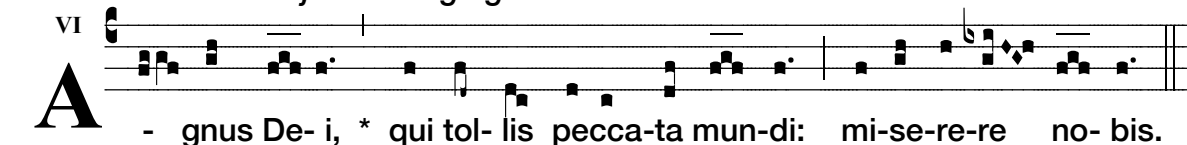
## COMMUNION RITE

### THE SIGN OF PEACE

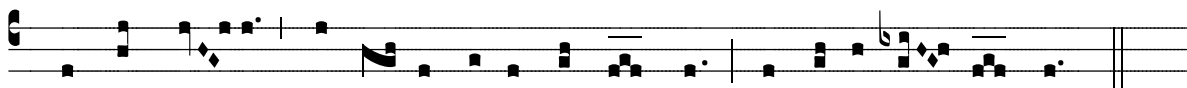
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*R.* And with your spirit.

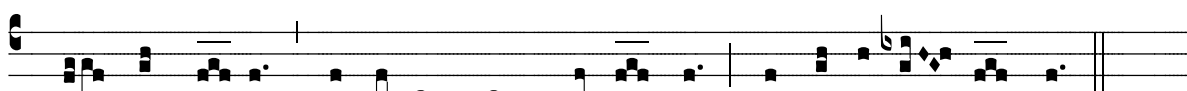
## AGNUS DEI VIII *all join in singing*



- 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.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** *the Choir sings*

Tollite hostias, et introite in atria eius:  
adorate Dominum in aula sancta eius.

*Bring an offering and enter his courts,  
worship the Lord in his temple.*

*Gregorian Chant*

**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!*

*Colin Mawby (1936-2019)*

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



- 1 O bread of heaven, beneath this veil  
Thou dost my very God conceal;  
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;  
I love thee and adoring kneel;  
Each loving soul by thee is fed  
With thine own self in form of bread.
- 2 O food of life, thou who dost give  
The pledge of immortality;  
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
He feeds my soul, he guides my ways,  
And every grief with joy repays.
- 3 O bond of love, that dost unite  
The servant to his living Lord;  
Could I dare live, and not requite  
Such love – then death were meet reward:  
I cannot live unless to prove  
Some love for such unmeasured love.

4 Beloved Lord in heaven above,  
There, Jesus, thou awaitest me;  
To gaze on thee with changeless love,  
Yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:  
For how can he deny me heaven  
Who here on earth himself hath given?

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray,  
take possession of our minds and bodies,  
so that its effects, and not our own desires,  
may always prevail in us.  
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** *Final (Symphonie VI) - Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)*

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