



**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

SOLEMN MASS

**ON THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
10 JANUARY 2021 AT 11.00AM**

WHAT TO EXPECT AT MASS We have put in place some new measures to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all. This may mean that Mass feels a little different to the way we are used to celebrating. Please read our guidelines below:

WHEN YOU ARRIVE You will be welcomed by a volunteer steward. You will be directed to the hand sanitizer.

All people entering church must wear a face covering at all times.

You must adhere to social distancing guidelines in place. Any children accompanying you must do the same.

Baskets will be available at the entrance (and exit) for your weekly envelopes or other contributions.

There will also be contactless donation points available for those wishing contribute via debit card.

Toilets will remain closed at all times except for a genuine emergency. The Gift Shop will be closed.

DURING MASS There will be no Sign of Peace. There will be no congregational singing.

HOLY COMMUNION Will be distributed after the final dismissal of the Mass.

The words "The Body of Christ" and the reply "Amen" will only be said once at the beginning of distribution. They will not to be repeated for each person receiving Holy Communion.

The volunteer stewards will direct you to approach the altar to receive Holy Communion.

You may only receive the Sacred Host in your hand and not on your tongue.

Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister's hands.

You must then step to one side, lower your face covering and place the Sacred Host in your mouth then follow directions to leave the Cathedral immediately.

AFTER MASS Please take home any newsletters, Mass sheets and other papers you may use.

Use only the designated exit.

Please do not gather in the Cathedral porch or on Cathedral property for conversations.

Continue to wear your face covering until you leave the area where other people are.

If you are experiencing a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss or change of taste / smell please return home and consult your GP.

While we will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 any time they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.

Please be advised that the 11.00am Solemn Mass is streamed live on Facebook and YouTube.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

INTROIT *the Choir sings*

Dilexisti iustitiam,
et odisti iniquitatem
propterea unxit te Deus,
Deus tuus, oleo laetitiae
prae consortibus tuis.

*You have loved justice,
and hated iniquity:
therefore God, your God,
has anointed you with the
oil of gladness above your rivals.*

*Psalm 44:8
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 *Missa Ad Praesepe - George Malcolm (1917-1997)*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
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 Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7*

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations,

to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

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

PSALM 28 *the Cantor sings the psalm*

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord, you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING *from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *the Choir sings the Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia.

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:7-11

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came to Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 MOTET *the Choir sings 'Sir Christèmas'*

Nowell, nowell.
Who is there that singeth so?

I am here, Sir Christèmas.
Welcome, my lord Sir Christèmas!
Welcome to all, both more and less!
Come near, come near,
Nowell, nowell.

Dieu vous garde, beaux sieurs, [*God keep you, good sirs*]
tidings I you bring:
A maid hath borne a child full young,
Which causeth you to sing:
Nowell, nowell.

Christ is now born of a pure maid,
Born of a pure maid;
In an ox-stall he is laid,
Wherefore sing we at a brayde: [*at a brayde = suddenly*]
Nowell, nowell.

Buvez bien, buvez bien par toute la compagnie. [*drink well with the whole company*]
Make good cheer and be right merry,
And sing with us now joyfully:
Nowell, nowell.

William Mathias (1934-1992)

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, O Lord, the offerings
we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son,
so that the oblation of your faithful
may be transformed into the sacrifice of him
who willed in his compassion
to wash away the sins of the world.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

SANCTUS *Missa Ad Praesepe - George Malcolm*

COMMUNION RITE

AGNUS DEI *Missa Ad Praesepe - George Malcolm*

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON *the Choir sings*

Omnes qui in Christo baptizati estis,
Christum induistis, alleluia.

*All baptised in Christ, you have clothed
yourselves in Christ, alleluia.*

*Galatians 3:27
Gregorian Chant*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts,
we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord,
that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son,
we may be your children in name and in 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.

Please remain in your seats until you are asked to come forward by one of the Cathedral Stewards.

MOTET DURING THE PEOPLE'S COMMUNION *the Choir sings 'The Shepherd's Farewell'*

Thou must leave thy lowly dwelling,
the humble crib, the stable bare.
Babe, all mortal babes excelling,
content our earthly lot to share.
Loving father, loving mother,
shelter thee with tender care!

Blessed Jesus, we implore thee,
with humble love and holy fear.
In the land that lies before thee,
forget not us who linger here!
May the shepherd's lowly calling,
ever to thy heart be dear!
Blest are ye beyond all measure,
thou happy father, mother mild!

Guard ye well your heavenly treasure,
the Prince of Peace, the Holy Child!
God go with you, God protect you,
guide you safely through the wild!

Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)

Please take this Service Sheet home with you.