

**Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool**

# **SOLEMN MASS**

**ON THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
26 SEPTEMBER 2021 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 Peter Murphy.*

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

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is strictly prohibited in the Cathedral

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### INTROIT *the Choir sings*

Omnia quae fecisti nobis, Domine,  
in vero iudicio fecisti,  
quia peccavimus tibi,  
et mandatis tuis non obedivimus:  
sed da gloriam nomini tuo,  
et fac nobiscum secundum  
multitudinem misericordiae tuae.

*O Lord, you had just cause to  
judge men as you did:  
because we sinned against you  
and disobeyed your will.  
But now show us your greatness of  
heart, and treat us with your  
unbounded kindness.*

*Dan 3:31,29-30  
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 Brevis - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

### COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power  
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us  
and make those hastening to attain your promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.  
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 Numbers 11:25-29*

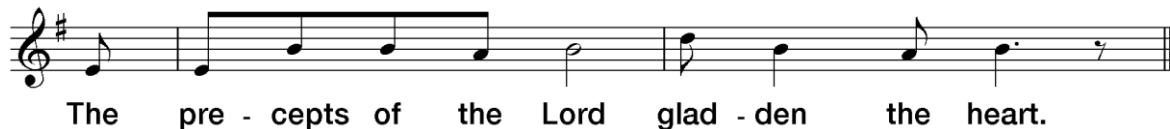
The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

## The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 18** *all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm*



The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **R.**

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. *R.*

From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. *R.*

## **SECOND READING** *from the letter of St James 5:1-6*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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*



Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.

## **GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.

**R.** And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

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

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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 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** *a collection is taken for the upkeep of the Cathedral, meanwhile the  
Choir sings*

Beati quorum via integra est:  
Qui ambulant in lege Domini.

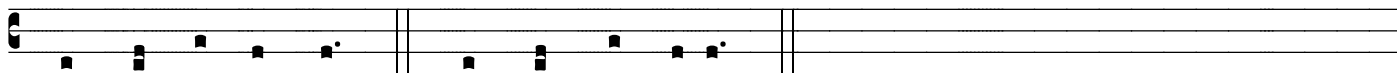
*Blessed are those whose path is undefiled,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.  
Sir Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)*

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

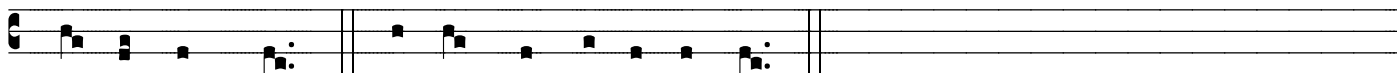
*All stand and say*  
 May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
 for the praise and glory of his name,  
 for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

# **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

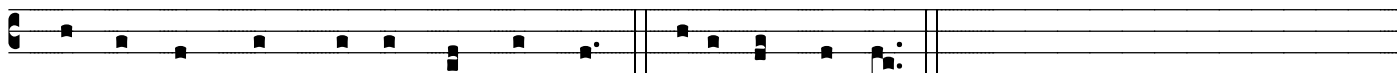
Grant us, O merciful God,  
 that this our offering may find acceptance with you  
 and that through it the wellspring of all blessing  
 may be laid open before us.  
 Through Christ our Lord.  
**R. Amen.**



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.

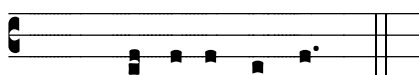
# **SANCTUS** *the Choir sings*

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

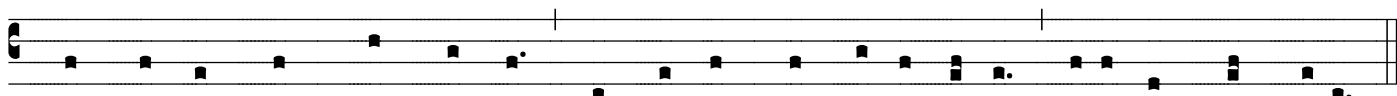
*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of hosts  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.*

*Missa Brevis  
 Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

# **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.*

*Missa Brevis*

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*

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*

Memento verbi tui servo tuo, Domine,  
in quo mihi spem dedisti:  
haec me consolata est  
in humilitate mea.

*O Lord, remember the words  
you spoke to me, your servant  
which made me live in hope and  
consoled me when I was downcast.*

*Psalms 118:49-50*

*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!*

*Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,  
restore us in mind and body,  
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,  
to whose suffering we are united  
whenever we proclaim his Death.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**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**

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