

**Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King Liverpool**

# **SOLEMN MASS**

**ON THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
3 OCTOBER 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.

**Attending today's mass are members of the Knights of St Columba, as they Install their new Supreme Knight and Directors.**

*The Celebrant for today's Mass is the Archbishop,  
The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP,  
concelebrating is the Archbishop of Birmingham,  
The Most Reverend Bernard Longley.*

*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*

In voluntate tua, Domine,  
universa sunt posita, et non est qui posit  
resistere voluntati tuae:  
tu enim fecisti omnia,  
caelum et terram, et universa quae caeli  
ambtu continentur:  
Dominus universorum tu es.

*O Lord, you have given everything  
its place in the world,  
and no one can make it otherwise.  
For it is your creation,  
the heavens and the earth  
and the stars:  
you are the Lord of all.*

*Psalm 118:1  
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 *Mass in G - Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*

### COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,  
who in the abundance of your kindness  
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,  
pour out your mercy upon us  
to pardon what conscience dreads  
and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.  
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 *read by Brother Bertie Grogan, Supreme Knight*

A reading from the book of Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 127 *all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm*



O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
by the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace! **R.**

## **SECOND READING** *read by Brother Harry Welsh, Deputy Supreme Knight*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

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 10:2-16

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

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

**HOMILY** *Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP*

**INSTALLATION OF SUPREME DIRECTORS AND PRESENTATION OF COLLARETTES** *the Supreme Officers move towards the lectern and Brother Frank Stanley, Supreme Warden will announce the Directors' names.*

**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** *read by Brother Sean Mulligan, Director of Spirituality and Welfare*

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

**OFFERTORY MOTET** *as the offertory procession is brought forward by Brother Brendan McCann, Supreme Knight of the Knights of St Columbanus (Ireland), Mrs Angela McCann, Brother Adrian King, Deputy Supreme Knight and Mrs Hilary King, the Choir sings*

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.

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.

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!

*Howard Goodall (b1958)*

*The Celebrant says*

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

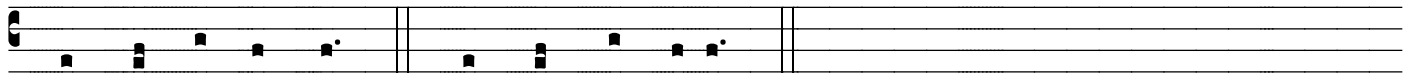
*All stand and say*

**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, we pray,  
the sacrifices instituted by your commands  
and, through the sacred mysteries,  
which we celebrate with dutiful service,  
graciously complete the sanctifying work  
by which you are pleased to redeem us.  
Through Christ our Lord.

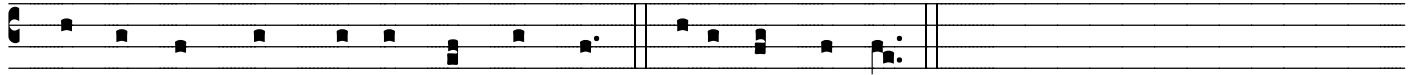
**R. Amen.**



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.



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

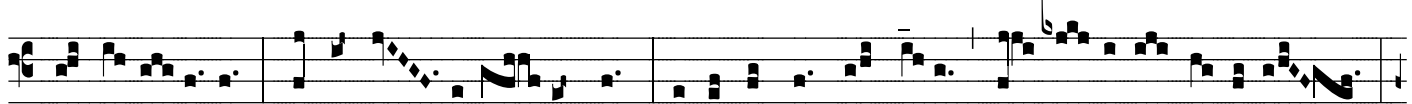


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

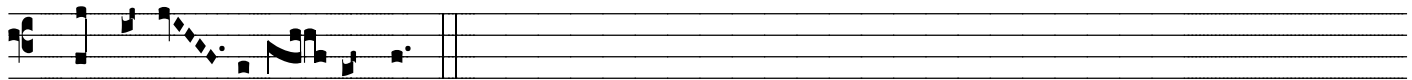
**SANCTUS XI** *all join in singing*



**S**an-ctus,\* Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et ter-ra



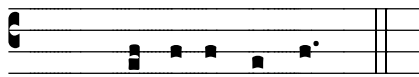
glo-ri-a tu-a. Hosanna in ex-cel-sis. Benedictus qui venit in no-mine Domini.



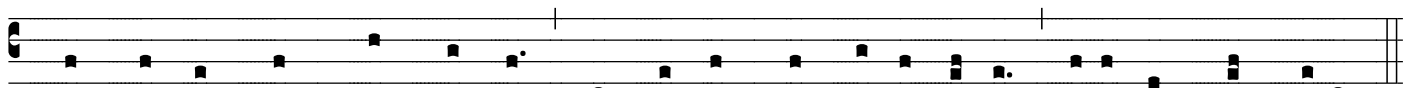
Ho-sanna in ex- cel-sis.

*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.*

*Mass in G  
Franz Schubert*

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*

In salutari tuo anima mea,  
et in verbum tuum speravi:  
quando facies de persequentibus  
me iudicium? iniqui persecute sunt  
me, adiuva me, Domine Deus meus.

*I yearn for your saving help;  
I hope in your word.  
When will you judge my foes?  
Help me when lies oppress me,  
O Lord my God.*

*Psalms 118:81,84,86  
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!*

*James Luxton (b1988)*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant us, almighty God,  
that we may be refreshed and nourished  
by the Sacrament which we have received,  
so as to be transformed into what we consume.  
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**