

**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

SOLEMN MASS

**ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
28 NOVEMBER 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 the Archbishop,
The Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP.*

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN *all stand and join in singing*



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| 1 | O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear:
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel. | 4 | O come, thou key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery:
Rejoice... |
| 2 | O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave:
Rejoice... | 5 | O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe:
Rejoice... |
| 3 | O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight:
Rejoice... | | |

INTROIT *the Choir sings*

Ad te levavi animam meam:
Deus meus in te confido,
non erubescam:
neque irideant me inimici mei:
et enim universi qui te exspectant,
non confundentur.

*To you, my God, I lift my soul,
I trust in you;
let me never come to shame.
Do not let my enemies laugh at me.
No one who waits for you is ever put to
shame.*

*Psalm 24:1-4
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.

ASPERGES *as we are blessed with water we commit ourselves to pondering the Word of God and waiting in hope for the coming of the Lord during this season.*

The Celebrant says

Dear brethren (brothers and sisters)
let us humbly beseech the Lord our God
to bless this water he has created,
which will be sprinkled on us
to mark the beginning of the new church year
and the season of Advent.

Almighty ever-living God,
be pleased, we pray, to bless this water,
by which we seek protection on this your day, O Lord.
renew the living spring of your grace within us
and grant that by this water we may be defended
from all ills of spirit and body,
and so approach you with hearts made clean
and worthily receive your salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

The Choir sings

Asperges me, Domine, hyssopo,
et mundabor: lavabis me, et super nivem
dealbabor. Miserere mei, Deus, secundum
magnam misericordiam tuam.

*Purify me with hyssop until I am clean;
wash me until I am whiter than snow.
Have mercy on me, God, in your
loving kindness.*

Gregorian Chant

INTRODUCTION *the Celebrant introduces the Mass and the first candle on the Advent*

Wreath is lit, the Celebrant says

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Saviour of every nation.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

COLLECT

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
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 Jeremiah 33:14-16*

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

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

PSALM 24 *all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm*



Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and truth
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

SECOND READING *from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2*

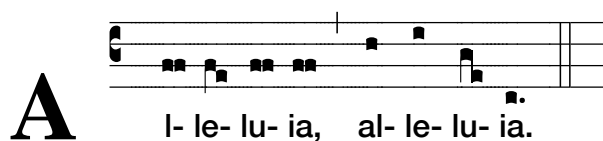
May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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*



Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28,34-36

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel, all sing the Gospel Acclamation.

HOMILY

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

IV. **C**redo in unum De-um, Patrem omni-po-ten-tem, factorem caeli et ter-rae, vi-si-bi-li-um
omni-um, et in-vi-si-bi-li-um. **Et in unum Domi-num Jesum Christum, Fi-li-um De-i**
u-ni-ge-ni-tum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula. **Deum de Deo, lumen de lumi-**
ne, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstan-ti-a-lem Patri, per
quem omnia facta sunt. **Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de**
caelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Vir-gi-ne: Et homo factus est.
Cru-ci-fi-xus et-i-am pro nobis: sub Pontio Pi-la-to passus, et sepultus est. Et re-sur-rexit
ter-ti-a di-e, secundum Scripturas. **Et ascendit in caelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris.**
Et i-terum venturus est cum glori-a, iudicare vivos et mortuos : cuius regni non e-rit fi-nis.
Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum, et vi-vi-fi-cantem: qui ex Patre Fi-li-oque procedit. Qui cum
Patre et Fi-li-o simul adoratur, et conglori-fi-catur: qui locutus est per Prophetas. **Et unam**

sanctam catho-li-cam et apo-sto-li-cam Eccle-si-am. Confi-teor unum baptisma in
 re-mis-sionem peccatorum. **Et exspecto resurrecti-onem mortu-orum.** Et vitam venturi
 sae-cu-li. **A- men.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

Hail, gladdening light, of his pure glory poured, who is th'immortal Father, heavenly, blest, holiest of holies Jesus Christ, our Lord. Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest, the lights of evening round us shine, we hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine. Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung with undefiled tongue, Son of our God, therefore in all the world thy glories Lord, they own. Amen.

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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

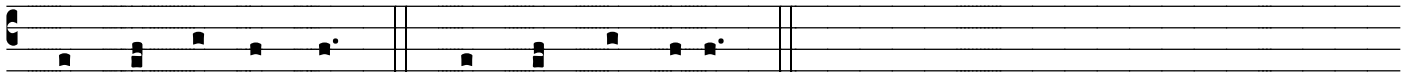
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
 for the praise and glory of his name,
 for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

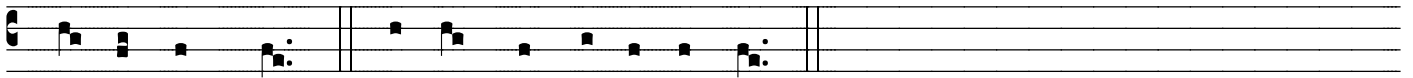
Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,
 gathered from among your gifts to us,
 and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below,
 gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

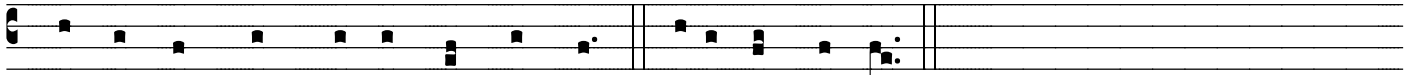
R. Amen.



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

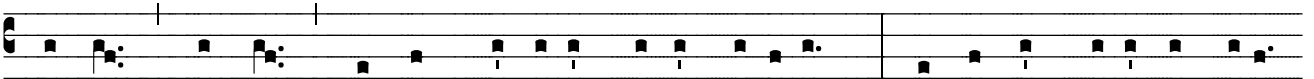


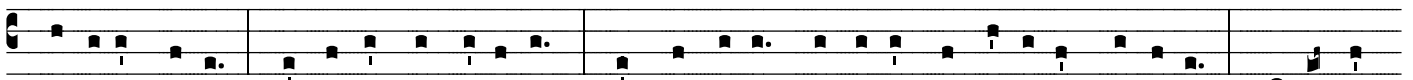
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

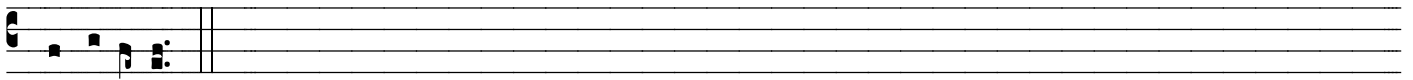


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

SANCTUS XVIII *all join in singing*

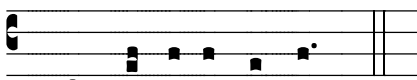
S  anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Ple-ni sunt caeli et terra

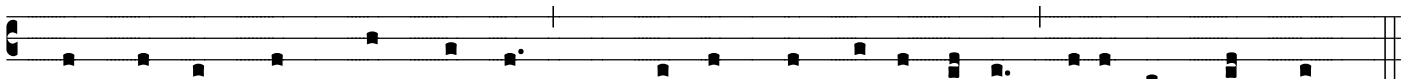
 glo-ri-a tu-a. Hosanna in excelsis. Be-nedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna

 in excelsis.

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.*

*Missa 'Vidi speciosam'
Tomás Luis de Victoria (c1548-1611)*

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*

Dominus dabit benignitatem:
Et terra nostra dabit fructum suum.

*The Lord will shower his gifts,
and our land will yield its fruit.*

*Psalm 84:3
Gregorian Chant*

COMMUNION MOTET *the Choir sings*

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

*Therefore we, before him bending,
This great sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.*

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus, et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

*Glory let us give and blessing
To the Father, and the Son,
Honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is one. Amen.
Louis Vierne (1870-1937)*

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION *all stand and join in singing*



1. Lo! he comes with clouds descend - ing,
once for fa - vour'd sin - ners slain;
Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
Swell the tri - umph of his train:
Al - le - lu - ya! Al - le - lu - ya! Al - le - lu - ya!
God ap - pears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord,
in which we have participated, profit us, we pray,
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven
and hold fast to what endures.
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.

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