

**Metropolitan Cathedral
of Christ the King Liverpool**

SOLEMN MASS

**ON THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
15 MAY 2022 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 Solemn Mass each Sunday is offered for all Benefactors of the Cathedral.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT MOBILE TELEPHONES ARE SWITCHED OFF

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN *all stand and join in singing*



- 1 Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.
Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.
- 2 Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love, is his mark.
Richer than gold...
- 3 Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood.'
Love, only love, is his sign.
Richer than gold...
- 4 Love is his sign, love is his news,
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget
All my deep sorrow, all my dear blood,"
Love, only love, is his news.
Richer than gold...
- 5 Love is his news, love is his name,
We are his own, chosen and called,
Family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.
Richer than gold...

INTROIT *the Choir sings*

Cantate Domino, canticum novum,
alleluia: quia mirabilia fecit Dominus,
alleluia: ante conspectum gentium
revelavit iustitiam suam,
alleluia, alleluia.

*Sing to the Lord, a new song,
alleluia; for he has done marvellous
deeds, alleluia. He has revealed to
the nations his saving power,
alleluia, alleluia.*

*Psalm 97:1-2
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

Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father:
Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth:
Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.

You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life:
Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

GLORIA *Missa Brevis - Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967)*

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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 Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 144 *all sing the response R. after the Cantor and after each verse of the psalm*



The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING *from the book of the Apocalypse 21:1-5*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

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

v. **C**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, meanwhile the Choir sings*

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of Truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Philip Wilby (b1949)

The Celebrant says

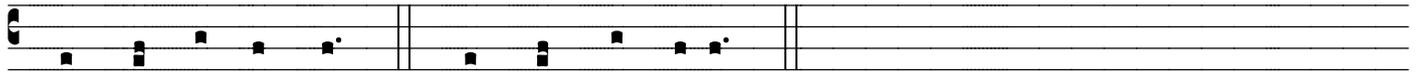
Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All stand and say

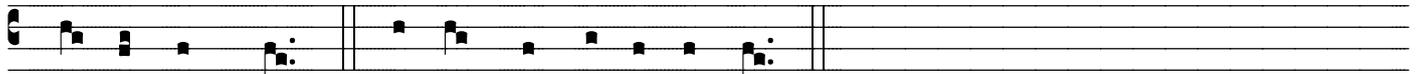
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

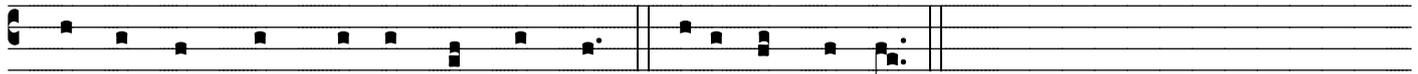
O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice
have made us partakers in one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.



The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

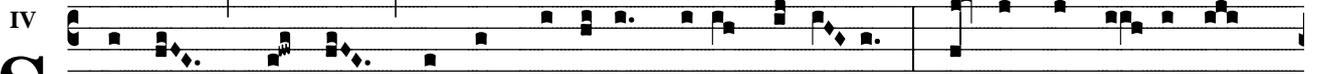


Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

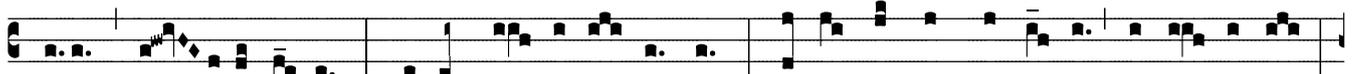


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

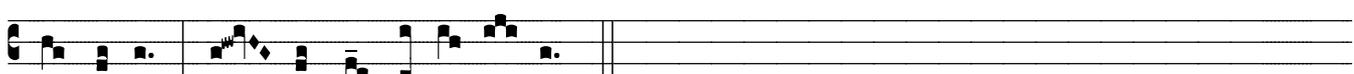
SANCTUS I *all join in singing*



anctus, * Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sa-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cae-li et



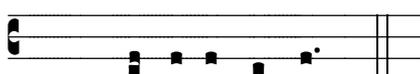
terra glo- ri-a tu- a. Hosan-na in ex- cel-sis. Be-ne-dic-tus qui ve-nit in no- mi-ne



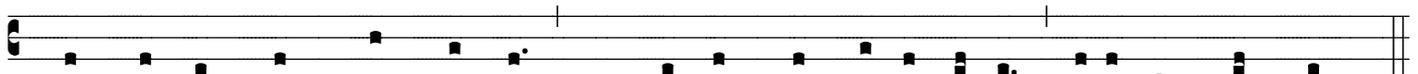
Do-mi-ni. Ho- san-na in ex-cel-sis.

Gregorian Chant

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *all join in singing*

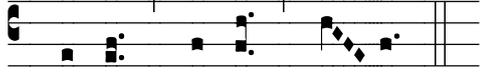


The mystery of faith.



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 I *all join in singing*

IV



A - gnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di : mise-re- re no-bis. Agnus De-i, *
qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di : mise-re- re no-bis. Agnus De-i, * qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di
dona 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*

Ego sum vitis vera et vos palmites,
qui manet in me, et ego in eo, hic fert
fructum multum, alleluia, alleluia.

*I am the true vine and you are the
branches; he who lives in me, and I in
him, will bear much fruit, alleluia, alleluia.*

John 15:1,5

Gregorian Chant

COMMUNION MOTET *the Choir sings 'Cantique de Jean Raçine'*

Verbe égal au Très-Haut
Notre unique espérance,
Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux,
Nous rompons le silence, de la
paisible nuit, Divin Sauveur,
Jette sur nous les yeux!

*Word of God, the Most High,
on thee alone relying,
Eternal Day of the earth and the night,
with our repentant crying
O Saviour turn on us thine eyes.*

Répands sur nous le feu
de ta grâce puissante,
Que tout l'enfer fuie au son
de ta voix,
Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme
languissante,
Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!

*Spread over us the fire of thy
abounding mercy;
let hell retire before thy mighty voice.
Disperse the clouds of sleep
surrounding our drowsy souls,
and lead us back to the love
of thy laws.*

O Christ sois favorable à ce peuple
fidèle pour te benir
maintenant rassemblé,
Reçois les chants qu'il offre,
à ta gloire immortelle,
Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!

*O Christ, look down with favour
on thy congregation assembled here
for thy worship and praise.
Receive the songs we offer to thee
our true salvation, and send us forth
heaped with gifts of thy grace.*

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION *all stand and join in singing*



- 1 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.

- 2 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.

3 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!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.

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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