



THE CHRISM MASS

Principal Celebrant
Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

Sung by members of the
Choir of Westminster Cathedral

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

30 March 2021 12.00pm

ORDER OF MASS

All stand at the sound of the Sacristy bell.

ENTRANCE HYMN

My song is love unknown
(sung by the Choir only)

Samuel Crossman (1624–83)

*Love Unknown
John Ireland (1879–1962)*

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Cardinal: In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, ✠
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**
Peace be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Cardinal: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**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.**

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

KYRIE

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

COLLECT

Cardinal:

Let us pray.

O God, who anointed your Only Begotten Son with the Holy Spirit
and made him Christ and Lord,
graciously grant
that, being made sharers in his consecration,
we may bear witness to your Redemption in the world.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-3. 6. 8-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor; to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord, a day of vengeance for our God; to comfort all those who mourn and to give them for ashes a garland; for mourning robe the oil of gladness, for despondency, praise. But you, you will be named 'priests of the Lord', they will call you 'ministers of our God.' I reward them faithfully and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their race will be famous throughout the nations, their descendants throughout the peoples. All who see them will admit that they are a race whom the Lord has blessed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Invéni David servum meum, óleo sancto unxi eum: manus enim mea auxiliábitur ei, et brachium meum confortábit eum.

I have found David, my servant, with my holy oil have I anointed him: For my hand shall aid him and my arm shall strengthen him.

Psalms 88:21-22

Plainsong

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse.

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand with the Cardinal.

TRACT

Confitémini Dómino, quóniam bonus: quóniam in saéculum misericórdia eius.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.

Psalm 117:1

Plainsong

GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-21

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor;
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All sit.

HOMILY

The Archbishop of Westminster

RENEWAL OF PRIESTLY PROMISES

Cardinal: Beloved sons,
on the anniversary of that day
when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood
on his Apostles and on us,
are you resolved to renew,
in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people,
the promises you once made?

Priests: **I am.**

Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus
and more closely conformed to him,
denying yourselves and confirming those promises
about sacred duties towards Christ's Church
which, prompted by love of him,
you willingly and joyfully pledged
on the day of your priestly ordination?

I am.

Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God
in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites
and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching,
following Christ the Head and Shepherd,
not seeking any gain,
but moved only by zeal for souls?

I am.

The people stand and are addressed by the Cardinal:

Cardinal: As for you, dearest sons and daughters,
pray for your Priests,
that the Lord may pour out his gifts abundantly upon them,
and keep them faithful as ministers of Christ, the High Priest,
so that they may lead you to him,
who is the source of salvation.

People: **Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.**

And pray also for me,
that I may be faithful to the apostolic office
entrusted to me in my lowliness
and that in your midst I may be made day by day
a living and more perfect image of Christ,
the Priest, the Good Shepherd,
the Teacher and the Servant of all.

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

May the Lord keep us all in his charity
and lead all of us, shepherds and flock,
to eternal life.

Amen.

THE BLESSING OF OILS AND CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

BLESSING OF THE OIL OF THE SICK

Cardinal: O God, Father of all consolation,
who willed to heal the infirmities of the weak through your Son,
listen favourably to the prayer of faith:
send forth from the heavens, we pray,
your Holy Spirit, the Paraclete,
upon this oil in all its richness,
which you have graciously brought forth from the verdant tree
to restore the body,
so that by your holy blessing ✠
everyone anointed with this oil
as a safeguard for body, soul, and spirit
may be freed from all pain,
all infirmity,
and all sickness.
May your holy oil, O Lord,
be blessed by you for our sake
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you for ever and ever.

Amen.

BLESSING OF THE OIL OF CATECHUMENS

Cardinal: O God, strength and protection of your people,
who have made the oil you created a sign of strength,
graciously bless ✠ this oil,
and grant courage to the catechumens
who will be anointed with it,
so that, receiving divine wisdom and power,
they may understand more deeply
the Gospel of your Christ,
they may undertake with a generous heart
the labours of the Christian life,
and, made worthy of adoption
as your sons and daughters,
they may rejoice to be born anew and to live in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHRISM

The Cardinal pours balsam into the oil and mixes the chrism.

INVITATION

Cardinal: Let us pray, dear brothers and sisters, to God the almighty Father,
that he bless and sanctify this oil;
may those who are signed with it outwardly
be inwardly anointed
and made worthy of divine redemption.

CONSECRATORY PRAYER

The Cardinal breathes over the opening of the vessel of chrism and says:

○ God, author of the Sacraments and bestower of life,
we give thanks for your ineffable goodness,
for in the ancient covenant
you foreshadowed the mystery of sanctifying oil
and in the fullness of time
you willed that it might shine forth uniquely in your beloved Son.

And when your Son, our Lord,
had saved the human race through the Paschal Mystery,
he filled your Church with the Holy Spirit,
and wonderfully endowed her with heavenly gifts,
so that through her the work of salvation in the world
might be brought to completion.

From that time onward,
through the sacred mystery of Chrism
you have so bestowed the riches of your grace upon all humanity,
that your sons and daughters,
born again in the cleansing waters of Baptism,
are strengthened by the anointing of the Spirit
and, conformed to your Christ,
they share in his prophetic, priestly and kingly office.

The Concelebrants extend their right hands towards the chrism in silence.

The Cardinal continues:

Therefore we beseech you, O Lord:
that by the power of your grace
this mingling of fragrance and oil
may become for us a sacrament of your ✠ blessing.

Pour out in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit
on our brothers and sisters anointed with this oil;
adorn with the splendour of holiness
the places and things signed by sacred oils;
but above all, by the mystery of this oil,
bring to completion the growth of your Church,
until she reaches that measure of fullness
in which you, resplendent with eternal light,
will be all in all with Christ in the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

All sit.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the offerings the choir sings:

OFFERTORY MOTET

Ave regina cælorum. Ave domina angelorum. Salve radix, salve porta ex qua mundo lux est orta. Gaude virgo gloriosa, super omnes speciosa. Vale, o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora.

Hail queen of heaven, Hail mistress of angels. Hail holy root, hail portal from which light sprang for the world. Rejoice, glorious lady, lovely beyond all others. All hail to you, most lovely lady, plead with Christ for us.

Giovanni Rovetta (1596-1668)

All stand.

Cardinal: Pray, brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours
may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.
**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

Cardinal: May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray,
mercifully wipe away what is old in us
and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PREFACE

The priesthood of Christ and the Ministry of Priests

Cardinal: 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.

Cardinal: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For by the anointing of the Holy Spirit
you made your Only Begotten Son
High Priest of the new and eternal covenant,
and by your wondrous design were pleased to decree
that his one Priesthood should continue in the Church.

For Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood
the people he has made his own,
but with a brother's kindness he also chooses men
to become sharers in his sacred ministry
through the laying on of hands.

They are to renew in his name
the sacrifice of human redemption,
to set before your children the paschal banquet,
to lead your holy people in charity,
to nourish them with the word
and strengthen them with the Sacraments.

As they give up their lives for you
and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters,
they strive to be conformed to the image of Christ himself
and offer you a constant witness of faith and love.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

SANCTUS

All: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All kneel.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Cardinal: You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
and all you have created
rightly gives you praise,
for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
by the power and working of the Holy Spirit,
you give life to all things and make them holy,
and you never cease to gather a people to yourself,
so that from the rising of the sun to its setting
a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

CC: Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you:
by the same Spirit graciously make holy
these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,
that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood
of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.
For on the night he was betrayed
he himself took bread,
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended,
he took the chalice,
and giving you thanks, he said the blessing,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Cardinal: The mystery of faith.
**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

- CC: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial
of the saving Passion of your Son,
his wondrous Resurrection
and Ascension into heaven,
and as we look forward to his second coming,
we offer you in thanksgiving
this holy and living sacrifice.
- CC: Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church
and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death
you willed to reconcile us to yourself,
grant that we, who are nourished
by the Body and Blood of your Son
and filled with his Holy Spirit,
may become one body, one spirit in Christ.
- C1: May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.
- C2: May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity
your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant Francis our Pope and Vincent our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
and the entire people you have gained for your own.
Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you:
in your compassion, O merciful Father,
gather to yourself all your children
scattered throughout the world.

- C3: To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory
through Christ our Lord,
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.
- CC: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father; in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All stand.

COMMUNION RITE

Cardinal: At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.
Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI

All: **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: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

All kneel.

Cardinal: 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.
**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

The Celebrant displays the Body and Blood of Christ to all gathered, prior to approaching Holy Communion.

Cardinal: The Body of Christ.
Amen.
The Blood of Christ.
Amen.

Please follow the instructions of the stewards for Holy Communion. Please remove your face covering before reaching the priest, receive Holy Communion in front of the priest and then replace your face covering before returning to your place via the side aisles.

Those who are not Roman Catholic or do not wish to receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to indicate to the priest that you wish to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION MOTET

O salutáris hóstia, quæ cæli pandis óstium, bella premunt hostília, da robur; fer auxilium. Uni trínoque Dómino sit sempitérna glória, qui vitam sine término nobis donet in pátria.

O saving victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to man below; our foes press on from every side; thine aid supply, thy strength bestow. To thy great name be endless praise, immortal Godhead, one in three, O grant us endless length of days in our true native land with thee.

Giovanni Battista Martini (1706-1784)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore thee
(sung by the Choir only)

St Thomas Aquinas (1227-74)

Sir Richard Runciman Terry (1865-1938)

All stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Cardinal: Let us pray.

We beseech you, almighty God,
that those you renew by your Sacraments
may merit to become the pleasing fragrance of Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Cardinal:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Now and for ever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever:

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Praeludium in D major BuxWV 139

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

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