

**The Metropolitan Cathedral Church  
of  
St Chad  
Birmingham**



**Civic Mass**

**Celebrant and Preacher:  
The Most Rev Bernard Longley  
Archbishop of Birmingham**

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

**Sunday 22 November 2020**

## Opening hymn

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic Tree, as of that tree the stem;  
The Root whence flows Thy mercy free, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love: Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round His piercèd feet  
fair flowers of glory now extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
Glassed in a sea of light, where everlasting waves  
reflect his throne - the infinite! Who lives - and loves - and saves.

*Matthew Bridges (1800-94)*

**Archbishop** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of  
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Archbishop** Peace be with you.  
**All** **And with your spirit.**

*A Message from the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor Mohammed Azim,  
is read*

## Penitential Act

**Archbishop** 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.**

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

<b>Kyrie</b>	Kyrie Eleison	<b>Kyrie Eleison</b>
	Christe Eleison	<b>Christe Eleison</b>
	Kyrie Eleison	<b>Kyrie Eleison</b>

**Gloria** - *Missa O Rex Glorïae* - Alonso Lobo (1555-1617)

## Collect

**Archbishop** Almighty ever-living God,  
whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,  
grant, we pray,  
that the whole creation, set free from slavery,  
may render your majesty service  
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.  
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.  
**Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

34:11-12, 15-17

*As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. **R.**

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow  
me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

## Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26,28

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father; so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Choir** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**Choir** Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you **And with your spirit**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you;

or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily**      Archbishop Bernard Longley

**Creed**  
**(Credo III Plainchant Sung)**

**Translation:**

*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.*

**National Youth Sunday** messages from young people are read

### **Bidding Prayers**

*After each prayer: Lord, in your mercy      **Hear our prayer**  
At the conclusion of the prayers, the choir sings: *Salve Regina**

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

*During the PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS the Choir will sing 'O Quam Gloriosum' by  
Tomas Luis de Victoria.*

<i>O quam gloriosum est regnum, in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti. Amicti stolis albis, sequuntur Agnum quocumque ierit</i>	<i>O how glorious is the kingdom wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ! Clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb wherever He goes</i>
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music: Tomás Luis de Victoria (1558-1611)

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

**All** **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 gifts**

**Archbishop** As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice  
by which the human race is reconciled to you,  
we humbly pray  
that your Son himself may bestow on all nations  
the gifts of unity and peace.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

**Archbishop**  
**All**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

**Archbishop**  
**All**

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

**Archbishop**  
**All**

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

**Archbishop**

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

For you anointed your Only Begotten Son,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness  
as eternal Priest and King of all creation,  
so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross  
as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace,  
he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption  
and, making all created things subject to his rule,  
he might present to the immensity of your majesty  
an eternal and universal kingdom,  
a kingdom of truth and life,  
a kingdom of holiness and grace,  
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so, with Angels and Archangels,  
with Thrones and Dominions,  
and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven,  
we sing the hymn of your glory,  
as without end we acclaim:

**Sanctus**

*Mass VIII*

Translation:

*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.*

**Archbishop**

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.

**Archbishop**

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.

**Archbishop**           The mystery of faith.  
**Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**Archbishop**           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.  
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.

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  
with Saint Chad, and with all the Saints,  
on whose constant intercession  
in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

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 me, your  
unworthy servant, 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.  
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.

**Archbishop** 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.

**All** **Amen.**

### **Communion Rite**

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

**Our Father,**  
**who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**Archbishop** 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.**

**Archbishop** 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.**

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

**Agnus Dei** - *Alonso Lobo (1555-1617)*

**Archbishop** 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.**

**Prayer of Spiritual Communion** – *at this time when people cannot attend Mass or cannot receive Holy Communion for any reason, we unite ourselves in prayer at this most sacred moment. Although we cannot receive Holy Communion, we receive some of the grace of witnessing this act of faith:*

**My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.  
I love you above all things  
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever.  
Amen.**

## Communion

*During Communion, the choir will sing 'Agnus Dei' by Alonso Lobo (1555-1617)*

## Prayer after Communion

**Archbishop** Having received the food of immortality,  
we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience  
to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe,  
we may live with him eternally in his heavenly  
kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## Concluding Rite

**Archbishop** The Lord be with you.  
**All** **And with your spirit.**  
**Archbishop** Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
**All** **Now and for ever.**  
**Archbishop** Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
**All** **Who made heaven and earth.**  
**Archbishop** May almighty God bless you, the Father,  
and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**Archbishop** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
**All** **Thanks be to God.**

## Final Hymn

Hail, Redeemer, King divine!  
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,  
King, whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels saints and nations sing:  
'Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary.'*

King whose name creation thrills,  
rule our minds, our hearts, our wills,  
till in peace each nation rings  
with thy praises, King of kings.

King most holy, King of truth,  
guide the lowly, guide the youth;  
Christ thou King of glory bright,  
be to us eternal light.

Shepherd-King, O'er mountains steep,  
homeward bring the wandering sheep,  
shelter in one royal fold  
states and kingdoms, new and old.

*Patrick Brennan C.Ss.R (1877-1952)*

### **Organ Voluntary**

*March on a theme of Handel - Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)*

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