

ST GEORGE

BICKLEY

The Order for Mass on Weekdays



Please do not take this booklet away

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Welcome to St George's! This booklet contains much of the material you will need for today's celebration of Mass. We hope you will find this service easy to follow, but please also do not be afraid to ask if you are unsure what to do at any point.

The toilets are at the back of church behind the screen.

Before Mass, please try to maintain an atmosphere of quiet prayer.



Please arrive at Mass with time to spare to prepare in prayer:
to arrive simply on time is already to be five minutes late!

SOME PRAYERS AND REFLECTIONS TO USE BEFORE MASS

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Father, make our consciences clean by the work of your Holy Spirit. When your Son Jesus Christ comes to us in this holy Sacrament, may he find in us a home ready and prepared for him, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Surely the Lord is in this place and this is none other than the house of God and the gate of heaven. And into that gate they shall enter and in that house they shall dwell, where there shall be no cloud nor sun, no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession; no foes nor friends, but one equal communion and identity; no ends nor beginnings, but one equal eternity (*after John Donne*)

We adore you, most holy Lord Jesus Christ, here, and in all your churches throughout the world; and we bless you, because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the entrance of the clergy (and servers). The Priest recites the Entrance Antiphon, and then says,

Priest In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you *People* **And also with you.**

The Priest introduces the Mass, before exhorting the people to recall their sins - those things which harm our relationship with God and our neighbour - in this way becoming ready to worship Him,

People 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.**

or

Priest Lord, have mercy *People* **Lord, have mercy**

Priest Christ, have mercy *People* **Christ, have mercy**

Priest Lord, have mercy *People* **Lord, have mercy**

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

People **Amen.**

(On certain days, the Gloria is then recited,

People **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.)

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Then the Priest prays the Collect, “collecting” our prayers together, to which the people respond by saying,
People Amen.

Now sit to listen to one (or two) Readings. You can follow these in the Weekday Missals in the pews - ask one of the clergy, or another member of the congregation, to help you find the page. At the end of the reading the reader says,
Reader This is the Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

After the first reading, the Responsorial Psalm is said. Remain seated: the reader first reads the response, and then all repeat it together, subsequently repeating it between verses of the psalm.

We pause for reflection.

Then stand for the Gospel Acclamation, after which the Priest says,

Priest The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

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

At the end of the Gospel,

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit for the Homily. (Then on certain days stand to recite the Nicene Creed,

People 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 & 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.)

Please stand for the Prayers of Intercession.

The following responses may be used,

Priest Lord, in your mercy or *Priest* Lord, hear us

People hear our prayer *People* Lord, graciously hear us

At the prayer for the departed,

Priest Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,

People and let light perpetual shine upon them.

When the prayers of the saints are asked for,

People Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

In conclusion to the prayers,

Priest Merciful Father,

People **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please sit. Bread and wine are brought to the altar, and the Priest says the following prayers,

Priest Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Priest Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

People **Blessed be God for ever.**

Please stand. The Priest says,

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

People **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.**

The Priest says the Prayer over the Offerings, to which all respond,
People **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Priest prays the Preface to the eucharistic prayer, and then all recite the Sanctus and Benedictus,

People **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.

Please kneel. The eucharistic prayer continues, until the Memorial Acclamation,

Priest Great is the mystery of Faith.

People **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your**

Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

The eucharistic prayer concludes, and all say boldly,

People **Amen!**

Please stand for the Lord's Prayer,

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

People **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.

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our day,
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.

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

Priest 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.

People **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*At this point we exchange with those near us a sign of peace,
e.g. a handshake or embrace. The Agnus Dei is said,*

People **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us (*repeat*)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Then kneel.

Priest 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.

(TURN OVERLEAF)

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

The Priest says the Communion Antiphon, and the people come forward to receive communion. If you have not been baptised and confirmed, please come forward for a blessing instead of communion, carrying this Order of Service. After communion, a time of prayerful silence is observed.

SOME PRAYERS TO USE AT COMMUNION

O God, help me to make a good Communion. Mary, my dearest mother, pray to Jesus for me. My dear Angel Guardian, lead me to the altar of God.

O God, because you have said it, I believe that I shall receive the sacred Body of Jesus Christ to eat and his Precious Blood to drink. My God, I believe this with all my heart.

My God, I confess that I am a poor sinner; I am not worthy to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, on account of my sins. My God, I detest all the sins of my life. I am sorry for them, because they have offended you, my God, you who are so good.

I resolve never to commit sin any more. My good God, have mercy on me, forgive me.

O Jesus, great God, present on the altar, I bow down before you. I adore you, I love you. I desire with all my heart to receive you. Jesus, come into my poor soul, and give me your Flesh to eat and your Blood to drink. Give me your whole Self, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, that I may live for ever with you.

Then stand as Priest prays the Prayer after Communion,
People **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Priest Go forth, the Mass is ended (*Eastertide: alleluia, alleluia*)

People **Thanks be to God** (*Eastertide: alleluia, alleluia*)

After Mass, spend a while thanking God for your Communion.

SOME PRAYERS TO USE AFTER MASS

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;

Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, inebriate me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;

Passion of Christ, strengthen me;

O good Jesu, hear me;

Within thy wounds, hide me;

Permit me not to be separated from thee;

From the malicious enemy, defend me;

In the hour of my death, call me

and bid me come to thee;

That with thy saints I may praise thee

For ever and ever. *Amen.*

God my Father, I ask that with this Eucharist you decrease my
self in me and increase your Son, Jesus Christ, so that my heart
may be set aflame by the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*