

St George  
Bickley

The Order for Mass on  
**the Second Sunday  
of Easter**

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*Welcome to St George's! This booklet contains all the material you will need for today's celebration of Mass. We hope that you will find this service easy to follow, but please do not be afraid to ask if you are unsure what to do at any point. The building is fitted with an induction loop and you will find the best results away from the pillars.*

*Families with small children are very welcome to make use of the carpeted play area at the back of church, where you will find books, crayons and soft toys.*

*There are two further play stations in the side aisles.*

*A toilet is at the back of church, behind the screen. After Mass, please join us in the hall for refreshments. Before Mass, please try to maintain an atmosphere of quiet prayer.*

*Mass setting: Heritage Mass.*

*Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn REH 165:*

**Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.**

**How Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
And crushed the serpent's head;  
And brought with him, from death's domains,  
The long-imprisoned dead.**

**From hell's devouring jaws the prey  
Alone our Leader bore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where he hath gone before.**

**Triumphant in his glory now  
His sceptre ruleth all,  
Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,  
And at his footstool fall.**

**While joyful thus his praise we sing,  
His mercy we implore,**

**Into his palace bright to bring  
And keep us evermore.**

**All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
While endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.**

*St Fulbert of Chartres d.1028. Tr R Campbell (1814-68)*

*The priest sings:*

*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.**

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The priest introduces the Mass, and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:*

*Priest* Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been born again to a new and living hope. In penitence for our sins we come to God that he may make us alive in his Son.

*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.**

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

*People* **Amen.**

*Remain standing to sing the Kyries:*

*People*      **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*We all sing the Gloria.*

*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.**

*Then the priest prays the collect:*

*Priest*      God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of  
the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have  
made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have  
bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in  
what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they  
have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been  
redeemed. 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.

*People*      **Amen.**

*Now sit to listen to the first reading:*

*Reader*      A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (*Acts 4; 32-35*).  
The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul;  
no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as

everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

This is the word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 118 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:*



- 1    **O give thanks unto the Lord, for | he is | gracious :  
because his | mer- ' cy en- | dureth ' for | ever.**
- 2    **Let Israel now confess that | he is | gracious :  
and that his | mer- ' cy en- | dureth ' for | ever.**
- 3    **Let the house of Aaron | now con- | fess :  
and that his | mer - ' cy en- | dureth ' for | ever.**
- 4    **Yea, let them now that fear the | Lord con- | fess :  
and that his | mer- ' cy en- | dureth ' for | ever.**
- 16    **The right hand of the Lord | hath the ' pre- | eminence :  
the right hand of the Lord bringeth | might- y | things to | pass.**
- 17    **I shall not | die, but | live :  
and de- | clare the | works of ' the | Lord.**
- 18    **The Lord hath chastened | and cor- | rected me :  
but he hath not given me | o- ' ver | unto | death.**



- 22 The same stone which the | builders ' re- | fused :  
is become the | head-stone | in the | corner.
- 23 This is the | Lord's\_ | doing :  
and it is | marvel- ' lous | in our | eyes.
- 24 This is the day which the | Lord hath | made :  
we will re- | joice\_ | and be | glad in it.

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of St John. (1 John 5; 1-6)  
Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand for the gospel acclamation after a brief pause for reflection.*

*Choir* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Choir* Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.

*People* Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Deacon* The Lord be with you,

*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. (*John 20; 19-31*)

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

*Deacon* In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit for the Homily from Fr Henry.

*All stand to say 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 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.**

*Please remain standing for the Prayers of Intercession.*

*Priest* Heavenly Father, through the Resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, the faithful witness and the first-born of the dead, you bring life and immortality to light; hear us as we pray in his name.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy, / Lord, hear us.

*People* **Hear our prayer. / Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the prayer for the departed,*

*Reader* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

*People* **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*When the prayers of the saints are asked,*

**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* Grant that aided by the prayers of Blessed Mary, and Blessed George our patron, and all the redeemed, we may glorify and praise your Name in all that we are and do and say this day. Merciful Father,

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

*Please sit, as the Choir sing an anthem, and bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing hymn REH 156, as the altar is prepared and the collection is taken. If you want to give by card, there is a card reader at the back of church.*

**The Day of Resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness,  
The Passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,**

From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be purged from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection-light;  
And, listening to his accents,  
May hear so calm and plain  
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
And earth her song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes in gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end. *St John Damascene (c675-749) Tr JM Neale (1816-66)*

*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.**

*Priest* Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people,  
that, renewed by confession of your name and by  
Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through  
Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Priest sings the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer:*

*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 sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:*

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

*Please kneel. The Eucharistic Prayer continues, until the Words of Institution.*

*Then all make the Memorial Acclamation:*

*Deacon* 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 Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, and all sing:*

*People* **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

*Please stand for the Lord's Prayer.*

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

*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.**

*Deacon* Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Now sing the Agnus Dei*

*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. (repeated)**

**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.

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

*Priest* Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

*The people come forward to receive Communion. If you have not been baptized and confirmed, please come forward for a blessing instead of Communion, carrying this order of service.*

*During Communion hymn REH 386 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
For with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood:  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way,  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day,  
That the powers of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the Presence,  
As with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluya, Alleluya,  
Alleluya, Lord most high!**

*Greek from the Liturgy of St James tr G Moultrie (1829-85)*

*All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:*

*Priest* Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please sit for the notices.*

*Then stand for the blessing and dismissal*

*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.**

*Deacon* Go forth, the Mass is ended. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Clergy and servers process to the Shrine of Our Lady to sing the Easter anthem to Our Lady, the Regina Caeli:*

*People* **Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!  
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!**

*Priest* Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

*People* **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*Priest* Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to bring joy to the whole world; grant that, through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life: through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Remain standing to sing hymn REH 140 as clergy and servers depart:*

**Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**Hearts to heaven and voices raise;**

Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the Cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
Of the holy harvest field,  
Which will all its full abundance  
At his second coming yield;  
Then the golden ears of harvest  
Will their heads before him wave,  
Ripened by his glorious sunshine  
From the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;  
Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
From the brightness of thy face;  
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven  
Here on earth may fruitful be,  
And by angel-hands be gathered,  
And be ever safe with thee.

Alleluya! Alleluya!  
Glory be to God on high;  
To the Father, and the Saviour,  
Who has gained the victory;  
Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluya! Alleluya!  
To the Triune Majesty.

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807-85)*

*The organist plays "Toccata and Fugue in F", by Dieterich Buxtehude.*

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