



The Order for Mass on  
**the DEDICATION FESTIVAL,**  
**the 161<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**  
**of the Consecration of the Church.**

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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. Older children are invited to join the Children's Church, who assemble at the front of the north (left-hand) aisle, and go out to the hall for their activities, returning at Communion.*

*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 270:*

**Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and corner-stone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Sion's help for ever,  
and our confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,  
Dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation  
Pours perpetual melody,  
God the One in Three adoring,  
In glad hymns eternally.**

**To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness,  
Hear thy servants as they pray;**

**And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls alway.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
What they ask of thee to gain;  
What they gain from thee for ever,  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter, in thy glory,  
Evermore with thee to reign.**

**Praise and honour to the Father,  
Praise and honour to the Son,  
Praise and honour to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
Consubstantial, co-eternal,  
While unending ages run. Amen.**

*Latin 7<sup>th</sup> century tr John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

*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.**

*The priest introduces the Mass, sends Children's Church to their activities, and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:*

**Priest** As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love and receive his risen life, let us acknowledge our failures to abide in him and to allow his words to abide in us.

**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* O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the grace you have bestowed, so that by unceasing growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem. 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 first book of Kings. (*1 Kings 8; 22-23, 27-30*).

In those days: Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands towards heaven, and said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built! Yet have regard to the prayer of your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that your servant prays before you this day, that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you have said, "My name shall be there", that you may listen to the prayer that your servant offers towards this place. And listen to the plea of your servant and of your people Israel, when they pray towards this place. And listen in heaven your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive.' This is the word of the Lord.

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

*Psalm 84 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:*



- 1 O how amiable | are thy | dwellings :  
thou | Lord\_ | of\_ | hosts!
- 2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the | courts ' of the |  
Lord :  
my heart and my flesh re- | joice ' in the | living | God.

- 3    Yea, the sparrow hath | found her ' an | house,  
and the swallow a nest where | she may | lay her | young :  
even thy altars, O | Lord of | hosts,  
my | King\_ | and my | God.
- 4    Blessèd are they that | dwell in ' thy | house :  
they will be | alway | praising | thee.
- 5    Blessèd is the man whose | strength is | in thee :  
in whose | heart\_ | are thy | ways.
- 6    Who going through the vale of misery use it | for a | well :  
and the | pools are | filled with | water.
- 7    They will go from | strength to | strength :  
and unto the God of gods appeareth every | one of | them in | Sion.
- 8    O Lord God of hosts, | hear my | prayer :  
hearken, O | God\_ | of \_ | Jacob.
- 9    Behold, O God | our de- | fender :  
and look upon the | face of | thine A- | nointed.
- 10   For one day | in thy | courts :  
is | better | than a | thousand.
- 11   I had rather be a door-keeper in the | house of ' my | God :  
than to | dwell ' in the | tents of ' un- | godliness.
- 12   For the Lord God is a | light and ' de- | fence :  
the Lord will give grace and worship,  
and no good thing shall he withhold from them that | live a | godly  
| life.
- 13   O Lord | God of | hosts :  
blessèd is the man that | putteth ' his | trust in | thee.

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

*Reader*     A reading from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians. (*Ephesians 2; 19-22*)

Brothers and Sisters: You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being

joined together, grows into a holy Temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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*      I have chosen and consecrated this house, says the Lord, that my name may be there for ever.

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

*Priest*      The Lord be with you,

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Priest*      A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. (*John 4; 19-24*)

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

*Priest*      At that time: The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, 'Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' 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*     The risen Christ is here in the midst of us. We bring our  
prayers to him as Lord of the Church.

*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*      O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling-place for your majesty; graciously hear the prayers of your servants. Merciful Father,

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

*Please sit as the altar is prepared, bread and wine are brought to the altar and the choir sing "Locus Iste", by Anton Bruckner (1824-96).*

*Please stand to sing hymn REH 272, as the collection is taken. If you want to give by card, there is a card reader at the back of church.*

**In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer  
For the saints who before us have found their reward;  
When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,  
But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.**

**In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,  
He called them away from our worship below;  
But not till his love, at the font and the altar,  
Had girt them with grace for the way they should go.**

**These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,  
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;  
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,  
And still they were seeking the city of God.**

**Sing praise then, for all who here sought and here found Him,  
Whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:**

**They believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,  
Where the clouds of earth's sorrows are lifted at last.**

*William Draper (1855-1933)*

*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, we pray, O Lord, the offering made here and grant that by it those who seek your favour may receive in this place the grace of the Sacraments and an answer to their prayers. 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:*

*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 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.**

*Priest*      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**      My house shall be a house of prayer, says the Lord: in that house, everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

*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 hymns REH 370 and 373 are sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**Author of life divine,  
Who hast a table spread,  
Furnished with mystic wine  
And everlasting bread,  
Preserve the life thyself hast given,  
preserve the life thyself hast given,  
And feed and train us up for heaven.**

**Our needy souls sustain  
With fresh supplies of love,**

**Till all thy life we gain,  
And all thy fulness prove,  
And strengthened by thy perfect grace,  
and, strengthened by thy perfect grace,  
Behold without a veil thy face.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
For thy flesh is meat indeed;  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With this true and living bread,  
Day by day with strength supplied  
Through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
This blessed cup of sacrifice;  
Lord, thy wounds our healing give;  
To thy cross we look and live:  
Thou our life! O let us be  
Rooted, grafted, built on thee.**

*Josiah Conder (1789-1855) altd.*

*All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:*

*Priest*      O God, who chose to foreshadow for us the heavenly  
Jerusalem through the sign of your Church on earth,  
grant, we pray, that, by our partaking of this Sacrament,  
we may be made the temple of your grace and may enter  
the dwelling place of your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

*People*      **Amen.**

*Please sit for the notices.*

*Then stand for the blessing and dismissal*

*Priest*      Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.  
The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Priest*      God has given you the citizenship of heaven, with his  
blessed and beloved, and the whole company of the  
redeemed.

*People*      **Amen.**

*Priest*      God give you the will to live each day in life eternal.

*People*      **Amen.**

*Priest*      God bring you to the home that Christ prepares for all  
who love him.

*People*      **Amen.**

*Priest*      And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you  
always.

*People*      **Amen.**

*Priest*      Like living stones, precious in his sight, go in peace to  
proclaim the mighty acts of God.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Clergy and servers process to the Shrine of Our Lady to sing the Angelus:*

*Priest*      The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,

*People*      **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**  
**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**  
**sinner, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

*Priest*      Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

*People*      **Be it unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...**

*Priest*      And the word was made flesh,

*People*      **And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...**

*Priest*      Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

*People*      **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

*Priest* Let us pray. We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, so that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ through the message of an angel, so, by his cross and passion, we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Remain standing to sing hymn REH 467 as clergy and servers depart:*

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Sion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode:  
On the rock of ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove:  
Who can faint, while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.**

**Saviour, if of Sion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy name:  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
All his boasted pomp and show;**

**Solid joys and lasting treasure  
None but Sion's children know.**

*John Newton (1725-1807)*

*The organist plays a voluntary.*

Scripture readings are taken from the English Standard Version, Catholic edition.

**Collection: we take a collection during the second hymn, towards the cost of providing services and the upkeep of this church. If you are a UK taxpayer please place your offering in one of the envelopes in the pews (completed with your name and address) and place it in the collection plate when it is circulated during the hymn. Pens are in the pews. A card reader to give by contactless payment is available at the back of church. Special thanks if you give by standing order, as this helps us to budget.**

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