

St George  
Bickley

The Order for Mass on  
**the SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**  
**in ORDINARY TIME**

27<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 10.30am

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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 436:*

**Angel-voices ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps, for ever ringing,  
Rest not day nor night;  
Thousands only live to bless thee  
And confess thee  
Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we know that thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can.**

**For we know that thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure**

For thy pleasure  
All combine.

In thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to thee;  
And for thine acceptance proffer  
All unworthily  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices  
In our choicest  
Psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Blessed Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
Earth and heaven  
Render thee.

*Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

*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 and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:*

*Priest* The Lord is generous and full of compassion: his mercy is over all his works. Trusting in the goodness of God our Creator we turn to him in penitence for our sins.

*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, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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 book of Genesis. (*Genesis 18; 20-32*).

In those days: The Lord said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

This is the word of the Lord.

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

*Psalm 138 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:*

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

**On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

**On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

**On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly, and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes.

**On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

You stretch out your hand and save me, your love will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

**On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.**

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

**Reader** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

*(Colossians 2; 12-14)*

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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*      You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,  
by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

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

*Priest*      The Lord be with you,

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Priest*      A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. *(Luke 11; 1-13)*

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

*Priest*      Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

*People* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**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* In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us  
pray to God our Father.



*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* Father, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in the name of your Son: grant that what we have asked in faith may be granted to us according to your will. 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 as bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing hymn REH 439, 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.*

**At the name of Jesus**

**Every knee shall bow,**

**Every tongue confess him**

**King of glory now;**

**'Tis the Father's pleasure**

**We should call him Lord,**

**Who from the beginning**

**Was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation**

**Sprang at once to sight,**

**All the angel faces,**

**All the hosts of light,**

**Thrones and dominations,**

**Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
In their great array.**

**Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death he passed:**

**Bore it up triumphant  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures,  
To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him;  
There let him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
All that is not true:  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
Trusted, and adored.**

**Surely, this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again,  
In the Father's glory,  
With his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon his brow,**

**And our hearts confess him**

**King of glory now.**

*Caroline Maria Noel (1817-77) altd.*

*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 offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. 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*      Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

*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 373 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One, is here'  
Come bow before him now  
With reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground;  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of light;  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
In faith receive from him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.**

*David J Evans (b.1957) ©1986 Thankyou Music.*

*All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:*

*Priest*      We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. 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.**

*Priest*      Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*The clergy and servers go to the shrine of Our Lady for 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 sinners, 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 340 as clergy and servers depart:*

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labour to pursue;  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know,  
In all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
In all my works thy presence find,  
And prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Preserve me from my calling's snare,  
And hide my simple heart above,  
Above the thorns of choking care,  
The gilded baits of worldly love.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand,  
Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,**

And labour on at thy command,  
And offer all my works to thee.

Give me to bear thy easy yoke,  
And every moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to thy glorious day;

For thee delightfully employ  
Whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given,  
And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with thee to heaven.

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*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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