



The Order for Mass on
the TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME

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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 is a further play station in the north aisle. Older children should join Children's Church, who will go out to the Hall after the first hymn, and return in time for 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: Congress Mass.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn 531:

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise, My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace! The triumphs of his grace!
The triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease; That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace. 'Tis life, and health, and peace.
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free; He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me. His blood availed for me.
His blood availed for me.**

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive, New life the dead receive,
The mournful broken hearts rejoice,
The humble poor believe. The humble poor believe.
The humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ; Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy! And leap, ye lame, for joy!
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim, Assist me to proclaim
And spread through all the earth abroad
The honours of thy name. The honours of thy name.
The honours of thy name. *Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

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 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.

Cantor Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father.
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor Lord Jesus, you have sent us the Spirit of truth.
Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Cantor Lord Jesus, you are the source of eternal life.
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.**

We all sing the Gloria.

People **Glory to God, glory to God in the highest, and peace,
peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are
seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our
prayer. 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.
Amen.**

Then the priest prays the collect:

Priest O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance. 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 Wisdom. (*Wisdom 9; 13-18*).



What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.
This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:

- 1 Lord, thou hast | been our | refuge :
from one gene- | ration | to a- | nother.
- 3 Thou turnest | man ' to de- | struction :
again thou sayest, Come a- | gain, ye | children ' of | men.
- 4 For a thousand years in thy sight | are ' but as | yesterday :
seeing that is | past ' as a | watch in ' the | night.
- 5 As soon as thou scatterest them they are | even ' as a- | sleep :
and fade away | sudden- ' ly | like the | grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green, and | groweth | up :
but in the evening it is cut | down, dried | up, and | withered.
- 12 So teach us to | number ' our | days :
that we may ap- | ply our | hearts ' unto | wisdom.



- 13 Turn thee again, O | Lord, ' at the | last :
and be | gracious | unto ' thy | servants.
- 14 O satisfy us with thy mercy, | and that | soon :
so shall we rejoice and be | glad ' all the | days of ' our | life.
- 17 And the glorious majesty of the Lord our God | be up- | on us :
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O | prosper | thou our | handywork.

Remain seated for the second reading:

Reader A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon. (*Philemon; 9-10, 12-13*)

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. 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 Let your face shine forth on your servant,
and teach me your decrees.

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 14; 25-33*)

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

Priest At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

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 **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 “Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord”, by Franz Schubert (1797-1828), and bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Stand to sing hymn 455, 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.

**Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
Cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
Sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal days,
God eternal, Word incarnate,
Whom the heaven of heaven obeys.**

**Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
Formed the sea, or built the sky,
Love eternal, free, and boundless,
Forced the Lord of life to die,
Lifted up the Prince of princes
On the throne of Calvary.**

**There, for us and our redemption,
See him all his life-blood pour!
There he wins our full salvation,
Dies that we may die no more;
Then, arising, lives for ever,
Reigning where he was before.**

Now on those eternal mountains
Stands the sapphire throne, all bright,
With the ceaseless alleluyas
Which they raise, the sons of light;
Sion's people tell his praises,
Victor after hard-won fight.

Bring your harps, and bring your incense,
Sweep the string and pour the lay;
Let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
He the Lamb once slain is worthy,
Who was dead, and lives for ay.

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
Consubstantial, coeternal,
While unending ages run. **Amen.**

Job Hupton (1762-1849) & John Mason Neale (1818-66)

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 O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that through this offering, we may do
fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of
the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind
and heart. 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 power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel. The Eucharistic Prayer continues, until the Words of Institution. Then all make the Memorial Acclamation:

Priest 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 Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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 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!** *Liturgy of St James, tr Gerald Moultrie (1829-85)*

All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:

Priest Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 363 as clergy and servers depart:

**Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Shown in earth and sky and sea,
Burning sun and moonlight tender,
Hill and river, flower and tree:
Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see.**

**Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow,
While unhasting, undelaying,
Planets on their courses go:
In thy laws thyself displaying,
Teach our minds thyself to know.**

**Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move:
In our earthly spirits reigning,
Lift our hearts that we may love.**

**Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
Till as love our hearts enthrone thee,
And, with wisdom purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
Thou in all art glorified.**

Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955) © Hymns A&M.

The organist plays “Prelude in E Minor” BWV 533a, by JS Bach (1685-1750).

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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