

St George  
Bickley

The Order for Mass  
on the  
**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
(HARVEST THANKSGIVING)**

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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. Older children are invited to join the Children's Church, who go out to their own activities in the Hall after the opening 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: Gregory Murray, New People's Mass.*

*Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn 355:*

**Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest-home!  
All be safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest-home!**

**All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:**

**Grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall purge away  
All that doth offend, that day;  
Give his angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.**

**Then, thou Church triumphant, come.  
Raise the song of harvest-home;  
All be safely gathered in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There for ever purified  
In God's garner to abide:  
Come, ten thousand angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest-home!**

*Henry Alford (1810-1871)*

*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 gracious 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.**

*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 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.**

*Then the priest prays the collect:*

*Priest* O Lord, good Father, who in your providence have entrusted the earth to the human race, grant, we pray, that with the fruits harvested from it we may be able to sustain life and, with your help, always use them to promote your praise and the well-being of all. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Now sit to listen to the first reading:*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Numbers. (*Numbers 11; 25-29*).  
The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.  
Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!' This is the word of the Lord.

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

Please remain seated to sing the Psalm (65)

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- 1 Thou, O God, art | praised in | Sion :  
and unto thee shall the | vow be ' per- | formed ' in Je- | rusalem.
- 2 Thou that | hearest ' the | prayer :  
unto | thee shall | all flesh | come.
- 9 Thou visitest the | earth and | blessest it :  
thou | makest ' it | very | plenteous.
- 10 The river of God is | full of | water :  
thou preparest their corn, for so thou pro- | videst | for the | earth.
- 11 Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little | valleys ' there- | of :  
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and | blessest ' the | increase | of it.
- 12 Thou crownest the year | with thy | goodness :  
and thy | clouds\_ | drop\_ | fatness.
- 13 They shall drop upon the | dwellings ' of the | wilderness :  
and the little hills shall re- | joice on | every | side.
- 14 The folds shall be | full of | sheep :  
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn that | they shall | laugh and | sing.

Remain seated for the second reading:

**Reader** A reading from the letter of St James. (*James 5; 1-6*)  
An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a

burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance. This is the word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*After a moment of silent reflection, stand for the gospel acclamation:*

*Choir*      Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

*Choir*      Your word is truth, O Lord:  
consecrate us in the truth.

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

*Deacon*      The Lord be with you,

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Deacon*      A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. (*Mark 9; 38-43, 45, 47-48.*)

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

*Deacon*      John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.



‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’  
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit for the Homily from Fr David.*

*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* Let us pray to God, our Father, the Lord of the harvest, who affirms us and awaits our reconciliation with all his creation.

*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* Help us, O lord, to recognize our common heritage from your creation, so that we may be open and loving to each other and to all living things: Merciful Father,

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

*Please sit, as the Choir sing the anthem "The Heavens are Telling" by Franz Joseph Haydn, while bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing hymn 358, 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.*

**We plough the fields, and scatter  
The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand;  
He sends the snow in winter,  
The warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine,  
And soft refreshing rain:  
*All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above,  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
For all his love.***

**He only is the Maker  
Of all things near and far,  
He paints the wayside flower,  
He lights the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey him,  
By him the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, his children,  
He gives our daily bread:**

**We thank thee then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good;  
The seed-time and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
For all thy love imparts,  
But what which thou desirest,  
Our humble, thankful hearts:**

*German, Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) tr Jane Campbell (1817-78)*

*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* Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we bring to you with thanksgiving from the fertile earth and, as you give us a rich harvest of the earth's produce, so make our hearts abound with heavenly fruitfulness. 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 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 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!**

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*     The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth, and wine to cheer the heart.

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

**For the beauty of the earth,  
For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour,  
Of the day and of the night,**

Hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift of thine,  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

For thy Church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
This pure sacrifice of love:

*FS Pierpoint (1835-1917) altd.*

All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:

*Priest* Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as we give you thanks in this saving mystery for the crops harvested from the earth, we may, through the same mystery working within us, be worthy to receive still greater blessings. 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* And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

*People*     **Amen.**

*Deacon*    Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

*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.**

*Rob Hodgetts and Iain Taylor come forward and join the clergy and servers for the Itinerary Prayers, as they prepare to begin their walk to Rochester.*



*Priest* God is the beginning and end of life's pilgrimage. Let us call upon him in confidence, saying:

*People* **Lord, be the companion on this journey.**

*Priest* Father all-holy, of old you made yourself the guide and the way of your people as they wandered in the desert; protect Rob and Iain as they begin this journey, so that they may return home in safety.

*People* **Lord, be the companion on this journey.**

*Priest* You have given us your only Son to be our way to you; make us follow him faithfully and unswervingly.

*People* **Lord, be the companion on this journey.**

*Priest* You gave us the Virgin Mary as the image and model for following Christ; grant that through her example we may live a new life.

*People* **Lord, be the companion on this journey.**

*Priest* You guide your pilgrim Church on earth through the Holy Spirit; may we seek you in all things and walk always in the way of your commandments.

*People* **Lord, be the companion on this journey.**

*The priest blesses Rob and Iain:*

*Priest* All-powerful God, you always show your mercy toward those who love you and you are never far away from those who seek you. Remain with your servants Rob and Iain on this journey, guide their way in accordance with your will, and, as their companion on the journey, bring them to their destination in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* May the Lord guide you and direct your journey in safety.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* May the Lord be your companion along the way.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest*      May the Lord grant that the journey you begin, relying on him, will end happily through his protection.

*People*      **Amen.**

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

*People*      **Amen.**

*The priest sprinkles them with holy water.*

*Remain standing to sing hymn 357 as walkers, clergy and servers depart:*

**To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise  
In hymns of adoration;  
To thee bring sacrifice of praise  
With shouts of exultation.  
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,  
The hills with joy are ringing,  
The valleys stand so thick with corn  
That even they are singing.**

**And now, on this our festal day,  
Thy bounteous hand confessing,  
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay  
The first-fruits of thy blessing;  
By thee the souls of men are fed  
With gifts of grace supernal;  
Thou who dost give us daily bread,  
Give us the bread eternal.**

**We bear the burden of the day,  
And often toil seems dreary;  
But labour ends with sunset ray,  
And rest is for the weary;  
May we, the angel-reaping o'er,**

**Stand at the last accepted,  
Christ's golden sheaves for evermore  
To garner bright elected.**

**O blessèd is that land of God,  
Where saints abide for ever;  
Where golden fields spread fair and broad,  
Where flows the crystal river:  
The strains of all its holy throng  
With ours to-day are blending;  
Thrice blessèd is that harvest-song  
Which never hath an ending.**

*W Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

*The organist plays a voluntary.*

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