



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

18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 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. Older children are invited to join Children's Church, who go out to their own activities after the first hymn, and return before 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: Dom Gregory Murray, A New People's Mass.*

*Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn 427:*

**All hail the power of Jesu's name;  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
To crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye morning stars of light,  
Who fixed this floating ball;  
Now hail the strength of Israel's might,  
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
Who from his altar call;  
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all.**

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call;  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue  
To him their hearts enthrall,  
Lift high the universal song,  
And crown him Lord of all. *Edward Perronet (1726-92) et al.*

*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.**

*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 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* Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in  
heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your  
people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 the prophet Isaiah. (*Isaiah 49; 3, 5-6*).

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

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

*Psalm 40 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:*



- 1 I waited patiently | for the | Lord :  
and he inclined unto | me, and | heard my | calling.
- 3 And he hath put a new | song ' in my | mouth :  
even a | thanks- ' giving | unto ' our | God.
- 8 Sacrifice and meat-offering thou | wouldest | not :  
but mine | ears hast | thou\_ | opened.
- 9 Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou | not re- | quired :  
then | said I, | Lo, I | come,
- 10 In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will,  
| O my | God :  
I am content to do it; yea, thy | law ' is wi- | thin my | heart.
- 11 I have declared thy righteousness in the great | congre- | gation :  
lo, I will not refrain my lips, O | Lord, and | that thou | knowest.

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

**Reader** A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. *(1 Corinthians 1; 1-3)*

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God.

**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 1; 29-34).*

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

**Priest** At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising

with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John bore witness: ‘I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit.” And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.’

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*      let us pray to the Father of lights, that he may send forth his Spirit and fill us with his grace.

*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, Lord, that being renewed by the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world, we may walk worthily of our discipleship. Merciful Father,

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

*Please sit, as the Choir sing “Let thy merciful ears, O Lord” by Thomas Mudd (c.1560-c1619), and bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing hymn 537, 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.*



O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve thee to the end;  
Be thou for ever near me,  
My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
To all who follow thee,  
That where thou art in glory  
There shall thy servant be;  
And Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my friend.

O let me see thy footmarks,  
And in them plant mine own;  
My hope to follow duly  
Is in thy strength alone;  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
Uphold me to the end;  
And then in heaven receive me,  
My Saviour and my friend.

*John Ernest Bode (1816-74)*

*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* Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. 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:*

*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!**

*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*      You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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

**I come with joy, a child of God,  
Forgiven, loved and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall,  
In love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near  
To find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love  
In Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
Each proud division ends.**

The love that made us, makes us one,  
And strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ,  
Unseen, but ever near,  
Is in such friendship better known,  
Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound  
By all that God has done,  
We'll go with joy, to give the world  
The love that makes us one.

*Brian Wren (b.1936) © 1971, 1995, Stainer & Bell Ltd.*

*All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:*

*Priest*      Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your  
                 kindness make those you have nourished by this one  
                 heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. 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 in the peace of Christ.

*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 472 as clergy and servers depart:*

**God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face:  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.**

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Be by all that live adored:  
Let the nations shout and sing,  
Glory to their Saviour King;  
At thy feet their tributes pay,  
And thy holy will obey.**

**Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Earth shall then its fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
Man to God devoted live;  
All below, and all above,  
One in joy, and light, and love.**

*Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) based on Psalm 67.*

*The organist plays “Fugue sur les Jeux d’Anches”, by François Couperin (1668-1733).*

*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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