

St George  
Bickley

The Order for the Requiem Mass  
with an Act of Remembrance on  
**the THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
**(REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)**  
10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 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 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 533:*

**O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home;**

**Under the shadow of thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
Before the rising sun.**

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guard while troubles last,  
And our eternal home. *Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

*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.**

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

*Priest* Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

*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.**

*Cantor* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Cantor* Christ have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Cantor* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Then the priest prays the collect:*

*Priest* Almighty everlasting God, who sent your Son to die that we might live, grant, we pray, eternal rest to those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for their country. 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 first book of Kings. (*1 Kings 17; 10-16*).  
Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.”

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

This is the word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 46 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:*

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a single melodic line labeled "Descant Vss 7 and 11". The middle and bottom staves are a unison part labeled "Verses 7 and 11 unison", with the note "Adapted from Luther" written above the middle staff. The score is in G major and 3/4 time. A rehearsal mark "97" is placed at the beginning of the unison part.

- 1    God is our | hope and | strength :  
a very | present | help in | trouble.
- 2    Therefore will we not fear, though the | earth be | moved :  
and though the hills be carried | into ' the | midst ' of the | sea;
- 3    Though the waters thereof | rage and | swell :  
and though the mountains shake at the | tempest | of the | same.
- 4    The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the | city ' of | God :  
the holy place of the tabernacle | of the | most\_ | Highest.
- 5    God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she | not ' be re- | moved :  
God shall | help her, ' and | that right | early.
- 6    The heathen make much ado, and the | kingdoms ' are | moved :  
but God hath shewed his voice, and the | earth shall | melt a- | way.
- 7†\* The Lord of | hosts is | with us :  
the God of | Jacob | is our | refuge.
- 8    O come hither, and behold the | works ' of the | Lord :  
what destruction he hath | brought up- | on the | earth.

- 9 He maketh wars to cease in | all the | world :  
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder,  
and burneth the | chari- ' ots | in the | fire.
- 10 Be still then, and know that | I am | God :  
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be ex- | alted | in the |  
earth.
- 11\* The Lord of | hosts is | with us :  
the God of | Jacob | is our | refuge.

\* = *unison with descant*

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

*Reader* A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. (*Hebrews 9; 24-28*)  
It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

*Stand for the gospel acclamation.*

*Choir* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

*Choir* Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.

*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 12; 38-44*)

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.' 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 Apostles' Creed:*

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting, Amen.**

*Please remain standing for the Prayers of Intercession.*

*The Priest introduces and concludes the prayers.*

*Priest* Let us pray to God, the only giver of peace to the Church  
and to the world.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*During the Intercessions, the Act of Remembrance takes place. The priest goes  
to the War Memorial, and is joined by Cllr Kira Gabbert, who carries the  
wreath:*

*Priest* Let us remember before God, and commend to his  
safekeeping, those who have died for their country in  
war: those whom we knew, and whose memory we  
treasure: and all who have lived and died in the service of  
the peoples of the world.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age  
shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the  
going down of the sun and in the morning, we will  
remember them.

*People* We will remember them

*Cllr Gabbert lays the wreath below the Memorial, and all observe the two  
minutes' silence. At the end of the silence:*



*Priest* Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

*People* **And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Priest* Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence: may the same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and to establish harmony among the nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Intercessions resume after the Act of Remembrance. 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* We make our prayers in the name of Christ, who has left his peace to his faithful people. Merciful Father,

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

*Please sit, as the Choir sing the Kontakion of the Departed, to the Kyiv Melody, and bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing hymn 456, 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.*

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,**

**Forgive our foolish ways!**

**Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,**

**In purer lives thy service find,**

**In deeper reverence praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,**

**Beside the Syrian sea,**

The gracious calling of the Lord,  
Let us, like them, without a word  
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
The silence of eternity,  
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!      *JG Whittier (1807-92)*

*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, O heavenly Father, that the sacrifice of Christ, who  
laid down his life for his friends, may raise all those who  
have died in war to the victory of eternal life. 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:*

*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! Amen! Amen!**

*Please stand for the Lord's Prayer.*

*Priest* At the Saviour's command, and formed by divine teaching, we dare to pray,

*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* Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

*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 406 and 407 are sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants  
Here bring before thee Christ thy well-belovèd,  
All-perfect Offering, Sacrifice immortal,  
Spotless Oblation.**

**See now thy children, making intercession  
Through him our Saviour, Son of God incarnate,  
For all thy people, living and departed,  
Pleading before thee.**

*William Jervois (1852-1905)*

**Word of the Father, source of all things living,  
Word once made flesh our true and only Saviour,  
Grow in our hearts, O seed of heaven's harvest,  
Jesus, Redeemer.**

**Gospel from heaven, living Word incarnate,  
Open our minds, Lord, teach us your true wisdom;  
Lamp to our footsteps, scatter all our darkness,  
Daystar of glory.**

**Lord of the faithful, guide us on our journey;  
Pilgrims, we hunger for the life of heaven;  
Jesus, our manna, feed us with your goodness,  
Here and hereafter.**

*George Bourne Timms (1910-97) © Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd.*

*All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:*

*Priest*      **By our communion with this Sacrament, O Lord, grant us,  
we pray, fortitude in the cause of right, and may our**

remembrance of those who have died in war make us ardent defenders of your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

*People*     **Amen.**

*Please sit for the notices.*

*Then stand for the National Anthem:*

**God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King.  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us:  
God save the King.**

*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.**

*Deacon*    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 the hymn as clergy and servers depart:*

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country I've heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.**

*Sir C Spring Rice (1859-1918)*

*Cllr Gabbert and the priest go, accompanied by the Scouts, to lay the wreath on the memorial in the churchyard.*

*The organist plays "Nimrod", from Enigma Variations by Sir Edward Elgar (1857-1934).*

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