

**ST GEORGE
BICKLEY**

**THE ORDER FOR MASS ON
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(MOTHERING SUNDAY)**

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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 you will find this service easy to follow, but please also do not be afraid to ask if you are unsure what to do at any point. The building is fitted with an Induction Loop - sit away from the pillars for best results!*

Families with small children are very welcome to make use of the carpeted 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 Childrens Church.

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 282:

**Sing we of the blessed Mother
Who received the angel's word,
And obedient to his summons
Bore in love the infant Lord;
Sing we of the joys of Mary
At whose breast that child was fed
Who is Son of God eternal
And the everlasting Bread.**

**Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,
Of the sword that pierced her through,
When beneath the cross of Jesus
She the weight of suffering knew,
Looked upon her Son and Saviour
Reigning high on Calvary's tree,
Saw the price of man's redemption
Paid to set the sinner free.**

**Sing again the joys of Mary
When she saw the risen Lord,**

**And in prayer with Christ's apostles,
Waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory
Of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Manifest through wind and flame.**

**Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
When on earth her work was done,
And the Lord of all creation
Brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
Raised on high and crowned with grace,
May your Son, the world's redeemer,
Grant us all to see his face.**

George Bourne Timms (1910-1997)

Then 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 the Children's Church to their activities, and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:

Priest Through our sins we have fallen short of the glory of God and grieved his Holy Spirit. In penitence and faith let us turn from our sins and ask for his mercy and pardon.

People **Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 Kyrie Eleison:

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 O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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. (Joshua 5; 9a, 10-12)

Reader A reading from the book of Joshua.

In those days: The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34 follows, we remain seated to sing:

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- 1 I will always give thanks | unto ' the | Lord :
his praise shall | ever ' be | in my | mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her | boast ' in the | Lord :
the humble shall | hear there- | of, and ' be | glad.
- 3 O praise the | Lord with | me :
and let us | magnify ' his | Name to- | gether.
- 4 I sought the Lord, | and he | heard me :
yea, he delivered me | out of | all my | fear.
- 5† They had an eye unto him, | and were | lightened :
and their | faces ' were | not a- | shamed.
- 6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the | Lord_ | heareth him :
yea, and saveth him | out of | all his | troubles.
- 8 O taste, and see, how | gracious ' the | Lord is :
blessed is the | man that | trusteth ' in | him.

† = 2nd half of chant

Remain seated for the Second Reading. (2 Corinthians 5; 17-21)

Reader A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin

who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We pause for reflection. Then stand for the Gospel Acclamation,

Choir Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

People **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Choir I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,
‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you’.

People **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Priest The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

(Luke 11; 1-3, 11-32)

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

Priest At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’
So he told them this parable: ‘There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.” And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.
‘But when he came to himself, he said, “How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father,

and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.' "

'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found." '

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

People **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please sit for the Homily from Fr Owen.

Then stand to recite 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.

The Priest introduces and concludes the prayers.

Priest We make our prayers to him from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

Reader Lord, in your mercy or *Reader* Lord, hear us

People **hear our prayer** or *People* **Lord, graciously hear us**

At the prayer for the departed,

Reader Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,

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

When the prayers of the saints are asked for,

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 Bless us with your grace, renew our hearts and satisfy us with your mercy. Merciful Father,

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

Please sit as bread and wine are brought to the altar, and the choir sing the anthem, "God be in my Head" by Sir John Rutter (b.1945).

Stand to sing hymn 106, as a collection is taken. If you want to give by card, there is a card reader at the back of church.

**The God of love my shepherd is,
And he that doth me feed;
While he is mine and I am his,
What can I want or need?**

**He leads me to the tender grass,
Where I both feed and rest;
Then to the streams that gently pass:
In both I have the best.**

**Or if I stray, he doth convert,
And bring my mind in frame,
And all this not for my desert,
But for his holy name.**

**Yea, in death's shady black abode
Well may I walk, not fear;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
To guide, thy staff to bear.**

**Surely thy sweet and wondrous love
Shall measure all my days;
And as it never shall remove
So neither shall my praise.**

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Then 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 We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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. Heav'n 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 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 Eucharistic Prayer concludes, 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

**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 must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

The people come forward to receive communion.

*If you have **not** been baptised and confirmed, please come forward for a blessing instead of communion, carrying this Order of Service.*

During communion hymn 281 is sung, for which all remain seated or kneeling,

**Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,
Whom Jesus loves so well,
And to his glory year by year
Thy praise and honour tell?**

**Thee did he choose from whom to take
True flesh, his flesh to be;
In it to suffer for our sake,
And by it make us free.**

**O wondrous depth of love divine,
That he should bend so low;
And, Mary, O what joy was thine
The Saviour's love to know.**

**Joy to be Mother of the Lord,
Yet thine the truer bliss,
In every thought and deed and word
To be for ever his.**

**Now in the realm of life above
Close to thy Son thou art,
While on thy soul glad streams of love
Flow from his sacred heart.**

**Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,
Praise we thy Mother blest;
Grant when our earthly course is run,
Life with the saints at rest.** *HW Baker (1821-77)*

Please stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:

Priest O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Please sit for the Notices.

The flowers which have been prepared are blessed.

Priest Lord God, you sent your Son Jesus to live as the son in the Holy Family of Nazareth, and you fill our lives with beauty. Bless these flowers which we have prepared that they may be signs to us of the beauty of your love, and the love within families. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Then stand for the Blessing & Dismissal,

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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.**

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 the hymn as the clergy and servers depart.

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,**

***Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your word, Lord,
And let there be light.***

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Graham Kendrick (b.1950) © 1987 Makeway Music.

The organist then plays “Menuet Gothique” by Léon Boëllmann (1862-97).

Scripture readings 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. A card reader to give by contactless payment is also available at the back of church. Special thanks if you give by standing order, as this helps us to budget.

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