



The Order for Mass  
on  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

24<sup>th</sup> May 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. 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 REH 181:*

**Come down, O Love divine,  
Seek thou this soul of mine,  
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
Within my heart appear,  
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O let it freely burn,  
Till earthly passions turn  
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
And let thy glorious light  
Shine ever on my sight,  
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity  
Mine outward vesture be,  
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
True lowliness of heart,  
Which takes the humbler part,  
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
For none can guess its grace,  
Till it become the place  
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

*Bianco da Siena (d 1434) tr RF Littledale (1833-90)*

*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.**

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The priest introduces the Mass and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:*

*Priest* In penitence let us turn to the Lord that he may send forth his Spirit and renew our lives.

*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 on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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 God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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:*

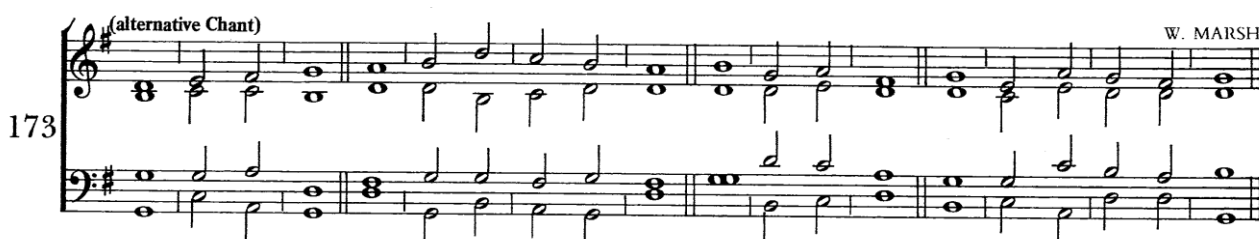
**Reader** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (*Acts 2; 1-11*).  
When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a

powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated for the Psalm (104).*



- 1** Praise the Lord | O my | soul :  
O Lord my God thou art become exceeding glorious,  
thou art | clothed with | majesty ' and | honour.
- 24** O Lord how manifold | are thy | works :  
in wisdom hast thou made them all, the | earth is | full of ' thy | riches.

- 29 When thou hidest thy face | they are | troubled :  
when thou takest away their breath they die, and are | turned a- | gain  
to ' their | dust.
- 30 When thou lettest thy breath go forth they | shall be | made :  
and thou shalt re- | new the | face of ' the | earth.
- 31 The glorious majesty of the Lord shall en- | dure for | ever :  
the | Lord ' shall re- | joice in ' his | works.
- 34 And so shall my | words\_ | please him :  
my | joy shall | be in ' the | Lord.

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. (1  
*Corinthians 12; 3-7, 12-13)*  
Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except  
in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the  
same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same  
Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same  
God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given  
the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.  
For just as the body is one and has many members, and all  
the members of the body, though many, are one body, so  
it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into  
one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were  
made to drink of one Spirit.  
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* Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

*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 20: 19-23*)

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

*Priest* On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'

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, let us make our prayers to the God and Father of all: that he may send forth grace, mercy and salvation upon all the world.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*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 invoked:*

*People* **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 that aided by the prayers of Blessed Mary, and Blessed George our patron, and all the redeemed, we may be filled by your Spirit and empowered to do 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 the anthem, "Come, Holy Ghost", by Thomas Attwood (1765-1838), and bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing hymn REH 179, 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, thou Holy Spirit, come,  
And from thy celestial home  
Shed thy light and brilliancy:  
Father of the poor, draw near,  
Giver of all gifts, be here,  
Come, the soul's true radiancy.**

**Come, of comforters the best,  
Of the soul the sweetest guest,  
Come in toil refreshingly:  
Thou in labour rest most sweet,  
Thou art shadow from the heat,  
Comfort in adversity.**

**O thou Light most pure and blest,  
Shine within the inmost breast  
Of thy faithful company:  
Where thou art not, man has nought,  
Every holy deed and thought  
Comes from thy divinity.**

**Sinful hearts do thou make whole,  
Bring to life the arid soul,  
Guide the feet that go astray:  
Make the stubborn heart unbend,  
To the faint, new hope extend,  
Wounded souls, their hurt allay.**

**Fill the faithful, who confide  
In thy power to guard and guide,**

**With thy sevenfold mystery:  
Here thy grace and virtue send,  
Grant salvation in the end,  
And in heaven felicity.**

*Stephen Langton (d 1228) tr JM Neale (1818-66) & Editors of New English Hymnal 1986.*

*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, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. 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 hosts. Heaven 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 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 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.**

*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* They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

*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 REH 184 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us  
In the truth that Christ makes known;  
We have faith and understanding  
Through your promised light alone.**

Holy Spirit, come, console us,  
Come as Advocate to plead,  
Loving Spirit from the Father,  
Grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us,  
Come yourself to make us live,  
Holy through your loving presence,  
Holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us,  
You the love of three in one,  
Holy Spirit of the Father,  
Holy Spirit of the Son.

*Brian Foley (1919-2000) ©1971 Faber Music Ltd.*

*All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:*

*Priest* O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church,  
safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift  
of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its  
force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance  
of eternal redemption. 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* Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.  
May God, the Father of lights, who was pleased to  
enlighten the disciples' minds by the outpouring of the  
Spirit, the Paraclete, grant you gladness by his blessing  
and make you always abound with the gifts of the same  
Spirit.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* May the wondrous flame that appeared above the disciples, powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil and pervade them with its purifying light.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* And may God, who has been pleased to unite many tongues in the profession of one faith, give you perseverance in that same faith and, by believing, may you journey from hope to clear vision.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* Go forth, the Mass is ended. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Clergy and servers process to the Shrine of Our Lady to sing the Easter anthem to Our Lady, the Regina Caeli:*

*People* **Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!  
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!  
As he promised hath arisen,  
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Priest* Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

*People* **For the Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!**

*Priest* Let us pray. O God, who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to bring joy to the whole world; grant that, through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life: through the same, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Remain standing to sing hymn REH 548 as clergy and servers depart:*

**O Thou who camest from above,  
The pure celestial fire to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.**

**There let it for thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return  
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.**

**Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire,  
And still stir up the gift in me.**

**Ready for all thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat,  
Till death thy endless mercies seal,  
And make my sacrifice complete.**

*Charles Wesley (1707-88)*

*The organist plays "Processional", by William Matthias (1934-92).*

*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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