

St George
Bickley

The Order for Mass
with Holy Baptism on
PENTECOST 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 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 the Children's Church, who assemble at the front of the church on the left hand side, and go out after the first hymn for their activities, returning 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 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, sends Children's Church to their activities, 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.

Cantor Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father.
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor Lord Jesus, you have sent us the Spirit of truth.
Christ, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Cantor Lord Jesus, you are the source of eternal life.
Lord, have mercy.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,

People **Amen.**

We all sing the Gloria.

People **Glory to God, glory to God in the highest, and peace,
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.
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:

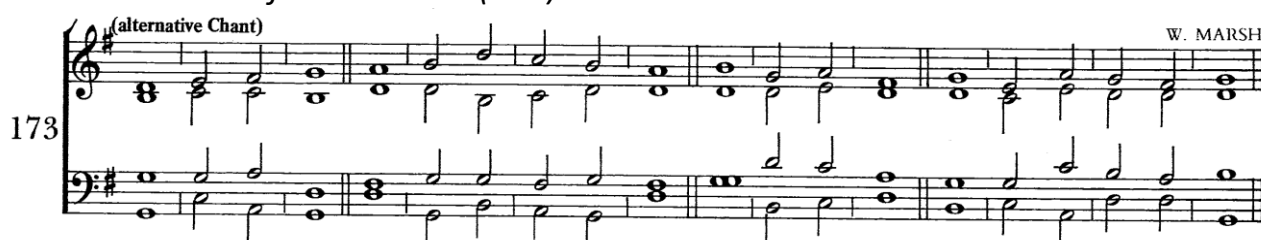
Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (*Acts 2; 1-11*).
When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all
together in one place. And suddenly there came from
heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled

the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works 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 St 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.

The baptism party come to the front of the church.

Priest Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Leo and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

People **With the help of God, we will.**

Priest Parents and godparents, the Church receives Leo with joy. Today we are trusting God for his growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith, and walk with him in the way of Christ?

Parents & Godparents **With the help of God, we will.**

Priest In baptism Leo begins his journey in faith. You speak for him today. Will you care for him, and help him to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

Parents & Godparents **With the help of God, we will.**

Priest In baptism God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:
Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

Parents & Godparents **I reject them.**

Priest Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

Parents & Godparents **I renounce them.**

Priest Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

Parents & Godparents **I repent of them.**

Priest Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

Parents & Godparents **I turn to Christ.**

Priest Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

Parents & Godparents **I submit to Christ.**

Priest Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

Parents & Godparents **I come to Christ.**

The priest makes the sign of the cross with holy oil on Leo's forehead, saying

Priest Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Parents and godparents then trace the sign of the cross on Leo's forehead.

Priest Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

People **Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

Priest May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

People **Amen.**

The baptism party and clergy move to the font, as music is played.

The priest addresses the whole congregation:

Priest Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

People **I believe 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

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

The priest then pours water on Leo, saying:

Priest Leo Christopher, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

Leo is clothed in a white garment, and the priest says:

Priest You have been clothed with Christ. As many as are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

The priest anoints Leo on the crown of the head with holy Chrism and says:

Priest May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be

renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of his saints in glory.

People **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.

Priest Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

At the prayer for the departed,

Priest Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

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

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, "O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace", by Christopher Tye (c1505-72), and bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Stand to sing hymn REH 182, 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, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,

And lighten with celestial fire;

Thou the anointing Spirit art,

Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:

Thy blessed unction from above

Is comfort, life, and fire of love;

**Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight:**

**Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace:
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can come.**

**Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song,
Praise to thy eternal merit,**

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. *John Cosin (1594-1672)*

based on Veni, Creator Spiritus, attr. To Bl Rabanus Maurus (c780-856)

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 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:

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 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 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 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.

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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.

Leo is brought forward to receive a lighted candle:

Priest God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and
has given us a place with the saints in light. You have
received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of
your life.

People **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the
Father.**

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. **Amen.**
 May the wondrous flame that appeared above the
 disciples, powerfully cleanse your hearts from every evil
 and pervade them with its purifying light. **Amen.**
 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. **Amen.**
 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. **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 "Recessional", by William Mathias (1934-92).

Scripture readings are taken from the English Standard Version, Catholic Edition.

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