



The Order for Mass  
for the External Solemnity of  
**ST GEORGE THE MARTYR,  
PATRON OF ENGLAND**

28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6.00pm

Principal Celebrant and Preacher:  
the Lord Bishop of Fulham

*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.*

*Many thanks to Mrs Francis for bringing the choir of St George's Primary School to sing for us.*

*Mass setting: Gregory Murray, New People's Mass.*

*At 6 o'clock the parish priest will come to the shrine of Our Lady to lead the singing of the Regina Caeli, the anthem of Our Lady for Easter. Please stand.*

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

*Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers,  
and to sing hymn REH 507:*

**Let bells peal forth the universal fame,  
Creator Lord, of thy mysterious Name,  
Conscience within, the boundless heaven above,  
Disclose to faith the hidden name of Love.**

**Loudly proclaim with each insistent chime  
How thine eternity redeems our time;  
Past sins forgiven, and future hopes restored,  
Reveal thy presence with us, gracious Lord.**

**Spirit divine, recast our faulty ways,  
Make them ring true and echo to thy praise;  
Through every change of circumstance and choice  
May we confess thee with a single voice.**

**Call us to worship, call us to obey,  
Call us to pilgrimage along life's way;  
Rouse us from sleep; renewed in mind and heart,  
Call us to love thee, Lord, since Love thou art.**

*Peter Baelz (1923-2000) © RSCM Publications.*

*The bishop sings:*

*Bishop*      In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy  
                    Spirit.

*People*      **Amen.**

*Bishop*      Peace be with you.

*People*      **Peace be with you.**

*Bishop*      Alleluia, Christ is risen.

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

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

*Bishop* As we give thanks for all those who from the beginning witnessed to Christ, even to the shedding of their blood, let us acknowledge our own faithlessness in following the way of our discipleship. So let us confess 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.**

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

*People* **Amen.**

*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 bishop prays the collect:*

*Bishop* God of hosts, who so kindled the fire of charity in the heart of Saint George your martyr, that he bore witness to the risen Lord both by his life and by his death; grant us through his intercession, we pray, the same faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in his triumph may be led to share with him in the fullness of the resurrection. 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 Revelation to St John. (*Revelation 10; 10-12*).

I, John, heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ, now that the persecutor, who accused our brothers day and night before our God, has been brought down. They have triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the witness of their martyrdom, because even in the face of death they would not cling to life. Let the heavens rejoice and all who live there.'

This is the word of the Lord.

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

*Please remain seated to sing the Psalm (126)*

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- 1 When the Lord turned again the cap- | tivity ' of | Sion :  
then were we | like ' unto | them that | dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth | filled with | laughter :  
and our | tongue\_ | with\_ | joy.
- 3 Then said they a- | mong the | heathen :  
The | Lord hath ' done | great things | for them.
- 4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things | for us ' al- | ready :  
where- | of\_ | we re- | joice.
- 5 Turn our cap- | tivity, ' O | Lord :  
as the | rivers | in the | south.
- 6 They that | sow in | tears :  
shall | reap\_ | \_ in | joy.
- 7† He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth | forth good | seed  
:  
shall doubtless come again with joy, and | bring his | sheaves\_ | with  
him.

† = 2<sup>nd</sup> half of chant

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

**Reader** A reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans. (*Romans 5; 1-5*)  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive,

because the love of God has been poured into our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.  
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*     Happy the man who stands firm,  
for he has proved himself, and will win the crown of life.

*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 15;*  
*18-21*)

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

*Priest*     Jesus said to his disciples:  
‘If the world hates you, remember that it hated me before  
you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love  
you as its own; but because you do not belong to the  
world, because my choice withdrew you from the world,  
therefore the world hates you. Remember the words I  
said to you: A servant is not greater than his master. If  
they persecuted me, they will persecute you too; if they  
kept my word, they will keep yours as well. But it will be  
on my account that they will do all this, because they do  
not know the one who sent me.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit for the Homily from Bishop Jonathan.*

*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.*

*Bishop* Let us pray to God, whose love brings life and victory out of suffering and death.

*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.**

*In conclusion to the prayers:*

*Bishop* Help us, O Lord, to live always in the knowledge that although our citizenship is in heaven, we are to serve



Christ in one another and in the least of all our brothers  
and sisters: 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 "Ave Verum Corpus" by Sir Edward Elgar,  
while bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing the hymn (REH 481), 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.*

**He who would valiant be  
'Gainst all disaster,  
Let him in constancy  
Follow the Master.  
There's no discouragement  
Shall make him once relent  
His first avowed intent  
To be a pilgrim.**

**Whoso beset him round  
With dismal stories,  
Do but themselves confound--  
His strength the more is.  
No foes shall stay his might,  
Though he with giants fight:  
He will make good his right  
To be a pilgrim.**

**Since, Lord, thou dost defend  
Us with thy Spirit,  
We know we at the end  
Shall life inherit.  
Then fancies flee away!  
I'll fear not what men say,**

## **I'll labour night and day**

### **To be a pilgrim.**

*John Bunyan (1628-88) adapted by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)*

*The bishop says*

*Bishop* 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.**

*Bishop* Receive, we pray, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise, which we offer to your majesty in commemoration of the blessed Martyr Saint George, that it may lead us to forgiveness and confirm us in constant thanksgiving. Through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*The bishop sings the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer:*

*Bishop* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Bishop* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Bishop* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The bishop 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:*

*Bishop* 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 bishop concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, and all sing:*

*People*     **Amen!**

*Please stand for the Lord's Prayer.*

*Bishop*     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.**

*Bishop*     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.**

*Bishop*     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.**

*Bishop*     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.*

**Bishop 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.**

**Bishop If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with him, 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 396 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray  
That all thy Church might be for ever one,  
Grant us at every Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'  
O, may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
Thus may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,  
Back to the Church which still that faith doth keep:  
Soon may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
May we be one with all thy church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in Unity.**      *William Henry Turton (1856-1938)*

*All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:*

*Bishop*      Rejoicing on this festival day, O Lord, we have received your heavenly gifts; grant, we pray, that we who in this divine banquet proclaim the death of your Son may merit with Saint George to be partakers in his resurrection and glory. Through Christ our Lord.

*People*      **Amen.**

*Please sit for the notices. After the notices St George's School Choir will sing.*

*Then stand for the blessing and dismissal*

*Bishop*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Bishop*      Blessed be the name of the Lord.

*People*      **Now and for ever.**

*Bishop*      Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*People*      **Who made heaven and earth.**

*Bishop*      May almighty God set his blessing upon you and defend you from every evil. And may he, who sustained his blessed martyr George in the bitter pains of his suffering, stretch forth the right hand of his mercy upon you: that,

in heaven above, you may rejoice in the companionship of him, whose triumphal victory you celebrate on earth.

*People*     **Amen.**

*Bishop*     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.**

*All join in singing 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*     Go forth, the Mass is ended. Alleluia.

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

*Clergy & servers go to the image of St George, which is censed: the bishop says:*

*Bishop*     The love of Christ compels us to live not for ourselves

*People*     **But for him who died and rose for us.**

*Priest*     The Lord be with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

*Priest*     Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

*Priest*     Jesus said to his disciples: "I solemnly assure you, unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. The man who loves his life loses it, while the man who hates his life in this world preserves it to life eternal. If anyone would serve me, let him follow me; where I am,

there will my servant be. Anyone who serves me, the Father will honour.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Bishop* O blessed martyr George, servant of Christ and our most holy patron, pray for us that we too may be faithful in the midst of all trials and adversities, and endure to the end. Through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Bishop* O God, hear the prayers of your martyr George, the patron of this land, and grant that, following his example and strengthened by his intercession, we may bear our cross and be faithful in your service. Through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Remain standing to sing the hymn (REH 434) as clergy and servers depart:*

**And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?  
And did the countenance divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among those dark satanic mills?**

**Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!  
I will not cease from mental fight.  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land.**

*William Blake (1757-1827)*

*The organist plays “Sortie in E Flat” by Louis-James Alfred Lefébure-Wély.*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE PARTY IN THE CHURCH HALL.**

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