



THE ORDER FOR MASS WITH HOLY BAPTISM ON

**EASTER DAY,**

**THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**

5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026 10.30am

***Alleluia! Christ is risen!***  
***He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

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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.

A toilet is at the back of church behind the screen. After Mass, refreshments will be served in the Hall. Please join us! Before Mass, please try to maintain an atmosphere of quiet prayer.

Mass setting: Lourdes.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing the opening hymn (REH 147)

**Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya!**

**Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!**

**Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!**

**Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!**

**Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!**

**Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!**

**Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!**

**But the pains that he endured Alleluya!**

**Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!**

**Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!**

**Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!**

*Lyra Davidica 1708*

*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.**

*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* Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, so let us keep the feast by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*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 Kyrie Eleison and Gloria.*

*Cantor* Kyrie eléison.

*People* **Kyrie eléison.**

*Cantor* Christe eléison.

*People* **Christe eléison.**

*Cantor* Kyrie eléison.

*People* **Kyrie eléison.**

*Cantor* Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

*People* **Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*Choir* 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.

*People* **Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*Choir* Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

*People* **Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo**

*Choir* 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.

*People* **Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

## **Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo**

*Then the Priest prays the Collect,*

*Priest* O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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.*

*Acts 10; 34, 37-43*

*Reader* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.  
In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

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

*The Easter Anthems follow the reading. Remain seated to sing,*



- 1 Christ our passover is | sacri- ' ficed | for us :  
therefore | let us | keep the | feast;
  - 2 Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of | malice ' and |  
wickedness :  
but with the unleavened bread of sin- | ceri- | ty and | truth.
  - 3 Christ being raised from the dead | dieth ' no | more :  
death hath no | more do- | minion | over him.
  - 4 For in that he died, he died unto | sin\_ | once :  
but in that he liveth, he | liveth | unto | God.
  - 5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed | unto | sin :  
but alive unto God, through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.
  - 6 Christ is | risen ' from the | dead :  
and become the | first fruits ' of | them that | slept.
  - 7 For since by | man came | death :  
by man came also the resur- | rection | of the | dead.
  - 8 For as in Adam | all\_ | die :  
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a- | live.
- Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son :  
and | to the | Holy | Ghost;
- as it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be :  
world without | end.\_ | A-\_ | men.

*Remain seated for the Second Reading.*

*Colossians 3: 1-4*

*Reader* A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.  
Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

*People* This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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



*Choir* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

*Choir* Ye sons and daughters of the king,  
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia

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

*Choir* On that first morning of the week,  
Before the day began to break,  
The Marys went their Lord to seek, Alleluia!

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

*Choir* An angel bade their sorrows flee,  
For thus he spoke unto the three:  
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee'. Alleluia!

*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.

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

*John 20; 1-9*

*Priest* On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came,

following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit for the Homily by 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 Fiadh and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

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

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

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

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

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

*Then all stand for the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.*

*Priest*      Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism. 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?

*People*      **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

*People*      **I renounce them.**

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

*People* **I repent of them.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

*People* **I turn to Christ.**

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

*People* **I submit to Christ.**

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

*People* **I come to Christ.**

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

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

*Parents & godparents then trace the sign of the cross on Fiadh'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 move with the ministers to the font, as music is played. All turn to face the font.*

*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, blessed at the Vigil last night, on Fiadh, saying:*

*Priest*        Fiadh Nora, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*People*        **Amen.**

*Fiadh 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 her 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.**

*The priest sprinkles the people with blessed water, as the choir sings Vidi Aquam. All return to their places.*

*Please remain standing for the Prayers of Intercession.*

*The Priest introduces and concludes the prayers.*

*Priest*        Christ Jesus, the source of our hope, has been raised from the dead. With thankful praise, let us offer these petitions.

*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*        Most merciful God, your loving plan of salvation finds its glorious fulfilment in the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ. Extend that saving power throughout our lives and our world, this Easter Day and every day. Merciful Father,

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

*Please sit. Bread and wine are brought to the altar during which the choir sing "This Joyful Eastertide"; trad, arranged by Charles Wood (1866-1926).*

*Then stand to sing a hymn (REH 156), during which a collection is taken:*

**The Day of Resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The passover of gladness,  
The passover of God!  
From death to life eternal,  
From earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over  
With hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection-light;  
And, listening to his accents,  
May hear so calm and plain  
His own 'All hail,' and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful,  
And earth her song begin,  
The round world keep high triumph,  
And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen  
Their notes in gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord hath risen,  
Our joy that hath no end.**

*Greek, St John of Damascus (675-749), tr John Mason Neale (1818-66)*

*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* Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished.  
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,*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

**Full of your glory are heav'n and earth, God of pow'r and might.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

**Blessed is he who comes to us in the name of the Lord.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

*Please kneel. The Eucharistic Prayer continues, until the Memorial Acclamation,*

*Priest* The mystery of Faith.

*People* **Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!**

*The Eucharistic Prayer concludes, and all sing,*

*Priest* Through him and with him and in him,

*People* **Amen!**

*Priest* in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

*People* **Amen!**

*Priest* all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen!**

*Please stand for the Lord's Prayer,*

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

*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*

**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* Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us  
keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth,  
alleluia, alleluia.

*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.*

*After communion the following hymns (REH 162 & 388) are sung, for which all remain seated or kneeling,*

**Through the Red Sea brought at last, Alleluya.  
Egypt's chains behind we cast, Alleluya.  
Deep and wide flows the tide  
Severing us from bondage past. Alleluya!**

**Like the cloud that overhead, Alleluya.  
Through the billows Israel led, Alleluya.  
By his tomb Christ makes room,  
Souls restoring from the dead. Alleluya!**

**In that cloud and in that sea, Alleluya.  
Buried and baptized were we, Alleluya.  
Easrthly night brought us light  
Which is ours eternally. Alleluya!**      *Ronald Arbuthnott Knox (1888-1957)*

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**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
You are one with us, Mary's son;  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
Pouring your love and goodness in;  
Jesus, our love for you we sing,  
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day  
Teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:  
Into our lives your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
Born as one of us, Mary's son;  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
Risen from death to set us free,  
Living Lord Jesus, help us see**

**You are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,  
Live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
Your many gifts will make me new,  
Into my life your power breaks through,  
Living Lord.**

*Patrick Appleford (1925-2018) © 1965 Joseph Weinberger Ltd.*

*Please then stand as the Priest prays the Prayer after Communion,*

*Priest* Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour,  
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the  
glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please sit for the Notices.*

*Fiadh comes 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 & Dismissal,*

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

May almighty God bless you

through today's Easter Solemnity

and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

**Amen**

And may he, who restores you to eternal life

in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,

endow you with the prize of immortality.

**Amen.**

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,

may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast

come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,

to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

**Amen.**

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.  
**Amen.**

*Priest* Go, in the light and peace of Christ, 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, 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.**

*All sing the final hymn (REH 159), as clergy and servers depart:*

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay  
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

*French E Budry (1854-1932) tr R Hoyle (1875-1939)*

*The organist plays the Toccata (from Organ Symphony no.5) by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937).*

*After Mass please come through to the hall for refreshments.*

**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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