



The Order for Mass
on the
**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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.

Older children are invited to join the Children's Church, who go out to their own activities in the Hall after the opening hymn, and return 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: Heritage Mass.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn 570:

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!

Ye soldiers of the Cross;

Lift high his royal banner,

It must not suffer loss.

From victory unto victory

His army he shall lead,

Till every foe is vanquished,

And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!

The trumpet call obey,

Forth to the mighty conflict

In this his glorious day.

Ye that are brave now serve him

Against unnumbered foes;

Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there!

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him who overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

George Duffield (1818-88) altd.

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

Priest The Lord is gracious and full of compassion: his mercy is over all his works. Trusting in the goodness of God our creator we turn to him in penitence for 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.**

Priest 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 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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal 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:

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah. (*Isaiah 55; 6-9*).

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated to sing the Psalm (145)

(alternative chant) J. TURLE



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1 I will magnify thee, O | God, my | King :
and I will praise thy | Name for | e- ' ver and | ever.

- 2 Every day will I give | thanks ' unto | thee :
and praise thy | Name for | e- ' ver and | ever.
- 8 The Lord is | gracious ' and | merciful :
long-suffering | and of | great_ | goodness.
- 9 The Lord is | loving ' unto | every man :
and his mercy is | over | all his | works.
- 10 All thy works | praise ' thee, O | Lord :
and thy | saints give | thanks ' unto | thee.
- 11 They shew the | glory ' of thy | kingdom :
and | talk of | thy_ | power;
- 13 Thy kingdom is an ever- | lasting | kingdom :
and thy dominion en- | dureth | through- ' out all | ages.
- 14 The Lord upholdeth | all ' such as | fall :
and lifteth | up all | those ' that are | down.

Remain seated for the second reading:

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

(Philippians 2; 20-24, 27)

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

After a moment of silent reflection, stand for the gospel acclamation:

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Priest The Lord be with you,

People **And also with you.**

Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 20; 1-16)

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

Priest At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too." 'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I

choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'
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 On this day that the Lord has made, let us pray to the Father, through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit.

Reader Lord, in your mercy, / Lord, hear us.

People **Hear our prayer. / Lord, graciously hear us.**

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 asked,

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 Father, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in the name of your Son: grant that what we have asked faithfully we may obtain effectually, according to 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord" by Franz Schubert (1797-1828), while bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Stand to sing hymn 478, 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.

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;**

Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee. *William Williams (1717-91)*

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 Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of
your people, that what they profess with devotion and
faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.
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 I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

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 367 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.

All for Jesus! All for Jesus!

This our song shall ever be;

For we have not hope nor Saviour

If we have not hope in thee.

**All for Jesus! Thou wilt give us
Strength to serve thee hour by hour:
None can move us from thy presence
While we trust thy love and power.**

**All for Jesus! At thine altar
Plead we still that dreadful price;
Thee we offer, thee we worship,
In the holy sacrifice.**

**All for Jesus! At thine altar
Thou dost give us sweet content;
There, dear Saviour, we receive thee
In thy holy Sacrament.**

**All for Jesus! Thou hast loved us,
All for Jesus! Thou hast died,
All for Jesus! Thou art with us,
All for Jesus, glorified!**

**All for Jesus! All for Jesus!
This the Church's song shall be,
Till at last when all are gathered
One in love, and one in thee.** *WJ Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952) altd.*

All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:

Priest Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this
Sacrament, that we may come to possess your
redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life.
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 May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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 hymn 513 as clergy and servers depart:

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,

Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:

Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you,
Loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
Hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-
Self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Timothy Dudley Smith (1926-2024) © 1969 OUP.

*The organist plays "Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C", Dieterich Buxtehude
(c.1637 1707).*

Please join us in the Hall for refreshments after this Mass.

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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