



The Order for Mass on  
the External Solemnity of  
**the ASSUMPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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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 is a further play station in the north (left-hand) aisle.*

*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 276:*

**The Lord whom earth and sea and sky  
Adore and praise and magnify,  
Who o'er their threefold fabric reigns,  
The Virgin's spotless womb contains.**

**And he whose will is ever done  
By moon and seas, by stars and sun,  
Is borne upon a maiden's breast,  
Whom God's foreseeing grace possessed.**

**How blest that Mother, in whose shrine  
The very Word of God divine,  
The maker of the earth and sky,  
Was pleased in fleshly form to lie.**

**Blessed in the message Gabriel brought,  
Blessed in the work the Spirit wrought,  
Blessed evermore, who brought to birth  
The long-desired of all the earth.**

**O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee  
Eternal praise and glory be,**

**Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.**

*Latin, Venantius Fortunatus (c530-c609) tr John Mason Neale (1818-66) & editors of NEH.*

*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 and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:*

*Priest* As with Mary we magnify the Lord for exalting her low estate to heaven, let us turn to him in penitence for our sins, for his mercy is on those who fear him.

*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*      Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. 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 Revelation. (*Revelation 11; 19,12; 1-6, 10*).

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple.

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads

seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God.

And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 45 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:*

On your right stands the queen, in gold of Ophir.

**On your right stands the queen, in gold of Ophir.**

The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:

forget your own people and your father's house.

**On your right stands the queen, in gold of Ophir.**

So will the king desire your beauty:

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;

they pass within the palace of the king.

**On your right stands the queen, in gold of Ophir.**

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

*Reader*      A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the  
Corinthians. (1 Corinthians 15; 20-27)

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a

man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

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*      Mary has been taken up to heaven;  
the hosts of angels rejoice.

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

*Priest*      The Lord be with you,

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Priest*      A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (*Luke 1; 39-56*)

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

*Priest*      In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed

is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.'

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.' And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please sit for the Homily from Fr David.*

*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* Encouraged by our fellowship with Our Lady and all the saints, let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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* Gracious God, whose love unites heaven and earth in this festival of gladness, lift up our hearts, that together with Mary and all the saints we may magnify and praise your Holy Name. Merciful Father,

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



*Please sit, as the Choir sing an anthem as bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing hymn REH 285, 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.*

**Ye who own the faith of Jesus  
Sing the wonders that were done,  
When the love of God the Father  
O'er our sin the victory won,  
When he made the Virgin Mary  
Mother of his only Son.  
*Hail Mary, full of grace.***

**Blessèd were the chosen people  
Out of whom the Lord did come,  
Blessèd was the land of promise  
Fashioned for his earthly home;  
But more blessèd far the Mother  
She who bare him in her womb.**

**Wherefore let all faithful people  
Tell the honour of her name,  
Let the Church in her foreshadowed  
Part in her thanksgiving claim;  
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness  
Let Christ's people sing the same.**

**Let us weave our supplications,  
She with us and we with her,  
For the advancement of the faithful,  
For each faithful worshipper,  
For the doubting, for the sinful,  
For each heedless wanderer.**

May the Mother's intercessions  
On our homes a blessing win,  
That the children all be prospered,  
Strong and fair and pure within,  
Following our Lord's own footsteps,  
Firm in faith and free from sin.

For the sick and for the aged,  
For our dear ones far away,  
For the hearts that mourn in secret,  
All who need our prayers today,  
For the faithful gone before us,  
May the holy Virgin pray.

Praise, O Mary, praise the Father,  
Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,  
Praise the everlasting Spirit,  
Who hath made thee ark and throne;  
O'er all creatures high exalted,  
Lowly praise the Three in One.  
Hail Mary, full of grace.

*Vincent Stuckey S Coles (1845-1929)*

*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* May this oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up to you,  
O Lord, and, through the intercession of the Most Blessed  
Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, may our  
hearts, aflame with the fire of love, constantly long for  
you. 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*      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* All generations will call me blessed,  
for he who is mighty has done great things for 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 REH 281 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**Shall we not love thee, Mother dear,  
Whom Jesus loves so well,  
And to his glory year by year  
Thy praise and honour tell?**

**Thee did he choose from whom to take  
True flesh, his flesh to be;  
In it to suffer for our sake,  
And by it make us free.**

**O wondrous depth of love divine,  
That he should bend so low;  
And, Mary, O what joy was thine  
The Saviour's love to know.**

**Joy to be Mother of the Lord,  
Yet thine the truer bliss,  
In every thought and deed and word  
To be for ever his.**

**Now in the realm of life above  
Close to thy Son thou art,  
While on thy soul glad streams of love  
Flow from his sacred heart.**

**Jesu, the Virgin's holy Son,  
Praise we thy Mother blest;**

**Grant when our earthly course is run,  
Life with the saints at rest.**

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-77) v5 editors of NEH.*

*All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:*

*Priest* Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection. 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.**

*The priest censes the statue of Our Lady.*

*Remain standing to sing hymn REH 283 as clergy and servers depart:*

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!**  
**Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;**  
**Tender to me the promise of his word;**  
**In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!**  
**Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;**  
**His mercy sure, from age to age the same;**  
**His holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!**  
**Powers and dominions lay their glory by;**  
**Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,**  
**The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!**  
**Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.**  
**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord**  
**To children's children and for evermore.**

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