



The Order for Mass on
the SECOND SUNDAY
of EASTER

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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. 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 143:

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness;
Loosed from pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
Through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls to-day:
Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
As a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
Long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
Laud and praise undying.**

**Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendour,**

**With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.**

**Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold thee as a mortal;
But today amidst thine own
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That thy peace which evermore
Passeth human knowing.** *St John Damascene (c675-749) Tr JM Neale (1816-66)*

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 Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been born again to a new and living hope. In penitence for our sins we come to God that he may make us alive in his Son.

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. **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 God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of
the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have
made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have
bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in
what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they
have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been
redeemed. 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 2; 42-47).:

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
 The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.
 This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:



- 1 O give thanks unto the Lord, for | he is | gracious :
because his | mer- ' cy en- | dureth ' for | ever.
- 2 Let Israel now confess that | he is | gracious :
and that his | mer- ' cy en- | dureth ' for | ever.
- 3 Let the house of Aaron | now con- | fess :
and that his | mer -' cy en- | dureth ' for | ever.
- 4 Yea, let them now that fear the | Lord con- | fess :
and that his | mer- ' cy en- | dureth ' for | ever.
- 13 Thou hast thrust sore at me, that | I might | fall :
but the | Lord_ | was my | help.

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- 14 The Lord is my | strength ' and my | song :
and is be- | come_ | my sal- | vation.
- 15 The voice of joy and health is in the dwellings | of the | righteous :
the right hand of the Lord bringeth | mighty | things to | pass.

Vss 19-end E. G. MONK

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- 22 The same stone which the | builders ' re- | fused :
is become the | head-stone | in the | corner.
- 23 This is the | Lord's_ | doing :
and it is | marvel- ' lous | in our | eyes.
- 24 This is the day which the | Lord hath | made :
we will re- | joice_ | and be | glad in it.

Remain seated for the second reading (1 Peter 1; 3-9):

Reader A reading from the first letter of St Peter.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of

Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

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; 19-31*)

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

Deacon In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said,

‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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 Heavenly Father, through the Resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, the faithful witness and the first-born of the dead, you bring life and immortality to light; hear us as we pray in his name.

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 Grant that aided by the prayers of Blessed Mary, and Blessed George our patron, and all the redeemed, we may glorify and praise your Name in all that we are and do and say this day. Merciful Father,

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

Please sit, as the Choir sing “Blest are the Pure in Heart” by Sir Henry Walford Davies (1879-1941), and bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Stand to sing hymn REH 152, 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.

**Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And held within his hand;
No more we fear death’s ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.**

**For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man’s estate;
By death, destroying death,
Christ opened wide life’s gate:
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.**

**Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life or death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.**

George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959) altd. © OUP.

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 Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people, that, renewed by confession of your name and by

Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. 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 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 Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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 386 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,**

**As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya, Lord most high!**

Greek from the Liturgy of St James tr G Moultrie (1829-85)

All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:

Priest Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. 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. 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.**

Remain standing to sing hymn REH 142 as clergy and servers depart:

**Christ the Lord is risen again!
Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high,
Alleluya!**

**He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb to-day!
We too sing for joy, and say
Alleluya!**

**He who bore all pain and loss
Comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high,
Pleads for us, and hears our cry.
Alleluya!**

**He whose path no records tell,
Who descended into hell;
Who the strong man armed hath bound,
And in highest heaven is crowned.
Alleluya!**

**Now he bids us tell abroad
How the lost may be restored,
How the penitent forgiven,
How we too may enter heaven.
Alleluya!**

**Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away,
That we all may sing for ay,
Alleluya!**

German, Michael Weisse (c1480-1534) tr Caroline Winkworth (1827-78)

The organist plays “Trumpet Voluntary”, Op.6, No.5, by John Stanley (1712-86).

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

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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