



The Order for Mass
on the
**SEVENTH 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. 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: Gregory Murray, New People's Mass.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn REH 171:

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluya.

Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya.

Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluya.

Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluya!

There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya.

Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya.

Christ hath vanquished death and sin; Alleluya.

Take the King of glory in. Alleluya!

See, the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluya.

Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluya.

Though returning to his throne, Alleluya.

Still he calls mankind his own. Alleluya!

See, he lifts his hands above; Alleluya.

See, he shows the prints of love: Alleluya.

**Hark, his gracious lips bestow Alleluya.
Blessings on his Church below. Alleluya!**

**Still for us he intercedes; Alleluya.
His prevailing death he pleads; Alleluya.
Near himself prepares our place, Alleluya.
Harbinger of human race. Alleluya!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluya.
Far above yon azure height, Alleluya.
Grant our hearts may thither rise, Alleluya.
Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluya!**

**There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya.
Partners of thine endless reign; Alleluya.
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluya.
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!**

Charles Wesley (1707-88) and Thomas Cotterill (1779-1823)

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

Priest In penitence for our sins we turn to the Lord, for with him there is mercy and plenteous redemption.

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 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 priest prays the collect:

Priest Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

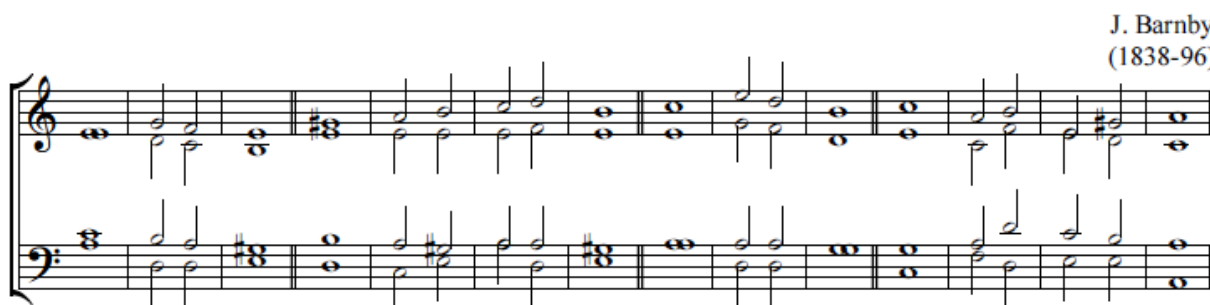
People **Amen.**

Now sit to listen to the first reading:

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (*Acts 1; 12-14*).
 After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.
 This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:



- 1** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I | fear :
 the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then | shall I | be a- | fraid?
- 4** One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I | will re- | quire :
 even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
 to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, | and to | visit ' his | temple.
- 8** Harken unto my voice, O Lord, when I | cry ' unto | thee :
 have | mercy ' up- | on me, ' and | hear me.
- 9** My heart hath talked of thee, Seek | ye my | face :
 Thy | face, Lord, | will I | seek.

Remain seated for the second reading:

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Peter. (*1 Peter 4; 13-16*)
Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.
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 I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will 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 John. (*John 17; 1-11*).

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

Priest At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave

them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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 give God the glory and pray for the people he has redeemed.

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 invoked:

People **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 of all, hear us as we pray through your Son, in the power of your Spirit. 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 "The Lord Ascendeth Up On High" by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), and bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Stand to sing hymn REH 439, 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.

At the name of Jesus

Every knee shall bow,

Every tongue confess him

King of glory now;

**'Tis the Father's pleasure
We should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.**

**At his voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
All the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominations,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders,
In their great array.**

**Humbled for a season,
To receive a name
From the lips of sinners
Unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it
Spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious
When from death he passed:**

**Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height,
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast;
Filled it with the glory
Of that perfect rest.**

**In your hearts enthrone him;
There let him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true:
He is God the Saviour,**

**He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted, and adored.**

**Surely, this Lord Jesus
Shall return again,
In the Father's glory,
With his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him
King of glory now.**

Caroline Noel (1817-77) altd.

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, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. 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 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:

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!**

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 Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, 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:

Priest Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that
 through these sacred mysteries there will be
 accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has
 already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and
 reigns for ever and ever.

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 Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son, who as our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Priest Go, in the peace of Christ. Alleluia!

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

The clergy and servers go to the shrine of Our Lady for 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 176 as clergy and servers depart:

**The head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now:
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords
Is his, is his by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heaven's eternal light;**

**The joy of all who dwell above,
The joy of all below,
To whom he manifests his love,
And grants his name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame.
With all its grace is given:
Their name an everlasting name,
Their joy the joy of heaven.**

**They suffer with their Lord below,
They reign with him above,
Their profit and their joy to know
The mystery of his love.**

**The cross he bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to him;
His people's hope, his people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.**

Thomas Kelly (1769-1855)

The organist plays "Trumpet Voluntary", op. 6, no. 6, 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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