St George

Bickley

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. There are two further play stations in the side aisles. Older children are invited to join the Children’s Church.*

*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 427:*

**All hail the power of Jesu's name;  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
To crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye morning stars of light,  
Who fixed this floating ball;  
Now hail the Strength of Israel's might,  
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,  
Who from his altar call;  
Praise him whose way of pain ye trod,  
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace,  
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call;  
The God incarnate, Man divine,  
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
And crown him Lord of all.**

**Let every tribe and every tongue  
To him their hearts enthral,  
Lift high the universal song,  
And crown him Lord of all.** *Edward Perronet (1726-92) et al.*

*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* As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ’s love and receive his risen life, let us acknowledge our failures to abide in him and to allow his words to abide in us.

*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,

*People* **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* 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 7; 55-60).*

In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

This is the word of the Lord.

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

*Psalm 97 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:*

**1 The Lord is King, the earth may be | glad there- | of :  
yea, the multitude of the | isles ' may be | glad there- | of.**

**2 Clouds and darkness are | round a- | bout him :  
righteousness and judgement are the habi- | tation | of his | seat.**

**6 The heavens have de- | clared his | righteousness :  
and all the | people ' have | seen his | glory.**

**9 For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are | in the | earth :  
thou art exalted | far a- ' bove | all\_ | gods.**

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

*Reader* A reading from the book of Revelation. *(Revelation 22; 12-14, 16-17, 20)*

I, John, heard a voice saying to me, ‘Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

‘I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

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* 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; 20-26)*

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

*Priest* At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, ‘Holy Father, I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Please sit for the Homily from Fr Owen.*

*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*Let us pray to the Father who sustains and nourishes us through the One he has sent to be for us the Bread of Life.

*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* So, rejoicing in the fellowship of Blessed Mary, St George our patron and all the saints, we pray. Merciful Father,

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

*Please sit, as the Choir sing “Cantate Domino”, by Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657-1743), and bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing hymn REH 368, 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.*

**Alleluya, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluya, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.** *William Chatterton Dix (1837-98)*

*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, 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* 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*  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 401 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Hid in thine earthly home,  
Lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
With suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
In songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
Sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
Dear home for every heart,  
Where restless yearnings cease  
And sorrows all depart;  
There in thine ear all trustfully  
We tell our tale of misery:  
Sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
Ark from the ocean's roar,  
Within thy shelter blessed  
Soon may we reach the shore;  
Save us, for still the tempest raves,  
Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
Sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine,  
Earth's light and jubilee,  
In thy far depths doth shine  
Thy Godhead's majesty;  
Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray  
That earthly joys may fade away:  
Sweet Sacrament divine.** *Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)*

*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* May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing. **Amen.**

May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth be united with him in the homeland of heaven. **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 forth, the Mass is ended.

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

*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 605 as clergy and servers depart:*

**We have a Gospel to proclaim,**

**Good news for all throughout the earth,**

**The Gospel of a Saviour’s name:**

**We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,**

**Not in a royal house or hall,**

**But in a stable, dark and dim:**

**The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death on Calvary,**

**Hated by those he came to save,**

**In lonely suffering on the cross:**

**For all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,**

**Empty the tomb, for he was free:**

**He broke the power of death and hell**

**That we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God’s right hand,**

**By all creation glorified:**

**He sends his Spirit on his Church,**

**To live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth.**

**This Gospel message we proclaim:**

**We sing his glory, tell his worth.** *©Edward Joseph Burns (b 1938)*

*The organist plays “Menuet Gothique” by Léon Boëllmann (1862-97)*

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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