



The Order for Mass on
The SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

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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 should join the Children's Church, who go to their own activities after the first hymn and return in time for Communion.

A toilet is at the back of church, behind the screen. Before Mass, please try to maintain an atmosphere of quiet prayer. After Mass, please join us in the Hall for refreshments.

Mass setting: Dean/ Fry/Plainsong.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn 89:

**From ashes to the living font,
Your Church must journey, Lord,
Baptized in grace, in grace renewed
By your most holy word.**

**Through fasting, prayer and charity
Your voice speaks deep within,
Returning us to ways of truth
And turning us from sin.**

**From desert to the mountaintop
In Christ our way we see,
So tempered by temptation's might,
We might transfigured be.**

**For thirsting hearts let water flow,
Our fainting souls revive;
And at the well your waters give
Our everlasting life.**

From ashes to the living font

**Your Church must journey still;
Through cross and tomb to Easter joy,
In Spirit's fire fulfilled.**

Alan J Hommerding (b.1956) ©World Library Publications

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 the Children's Church to their activities, and invites us to confess our sins.

Priest In penitence for our sins let us return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on us; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

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.**

We sing the Kyries:

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie Eleison.**

Christe eleison. **Christe eleison.**

Kyrie eleison. **Kyrie eleison.**

Then the priest prays the collect:

Priest O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your 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 Genesis. (*Gen. 12; 1-4a*)
In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.
This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated to sing the Psalm (33).



- 4 The word of the | Lord is | true :
and | all his | works are | faithful.
- 5 He loveth | righteousness ' and | judgement :
the earth is full of the | goodness | of the | Lord.
- 17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon | them that | fear him :
and upon them that | put their | trust ' in his | mercy;

- 18 To deliver their | soul from | death :
and to feed them | in the | time of | dearth.
- 19 Our soul hath patiently tarried | for the | Lord :
for he is our | help_ | and our_ | shield.
- 21 Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, | be up- | on us :
like as we do | put our | trust in | thee.

Remain seated for the second reading:

Reader A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy. (2 Timothy 1; 8-10)

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

After a brief pause for reflection, stand for the gospel acclamation.

Choir Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

People **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

Choir From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

People **Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

Priest The Lord be with you,

People **And also with you.**

Priest A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(Matthew 17; 1-9)

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

Priest At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.**

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.

The Priest introduces and concludes the prayers.

Priest With faith and love, and in union with Christ, let us draw near to the throne of grace, that we may find mercy and grace to help in time of need.

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 Bless us with your grace, renew our hearts, and satisfy us with your loving-kindness. Merciful Father,

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

Please sit, as bread and wine are brought to the altar, and the choir sing: "Call to Remembrance" by Richard Farrant (c.1525-80).

Stand to sing hymn 570, 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.

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 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 sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. 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:

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power, God of might.

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.**

Choir Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

People **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Choir Hosanna in the highest.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Choir Blessed is he who comes, he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Blessed is he who comes, he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Choir Hosanna in the highest.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Choir Hosanna in the highest.

People **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.

Choir Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

People **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.**

Choir Lord Jesus, come in glory.

People **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Choir Lord Jesus, come!

People **Lord Jesus, come!**

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 say,

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 This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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 96 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.

**My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day
Be wholly thine.**

**May thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me,
O may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire.**

**While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then in love
Fear and distrust remove;**

O bear me safe above,

A ransomed soul.

Ray Palmer (1808-87)

All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:

Priest As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Please sit for the Notices.

Stand for the Blessing and Dismissal:

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Priest And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down upon you and remain with you always.

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 237 as clergy and servers depart.

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun,
Shine with unborrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand,
Thy messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,
Promise of things to be,**

**We hail thy Body glorified,
And our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death,
We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright,
And make this hill our home.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Yet we may not remain;
But since you bidst us leave the mount
Come with us to the plain.** *Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)*

The Organist plays "Prelude and Fugue in E Minor" JS Bach (1685-1750)

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

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