



The Order for Mass
on the
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
Celebrating
the Diamond Jubilee of priesthood of
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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 Fr David's reception. Before Mass, please try to maintain an atmosphere of quiet prayer.

Mass setting: Lourdes

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn REH 270:

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
And the precious corner-stone,
Who, the two walls underlying,
Bound in each, binds both in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and our confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved by God on high,
In exultant jubilation
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One, in Threefold glory,
Singing everlastingly.**

**To this temple, where we call thee,
Come, O Lord of hosts, today;
With thy wonted loving-kindness,
Hear thy people as they pray;**

**And thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls for ay.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
Gifts of grace by prayer to gain;
Here to have and hold for ever,
Those good things their prayers obtain,
And hereafter, in thy glory,
With thy blessed ones to reign.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run. Amen.**

Latin, 6th or 7th cent. tr. John Mason Neale (1818-66)

Fr David 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.**

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

Priest God has revealed himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, a God of compassion and love, so let us turn to him in penitence for our sins.

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 Kyrie Eleison and Gloria.

Cantor Kyrie eléison.

People **Kyrie eléison.**

Cantor Christe eléison.

People **Christe eléison.**

Cantor Kyrie eléison.

People **Kyrie eléison.**

Cantor Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

People **Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Choir 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.

People **Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Choir Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

People **Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo

Choir 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.

People **Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo

Then Fr David prays the collect:

Priest God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. 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 Exodus. (*Exodus 34; 4-6, 8-9*).

In those days: Moses rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.'

And Moses quickly bowed his head towards the earth and worshipped. And he said, 'If now I have found favour in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.'

This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The canticle (from Benedicite) follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:

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- 52 Blessed are you, O Lord, | God of ' our | ancestors,
and to be praised and | highly ' ex- | alted ' for- | ever;
And blessed is your glorious, | holy | name,
and to be highly praised and | highly ' ex- | alted ' for- | ever.
- 53 Blessed are you in the temple of your | holy | glory,
and to be extolled and | highly | glorified ' for- | ever.
- 54 Blessed are you who look into the depths from your | throne ' on the |
cherubim,
and to be praised and | highly ' ex- | alted ' for- | ever.
- 55 Blessed are you on the | throne of ' your | kingdom,
and to be extolled and | highly ' ex- | alted ' for- | ever.
- 56 Blessed are you in the | firmament ' of | heaven,
and to be | sung and | glorified ' for- | ever.

Remain seated for the second reading:

Reader A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the
Corinthians. (*2 Corinthians 13; 11-14*)
Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort
one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the
God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another
with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with you all.
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 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is and who was and who is to come.

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 3; 16-18*).

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

Priest For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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 Gathered in Jesus' name we pray in the power of the Spirit to our Father.

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 God our Father, Jesus your Son said that he is wherever two or three of us are gathered in his name; see your faithful people gathered before you in his name and hear us as we pray in the power of your Holy Spirit, for his sake. 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 “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), and bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Stand to sing hymn REH 404, 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.

**We pray thee, heavenly Father,
To hear us in thy love,
And pour upon thy children
The unction from above;
That so in love abiding,
From all defilement free,
We may in pureness offer
Our eucharist to thee.**

**All that we have we offer,
For it is all thine own,
All gifts, by thine appointment,
In bread and cup are shown;
One thing alone we bring not,
The wilfulness of sin,
And all we bring is nothing
Save that which is within.**

**Within the pure oblation,
Beneath the outward sign,
By that his operation -
The Holy Ghost divine -
Lies hid the sacred body,
Lies hid the precious blood,
Once slain, now ever glorious,
Of Christ our Lord and God.**

**Wherefore, though all unworthy
To offer sacrifice,
We pray that this our duty
Be pleasing in thine eyes;
For praise, and thanks and worship,
For mercy and for aid,
The catholic oblation
Of Jesus Christ is made.**

VS Stuckey Coles (1845-1929)

Fr David 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 Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Fr David 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.**

Fr David prays the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, and then all sing the Sanctus and Benedictus:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Full of your glory are heav'n and earth, God of pow'r and
might.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Blessed is he who comes to us in the name of the Lord.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.

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.**

Fr David concludes the Eucharistic Prayer, and all sing:

Priest Through him and with him and in him,

People **Amen!**

Priest in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

People **Amen!**

Priest all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, for ever
and ever.

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 Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

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 197 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.

**Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee,
Who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be;
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail,
Yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.**

**O blest memorial of our dying Lord,
Who living bread to man doth here afford!
O may our souls forever feed on thee,
And thou, O Christ, for ever precious be.**

**Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord and God,
Cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from thy presence flow.**

**O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we thirst for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face,
The vision of thy glory and thy grace.**

Latin, St Thomas Aquinas, OP (1225-74) tr James Woodford (1810-85)

All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:

Priest May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us
 health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy
 Trinity and undivided Unity. 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 God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Priest Go, in the peace of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The clergy 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 REH 378 as clergy and servers depart:

For the beauty of the earth,

For the beauty of the skies,

**For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:**

**For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**

**For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:**

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917) altd.

The organist plays "Trinity" Fugue in E flat, BWV 552b, by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

You are invited to the reception in the Hall after this Mass.

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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