

**St George
Bickley**

**The Order for Mass on
The THIRTIETH SUNDAY
in ORDINARY TIME**

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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 you will find this service easy to follow, but please also do not be afraid to ask if you are unsure what to do at any point. The building is fitted with an Induction Loop - sit away from the pillars for best results!*

Families with small children are very welcome to make use of the carpeted 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. There is no Children's Church today.

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: Heritage Mass.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn 197:

**For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest.
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the Saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya! Alleluya!**

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluya! Alleluya! *W Walsham How (1823-97)*

Then 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, and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:

Priest Lord, you wait to be gracious to us, and to show us your mercy; hear us as in penitence for our sins we come to you for healing and wholeness.

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 Kyrie Eleison:

Cantor Lord have mercy.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Cantor Christ have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Cantor Lord have mercy.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Remain standing to sing the Gloria

People **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, Heav'nly King, O God almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. 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 Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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. (*Exodus 22; 20-26.*)

Reader A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this:

“You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 18 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing,

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Vss 1-30

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- 1 I will love thee, O | Lord, my | strength;
the Lord is my stony | rock, and | my de- | fence :
my Saviour, my God, and my might, in whom | I will | trust,
my buckler, the horn also of my sal- | vation, | and my | refuge.
- 2† I will call upon the Lord, which is | worthy ' to be | praised :
so shall I be | safe_ | from mine | enemies.
- 47 The Lord liveth, and blessed be my | strong_ | helper :
and praised be the | God of | my sal- | vation;
- 51 Great prosperity giveth he | unto ' his | King :
and sheweth loving-kindness unto David his Anointed, and unto his |
seed for | ever- | more.

Remain seated for the Second Reading. (*1 Thessalonians 1; 5-10*)

Reader A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We pause for reflection. Then stand for the Gospel Acclamation,

Choir Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
(*Matthew 22; 34-40*)

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

Deacon When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please sit for the Homily from Fr Henry.

Then stand to recite 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 Jesus said, "Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy *or* Lord, hear us

People **hear our prayer *or* Lord, graciously hear us**

At the prayer for the departed,

Reader Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,

People **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

When the prayers of the saints are asked for,

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, you hear those who pray in the name of your Son; grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain according to your will. 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, Holy is the True Light, by William H Harris (1883-1973) as bread and wine are brought to the altar.

Stand to sing the hymn, as the altar is prepared and a collection is taken. If you want to give by card, there is a card reader at the back of church.

**Father, Lord of all creation
Ground of Being, Life and Love;
Height and depth beyond description
Only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's dependence:
Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
Yours is every hour's existence,
Sovereign Lord of time and space.**

**Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
We, your people, make our prayer:
Give us grace to love as brothers
All whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
You, Lord Christ, will surely be;
Where no selfishness can sever
There your love may all men see.**

**Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
Wind and flame of Pentecost,
Fire our hearts afresh with yearning
To regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
Nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.**

Stewart Cross (1928-89) ©Mrs M Cross

Then 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 Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

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 hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel. The Eucharistic Prayer continues, until the Memorial Acclamation,

Deacon 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 Eucharistic Prayer concludes, 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 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.**

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Now sing the Agnus Dei

**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 Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

*The people come forward to receive communion. If you have **not** been baptised and confirmed, please come forward for a blessing instead of communion, carrying this Order of Service.*

During communion hymn 313 is sung, for which all remain seated or kneeling,
**Wherefore, O Father, we thy humble servants
Here bring before thee Christ thy well-belovèd,
All-perfect Offering, Sacrifice immortal,
Spotless Oblation.**

**See now thy children, making intercession
Through him our Saviour, Son of God incarnate,
For all thy people, living and departed,
Pleading before thee.** *W Jervois (1852-1905)*

Stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:

Priest May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Please sit for the Notices.

Then stand for the Blessing & 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.**

Deacon 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.**

Then remain standing to sing the hymn as the clergy and servers depart

**Love is his word, love is his way,
Feasting with all, fasting alone,
Living and dying, rising again,
Love, only love, is his way.**

***Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
Better than splendour and wealth.***

**Love is his way, love is his mark,
Sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the twelve,
Love, only love, is his mark.**

**Love is his mark, love is his sign,
Bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
"This is my body, this is my blood."
Love, only love, is his sign.**

**Love is his sign, love is his news,
"Do this," he said, "lest you forget
All my deep sorrow, all my dear blood."
Love, only love, is his name.**

**Love is his news, love is his name,
We are his own, chosen and called,
Family, brethren, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.**

**Love is his name, love is his law,
Hear his command, all who are his,
"Love one another, I have loved you."
Love, only love, is his law.**

**Love is his law, love is his word:
Love of the Lord, Father and Word,
Love of the Spirit, God ever one,
Love, only love, is his word.**

Luke Connaughton (1917-79)

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The organist then plays Placare Christe Servulis, by Marcel Dupré (1886-1971).

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Mass times this week

Tuesday – Mass 9.30am

Readings: Romans 8; 18-25. Luke 13; 18-21.

Wednesday – Mass 9.30am (**ALL SAINTS**)

Readings: Revelation 7; 2-4, 9-14. 1 John 3; 1-3. Matt.5; 1-12.

Thursday – Mass 9.30am. Sung Mass 8.00pm.(**ALL SOULS**)

Readings: Isaiah 25; 6-9. Romans 5; 5-11. Matt. 11; 25-30.

Friday – Mass 9.30am (St Martin de Porres)

Readings: Romans 9; 1-5. Luke 14; 1-6.

Saturday – Mass & Rosary 9.30am (St Charles Borromeo)

Readings: Romans 11; 1-2,11-12, 25-9. Luke 14; 1, 7-11.

Next Sunday (The Thirty-First Sunday of the Year)

8.00 am - Low Mass

10.30am - Sung Mass with Children's Church

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