

**ST GEORGE
BICKLEY**

THE ORDER FOR MASS ON
**EASTER DAY,
THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION**

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***Alleluia! Christ is
risen!***

He is risen indeed!

Alleluia!

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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. Older children are invited to join the Children's Church.

A toilet is at the back of church behind the screen. After Mass, refreshments will be served in the Hall. Please join us! 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 the opening hymn (NEH 110)

**Jesus Christ is risen to-day, Alleluya!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya!
Who did once, upon the Cross, Alleluya!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluya!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluya!
Who endured the Cross and grave, Alleluya!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!**

**But the pains that he endured Alleluya!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluya!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluya!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluya!**

Lyra Davidica 1708

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.**
Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Priest introduces the Mass and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:

Priest Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, so let us keep the feast by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

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 the Priest prays the Collect,

Priest O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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.

Acts 10. 34, 37-43

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Easter Anthems follow the reading. Remain seated to sing,



- 1 Christ our passover is | sacri- ' ficed | for us :
therefore | let us | keep the | feast;
- 2 Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of | malice ' and |
wickedness :
but with the unleavened bread of sin- | ceri- | ty and | truth.
- 3 Christ being raised from the dead | dieth ' no | more :
death hath no | more do- | minion | over him.
- 4 For in that he died, he died unto | sin_ | once :
but in that he liveth, he | liveth | unto | God.
- 5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed | unto | sin :
but alive unto God, through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.
- 6 Christ is | risen ' from the | dead :
and become the | first fruits ' of | them that | slept.
- 7 For since by | man came | death :
by man came also the resur- | rection | of the | dead.
- 8 For as in Adam | all_ | die :
even so in Christ shall | all be | made a- | live.
Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son :
and | to the | Holy | Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever | shall be :
world without | end._ | A-_ | men.

Remain seated for the Second Reading.

Colossians 3. 1-4

Reader A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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 Ye sons and daughters of the king,
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting! Alleluia

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek, Alleluia!

People **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Choir An angel bade their sorrows flee,
For thus he spoke unto the three:
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee'. Alleluia!

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.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.** *John 20. 1-9*

Priest It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit for the Homily by Fr Henry.

At the end of the homily, a vessel of water blessed at the Easter Vigil is brought from the font, as music is played.

Then stand for the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Priest Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism. In baptism God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

People **I reject them.**

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

People **I renounce them.**

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

People **I repent of them.**
Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

People **I turn to Christ.**
Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

People **I submit to Christ.**
Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth, and the life?

People **I come to Christ.**

Priest Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.
Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The priest sprinkles the people with blessed water, as the choir sings Vidi Aquam.

Please remain standing for the Prayers of Intercession.

The Priest introduces and concludes the prayers.

Priest Christ Jesus, the source of our hope, has been raised from the dead. With thankful praise, let us offer these petitions.

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

People **hear our prayer** or *People* **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 Most merciful God, your loving plan of salvation finds its glorious fulfilment in the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ. Extend that saving power throughout our lives and our world, this Easter Day and every day. Merciful Father,

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

Please sit. Bread and wine are brought to the altar during which the choir sing "Now the Green Blade Rises" (trad. French, arranged by Alan Bullard).

Then stand to sing a hymn (NEH 119), during which a collection is taken:

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung.
Alleluya!**

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst.
Alleluya!**

**On the third morn he rose again
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain.
Alleluya!**

**He brake the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell.
Alleluya!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee.**

Alleluia! *Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

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 Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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,

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 Memorial Acclamation,

Deacon Great is the mystery of Faith.

People **Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won!**

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes, 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 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

**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 our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

*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.*

After communion the following hymns (NEH305 & 306) are sung, for which all remain seated or kneeling,

**O Food of men wayfaring,
The Bread of Angels sharing,
O Manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us,
Nor thy delights deny us,
Whose hearts to thee draw nigh.**

**2 O Stream of love past telling,
O purest Fountain, welling
From out the Saviour's side!
We faint with thirst; revive us,
Of thine abundance give us,
And all we need provide.**

**3 O Jesu, by thee bidden,
We here adore thee, hidden
'Neath forms of bread and wine.
Grant when the veil is riven,
We may behold, in heaven,
Thy countenance divine.**

Tr. Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

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**Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.**

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay. *Latin 14th century*

Please then stand as the Priest prays the Prayer after Communion,

Priest Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour,
so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the
glory of the resurrection. 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.**

May almighty God bless you
through today's Easter Solemnity
and, in his compassion, defend you from every assault of sin.

Amen

And may he, who restores you to eternal life
in the Resurrection of his Only Begotten,
endow you with the prize of immortality.

Amen.

Now that the days of the Lord's Passion have drawn to a close,
may you who celebrate the gladness of the Paschal Feast
come with Christ's help, and exulting in spirit,
to those feasts that are celebrated in eternal joy.

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, alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.**

All sing the final hymn (NEH 120), as clergy and servers depart:

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

French E Budry (1854-1932) tr R Hoyle (1875-1939)

The organist plays the Toccata (from Organ Symphony no.5) by Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937).

After Mass please come through to the hall for refreshments.

Have a happy and blessed Easter.

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. A card reader to give by contactless payment is also available at the back of church. Special thanks if you give by standing order, as this helps us to budget.

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