

St George
Bickley

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. There are two further play stations in the side aisles. 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 and 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.

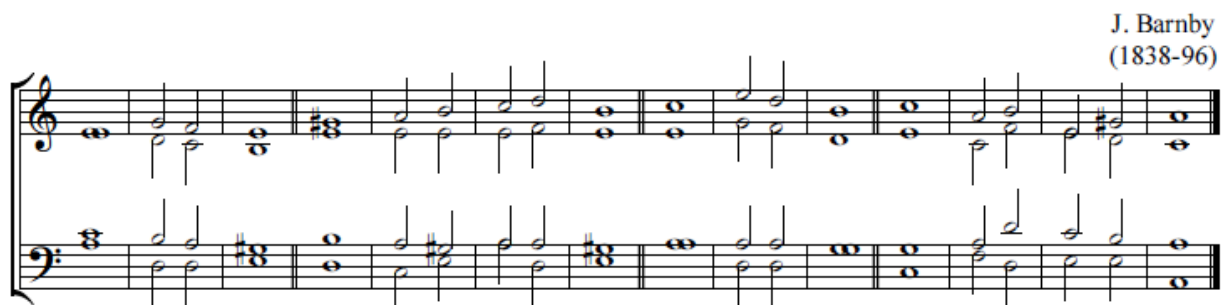
People **Amen.**

Now sit to listen to the first reading:

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis. (*Gen. 15; 5-12, 17-18*)
In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.
And he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.
As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'
This is the word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27 follows the reading. Remain seated to sing:



J. Barnby
(1838-96)

- 1** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I | fear :
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then | shall I | be a- | fraid?
- 8** Harken unto my voice, O Lord, when I | cry ' unto | thee :
have | mercy ' up- | on me, ' and | hear me.
- 9** My heart hath talked of thee, Seek | ye my | face :
Thy | face, Lord, | will I | seek.
- 10** O hide not thou thy | face from | me :
nor cast thy servant a- | way_ | in dis- | pleasure.
- 15** I should | utterly ' have | fainted :
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the | Lord ' in the | land
of ' the | living.
- 16** O tarry thou the | Lord's_ | leisure :
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy | trust_ |
in the | Lord.

Remain seated for the second reading:

Reader A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

(Philippians 3; 17-4; 1)

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour,

the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.
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.**

Deacon The Lord be with you,

People **And also with you.**

Deacon A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (*Luke 9; 28-36*)

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

Deacon At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and

they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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: "Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of our Hearts" by Henry Purcell (1659-95).

Stand to sing hymn 102, 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.

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross; let not its weight
Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;**

His strength shall bear thy spirit up,
And brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.

Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
The Lord for thee the cross endured,
To save thy soul from death and hell.

Take up thy cross then in his strength,
And calmly every danger brave;
'Twill guide thee to a better home,
And lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only they who bear the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

To thee, great Lord, the one in three,
All praise for evermore ascend;
O grant us in our home to see
The heavenly life that knows no end.

Charles Everest (1814-77) 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:

Deacon Great is 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.**

Deacon 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 82 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.

**Ah, holy Jesu, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesu, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesu, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;**

**For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.**

**For me, kind Jesu, was thy incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesu, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.**

Robert Bridges (1844-1930), from German by Johann Heermann (1585-1647), based on St Anselm of Canterbury (1033-1109)

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.**

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.**

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 "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" (JS Bach)

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