

St George  
Bickley

The Order for Mass on  
**the SOLEMNITY of**  
**ST PETER and ST PAUL**

30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 10.30am

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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 are very welcome to join the Children's Church, who go out to the Hall shortly after the service has started, and return before Communion.*

*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: Dom Gregory Murray, New People's Mass.*

*Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn REH 229:*

**With golden splendour and with roseate hues of morn,  
O gracious Saviour, Light of light, this day adorn,  
Which brings to ransomed sinners hopes of that far home  
Where saints and angels sing the praise of martyrdom.**

**Peter keybearer, Paul the teacher of mankind,  
Lights of the world and judges sent to loose and bind,  
Alike triumphant or by cross and sword-stroke found,  
In life's high senate stand with victor's laurel crowned.**

**Good shepherd, Peter, unto whom the charge was given  
To close or open ways of pilgrimage to heaven,  
In sin's hard bondage held may we have grace to know  
The full remission thou wast granted to bestow.**

**O noble teacher, Paul, we trust to learn to thee  
Both earthly converse and the flight of ecstasy;  
Till from the fading truths that now we know in part  
We pass to fullness of delight for mind and heart.**

**Twin olive branches, pouring oil of gladness forth,  
Your prayers shall aid us, that for all our little worth,  
Believing, hoping, loving, we for whom ye plead,  
This body dying, may attain to life indeed.**

**Now to the glorious Trinity be duly paid  
Worship and honour, praise and service unafraid,  
Who in unchanging Unity, one Lord sublime,  
Hath ever lived as now and to unending time. Amen.**

*Latin 9<sup>th</sup> century or earlier tr TA Lacey (1853-1931)*

*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 Children's Church to their activities, and invites the people to recall and confess their sins:*

*Priest*        As we celebrate the memory of the holy Apostles Peter  
                         and Paul, let us acknowledge our lack of faithfulness and  
                         devotion. So let us confess 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 Kyries:*

*People*     **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**  
                  **Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**  
                  **Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

*We all sing the Gloria.*

*People*     **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. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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*     O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. 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 Acts of the Apostles. (*Acts 12; 1-11*).  
About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he

had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

This is the word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

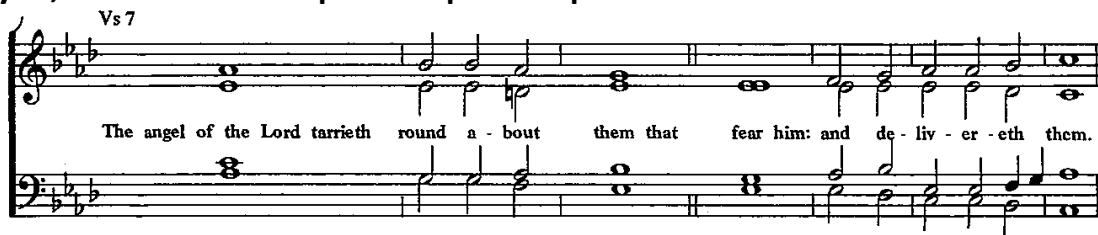
*Remain seated to sing Psalm 34:*

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- 1 I will always give thanks | unto ' the | Lord :  
his praise shall | ever ' be | in my | mouth.**

- 2 My soul shall make her | boast ' in the | Lord :  
the humble shall | hear there- | of, and ' be | glad.
- 3 O praise the | Lord with | me :  
and let us | magnify ' his | Name to- | gether.
- 4 I sought the Lord, | and he | heard me :  
yea, he delivered me | out of | all my | fear.
- 5 They had an eye unto him, | and were | lightened :  
and their | faces ' were | not a- | shamed.
- 6 Lo, the poor crieth, and the | Lord\_ | heareth him :  
yea, and saveth him | out of | all his | troubles.



- 7 The angel of the Lord tarrieth | round a- ' bout | them that | fear him :  
and de- | liver- ' eth | them.
- 8 O taste, and see, how | gracious ' the | Lord is :  
blessed is the | man that | trusteth ' in | him.

*Remain seated for the second reading:*

*Reader* A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy. (2 Timothy 4; 6-8, 17-18)

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was *rescued from the lion's mouth*. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand for the gospel acclamation after a brief pause for reflection.*

*Choir*      Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*People*      **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Choir*      You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

*People*      **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Priest*      The Lord be with you,

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Priest*      A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
*(Matthew 16; 13-19)*

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

*Priest*      When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.*

*Priest*     Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints, let us  
make our prayers to the Father through Christ our Lord.

*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*      Bring us, Lord, and all for whom we pray, to sit at your table in your kingdom. Merciful Father,

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

*Please sit, as the Choir sing "O Holy Spirit, Lord of Grace" by Christopher Tye (c.1505- before 1573), and bread and wine are brought to the altar.*

*Stand to sing hymn REH 287, 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.*

**Let the round world with songs rejoice,  
Let heaven return the joyful voice,  
All mindful of the apostles' fame,  
Let heaven and earth their praise proclaim.**

**Ye servants who once bore the light  
Of gospel truth o'er heathen night,  
Still may your work that light impart,  
To glad our eyes and cheer our heart.**

**O God, by whom to them was given  
The key that shuts and opens heaven,  
Our chains unbind, our loss repair,  
And grant us grace to enter there.**

**For at thy will they preached the word  
Which cured disease, which health conferred;  
O may thy healing power once more  
Our souls to grace and health restore.**

**That when as judge thy Son shall come  
To bring his ransomed people home,  
He may with them pronounce us blest,  
And place us in thine endless rest.**

**To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Be honour, praise and majesty,  
Now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

*Latin 10<sup>th</sup> century tr R Mant (1776-1848) 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 the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. 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:*

*People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel. The Eucharistic Prayer continues, until the Words of Institution.*

*Then all make the Memorial Acclamation:*

*Priest* 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 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 sing,

*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*     Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

*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 371 is sung, all remaining seated or kneeling.*

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,**

**The Holy One, is here;**

**Come bow before him now**

**With reverence and fear.**

**In him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground;  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of light;  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place;  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
In faith receive from him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.**

*David J Evans (b 1957) © 1986 Thankyou Music.*

*All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:*

*Priest*      Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this  
Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in  
the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the  
Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made  
steadfast in your love. 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* May almighty God bless you, for he has made you steadfast in St Peter's saving confession and through it has set you on the solid rock of the Church's faith. **Amen.** And having instructed you by the timeless preaching of St Paul, may God teach you constantly by his example to win brothers and sisters for Christ. **Amen.**

So that by the keys of St Peter and the words of St Paul. And by the support of their intercession, God may bring us happily to that homeland that Peter attained on a cross and Paul by the blade of a sword. **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.

*People* **Amen.**

*Priest* Like living stones, precious in his sight, go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Clergy and servers process to the Shrine of Our Lady to sing 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 290 as clergy and servers depart:*

**Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth,  
Who chooseth for thine the weak and the poor,  
To frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,  
Entrusting thy riches which ay shall endure;**

**Throughout the wide world their message is heard,  
And swift as the wind it circles the earth;  
It echoes the voice of the heavenly Word,  
And brings unto mortals the hope of new birth.**

**Their cry thunders forth, 'Christ Jesus is Lord',  
Then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall:  
As when those shrill trumpets were raised at thy word,  
And one long blast shattered proud Jericho's wall.**

**O loud be the call, and stirring the sound,  
To rouse us, O Lord, from sin's deadly sleep;  
May lights which thou kindlest in darkness around,  
The dull soul awaken, her vigil to keep.**

**All honour and praise, dominion and might,  
To thee, Three in One, eternally be,  
Who pouring around us thy glorious light,  
Dost call us from darkness thy glory to see.**

*Latin JB de Santeuil (1630-97) tr Isaac Williams (1802-65) & editors.*

*The organist plays “Fugue sur les Jeux d’Anches” by François Couperin (1668-1733).*

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