

**ST GEORGE
BICKLEY**

**THE ORDER FOR MASS ON
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST
HOLY TRINITY**

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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. Sorry, Children's Church are on their half-term break.

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: Congress Mass.

Please stand when the bell rings, for the procession of the clergy and servers, and to sing hymn REH **191**:

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Bishop Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

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 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.

Cantor Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father
Lord have mercy.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Cantor Lord Jesus, you have sent us the Spirit of truth
Christ have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Cantor Lord Jesus, you are the source of eternal life
Lord have mercy.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

People **Amen**

Remain standing to sing the Gloria

People **Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, and peace, 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 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. Deuteronomy 4; 32-34, 39-40.

Reader A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.
Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?
'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm (33) follows the reading. Remain seated to sing,



- 3 Sing unto the Lord a | new_ | song :
sing praises lustily unto | him ' with a | good_ | courage.
- 4 For the word of the | Lord is | true :
and | all his | works are | faithful.
- 5 He loveth | righteousness ' and | judgement :
the earth is full of the | goodness | of the | Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the | heavens | made :
and all the hosts of them | by the | breath of ' his | mouth.
- 9 For he spake and | it was | done :
he commanded | and it | stood_ | fast.
- 12 Blessed are the people, whose God is the | Lord Je- | hovah :
and blessed are the folk, that he hath chosen to | him to | be ' his in- |
heritance.
- 17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon | them that | fear him :
and upon them that | put their | trust ' in his | mercy;
- 18 To deliver their | soul from | death :
and to feed them | in the | time of | dearth.
- 19 Our soul hath patiently tarried | for the | Lord :
for he is our | help_ | and our | shield.
- 21 Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, | be up- | on us :
like as we do | put our | trust in | thee.

Remain seated for the Second Reading. Romans. 1; 14-17.

Reader A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.
Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united

witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, 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 Matthew.
Matthew 28; 16-20.

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

Priest The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

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 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, “Holy, Holy, Holy” by Franz Schubert (1797-1828), as bread and wine are brought to the altar,

Please stand to sing hymn REH 465, as the collection is taken. A card reader is available at the back of church for contactless donations, or use the QR code.

**Firmly I believe and truly
God is Three, and God is One;
And I next acknowledge duly
Manhood taken by the Son.**

**And I trust and hope most fully
In that Manhood crucified;
And each thought and deed unruly
Do to death, as he has died.**

**Simply to his grace and wholly
Light and life and strength belong,
And I love supremely, solely,
Him the holy, him the strong.**

**And I hold in veneration,
For the love of him alone,**

**Holy Church as his creation,
And her teachings are his own.**

**Adoration may be given,
With and through the angelic host,
To the God of earth and heaven,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.** *St John Henry Newman (1801-90)*

Then, all stand as 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 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.**

The Priest intones 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,
hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel and join in 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 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 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 baptised and confirmed, please come forward for a blessing instead of communion, carrying this Order of Service.*

During communion hymn REH 399 is sung, for which all remain seated or kneeling,

**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 C14.*

Then please 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.

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 forth, the Mass is ended.

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 483 as the clergy and servers depart:

How shall I sing that majesty

Which angels do admire?

Let dust in dust and silence lie;

Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.

Thousands of thousands stand around

Thy throne, O God most high;

Ten thousand times ten thousand sound

Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,

Whilst I thy footsteps trace;

A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun
There alleluyas be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part
With that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
With all my fire and light;
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere. *John Mason (1646-94)*

The organist then plays "Trinity" Fugue in E flat, BWV 552a, JS Bach (1685-1750).

Please join us for tea and coffee in the Hall.

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