

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand for the hymn (3). After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave.

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Mary Berg, Jean-Paul Buffet, Paul Bultez, Angela Casone, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Isabelle Foulon, Ophélie Goubault, Françoise Guibert, Irene Hicks, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Kenneth Nyakana, Bernadette Pédeflous, Simone Rabaud, Maxie Stavritch, Pascale Stephany, Grace Valéry, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick and for Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Joan Boyer

Notices :

Welcome to the Eucharist today. We are delighted to meet visitors and newcomers after the service, when drinks will be served in the Parish Hall. Wine or coffee is available for 1.5 euro: the money goes towards choir funds.

Bienvenue à Saint-Georges. Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin ou une tasse de café (1.5 euro) après la messe dans la salle paroissiale, et si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

There is a Lunch today. Price 10€.

Confessions during Advent will be heard on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 17h00 and can be heard on Saturday mornings. If these times are not helpful please contact Fr Mark either on his mobile (06.59.37.49.54) or via chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org

The revised Lunch List is up today. Please think if you'd like to cook lunch on the spiffy new cooker! There are some very wise heads who will be happy to give you helpful advice. Eating together has been at the heart of life at St George's for a very long time and it would be good to welcome new cooks to our rota.

Fr Andrew Bigg is marrying Anna on 3rd January! He's also been appointed to a parish in Oxford Diocese. Robin Baker has undertaken to manage the collection for a wedding present please contact him if you'd like to contribute to the present.

St George's Paris

Advent 3: 15th December 2019

A warm welcome to St George's. You will find the readings and hymn numbers on this newsletter, hymns are in the green book and the service outline is in the cream booklets. Today the choir sings the **Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode** by Charles Wood (1886-1926), the motet during Communion will be **This is the Record of John** by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

This week:

Sunday 15th	Advent 3 0830 1030 1830	Mass (BCP) Solemn Mass Service of Lessons and Carols
Monday 16th	Advent Feria	
Tuesday 17th	O Sapientia 1800 1830	Evensong Mass
Wednesday 18th	O Adonai 1200 1800	Mass Evensong
Thursday 19th	O Radix Jesse 1800 1830	Evensong Mass
Friday 20th	O Clavis David	
Saturday 21st	O Oriens 1200	Mass
Sunday 22nd	Advent 4 0830 1030	Mass (BCP) Solemn Mass

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Please stand for the opening hymn (7) when the bell rings. The service continues in the cream service books on page 1—**please note the seasonal changes which you find in this sheet.** During Advent the Choir will sing a verse of the Advent Prose (501) as an entrance antiphon.



Prayer of Penitence

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen**

Opening Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the Advent Sequence (502)

Salus aeterna, indeficiens mundi vita. Lux sempiterna, et redemptio vera nostra. Condolens humana perire saecula per tentantis numina. Non linquens excelsa, adisti ima propria dementia. Mox tua spontanea gratia assumens humana, Quae fuerant perdita omnia, salvasti terrea. Ferens mundo gaudia. Tu animas et corpora nostra, Christe, expia, Ut possideas lucida nosmet libitacula. Adventu primo iustificas. In secundo nosque libera; Ut cum facta luce magna, iudicabis omnia, Compti stola incorrupta, nosmet tua subsequamur mox vestigia quocumque visa. Amen.

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the

late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (18).

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.' As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Creed

You will find the Creed to a setting by Merbecke in the hymnbook (542).

Intercessions:

Faithful God: **you are the rock we stand on.**

Offertory

Please stand for the hymn (16) at the preparation of the altar; during this hymn a collection will be taken. During the Eucharistic Prayer we proclaim the mystery of faith by using the following:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

At the end of the prayer we all respond

... in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion if you do so in your own church. If you would prefer, please come forward and bow your head for a blessing.

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**