

Deus homo factus est, Natura mirante; Mundus renovatus est A Christo regnante.
God was made man, and nature marvels; the world was renewed by Christ who is King.

Ezechiellis porta Clausa pertransitur; Unde lux est orta Salus invenitur.
The closed gate of Ezechiel Has been passed through; From where the light rises—
Salvation is found.

Ergo nostra cantio, Psallat iam in lustro; Benedicat Domino: Salus Regi nostro.
Therefore let our assembly now sing, Sing the Psalms to purify us; Let it praise the Lord:
Greetings to our King.

Notices :

Welcome to the Eucharist tonight. We are delighted to meet visitors, newcomers and our regular congregation. Champagne will be served in the Parish Hall after the service.

Bienvenue à Saint-Georges. Nous vous invitons à prendre une champagne après la messe dans la salle paroissiale, et si vous êtes visiteur nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

Giving at St George's: now is the time to consider if you would like to top-up your giving to St George's for this tax year. If you pay tax in France and give by either standing order or cheque, you can have up to 66% of your giving to St George's deducted from your income tax liability. More details are available from Fr Mark or our Treasurer, Mike Orrin.

The Clergy, Churchwardens and People of St George's, Paris send you, and all those you love, their prayers for a blessed and happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2020.



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 Gourbault, Françoise Guibert, Irene Hicks, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Kenneth Nyakana, Bernadette Pédeflous, Simone Rabaud, Maxie Stavritch, Pascale Stephany, Grace Valéry, HRH Prince Philip, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick and for Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.
Those who have died: David Coles priest, Alston Howard.

St George's Paris

Mass of Christmas Day : 25th December 2019

A warm welcome to St George's this evening. You will find the readings and hymn numbers on this newsletter, carols are in the green book and the service outline is in the cream booklets beginning on page 1—please note seasonal changes in this sheet. Today the choir sings the **Missa Pastorita** by Karl Kemper (1819-1871), the Gloria is from the **Rural Messe** by Czech composer Robert Führer (1807-1861), the motet during Communion will be **Sing we the Virgin Mary** arr John Jacob Niles (1892-1980 from the traditional *As on the Night before this happie Morn* set by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625). The sortie is **Gaudete, Gaudete, Christus est natus**. We are delighted to welcome Simon Lawford as our organist for the Feast!

This week:

Wednesday 25th	Christmas Day
	0830 Mass (BCP)
	1030 Solemn Mass
	1630 Messe Malgache
Thursday 26th	St Stephen, martyr
	1800 Evensong
	1830 Mass
Friday 27th	St John the Divine
	1200 Mass
Saturday 28th	The Holy Innocents
	1200 Mass
Sunday 29th	Christmas I
	0830 Mass (BCP)
	1030 Solemn Mass

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Please stand for the opening carol (30—omit vv 4 and 5) when the bell rings.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.' Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for today (Psalm 98).

*O sing unto the Lord a new song * for he hath done marvellous things. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm * hath he gotten himself the victory. The Lord declared his salvation * his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the heathen. He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel * and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God. Shew yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands * sing, rejoice, and give thanks. Praise the Lord upon the harp * sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving. With trumpets also, and shawms * O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King. Let the sea make a noise, and all that therein is * the round world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful together before the Lord * for he is come to judge the earth. With righteousness shall he judge the world * and the people with equity.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, 'You are my Son; today I have begotten you'? Or again, 'I will be his Father, and he will be my Son'? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, 'Let all God's angels worship him.' Of the angels he says, 'He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire.' But of the Son he says, 'Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.' And, 'In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.'

Please stand for the gradual hymn (40).

Holy Gospel: Matthew John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was

John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Creed

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

Intercessions:

Emmanuel, God with us: **we welcome you!**

Offertory

Please stand for the hymn (24) 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 final verse of O Come all ye faithful:

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesu, to thee be glory given:
word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him...**

At the end of the prayer we all respond Amen.

Breaking of the bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God is here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread always.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds; through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand for the hymn (21). After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave.

*Gaudete, Gaudete! Christus et natus Ex maria virgine, Gaudete!
Rejoice, Rejoice! Christ is born Of the virgin Mary, Rejoice!*

*Tempus ad est gratiae, Hoc quod optabamus; Carmina laetitiae, Devote redamus.
It is now the time of grace That we have desired; Let us sing songs of joy,
Let us give devotion.*