

... in songs of everlasting praise:

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

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

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please stand for the hymn (187). After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave.

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Fr Beaumont Brandie, Mary Berg, Jean-Paul Buffet, Paul Bultez, Angela Casone, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Eric Benson, 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, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick and for Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul. **Those who have died:**

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. There will be a Parish Lunch today costing 10 euros.

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. Il y aura un déjeuner aujourd'hui au prix de 10 euros.

The RSCM welcomes you to its upcoming event: Singing the Word on Saturday 29th February, 10.30 am-4 pm here at St. George's (a joint venture). More details at www.rscmfrance.org.

The next PCC Meeting will be on Wednesday 12th February at 19h in the Church Hall.

There will be an Instrumental and Singing Day on Saturday, 14th March from 10 am at St. Mark's, Versailles organised by RSCM France. The choir will be prepared and directed by Adrian Shaw and the music group by Amanda Haste. Details and application form at www.rscmfrance.org.

The revised Lunch List is up today. Please sign up!

The Liftkar needs more hands. If you would like to be trained for this please speak to the Churchwardens or Chaplain.

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St George's Paris

The Presentation of Christ—Candlemas : 2nd February 2020

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 Mass setting is the **Messe brève** by Charles Gounod (1818-1893), and the Communion motet is **When to the Temple Mary went** by Johannes Eccard (1553-1611). The Gloria and Creed are by Merbecke (542). The Sortie is the **Allegro from Suite in D** by John Stanley. (1712-1786).

This week:

Sunday 2nd	The Presentation of Christ or Candlemas 0830 Mass (BCP) 1030 Solemn Mass 1630 Messe Malgache
Monday 3rd	Anskar, archbishop. Ordinary Time begins.
Tuesday 4th	Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertines 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Wednesday 5th	Feria 1200 Mass 1800 Evensong
Thursday 6th	Martyrs of Japan, Accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Friday 7th	Feria
Saturday 8th	Feria 1200 Mass
Sunday 9th	3rd Sunday before Lent 0830 Mass (BCP) 1030 Solemn Mass 1730 Caen

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The service begins with the clergy and choir in the chapel: please assemble on the stairs and landing. The blessing of candles and the singing of the *Nunc Dimittis* with its antiphon (NEH 506) takes place here. Then we process into church singing (33), omitting verses 2 & 3. There is no penitential rite so we sing the *Gloria* (542) immediately after the opening hymn.

Introduction

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The candles are lit and a prayer is said.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**
Blessed are you,... in your light shall we see light. **Blessed be God for ever.**

The candles are then blessed with holy water.

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord, **in the midst of your temple.**

Open to us the gates of righteousness
that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

God is the Lord who has shown us light.

Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.

Opening Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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: Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 24:7-10)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors * and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory * it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors * and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory * even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of

death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (156). Please re-light your candles for the reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Creed

You will find the Creed by Merbecke (542)

Intercessions:

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Offertory

Please stand for the hymn (157) 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