

## Notices:

**You may like to read** an excellent article by Andrew Dunning on the medieval origins of Mothering Sunday and its 19th century revival. It reminds us that this Sunday isn't a commercial opportunity but a very human attempt to remind us of the care and compassion that, as members of the new Jerusalem, we should have for each other.

<https://blogs.bl.uk/digitisedmanuscripts/2017/03/the-medieval-origins-of-mothering-sunday.html>

It also has the excellent picture of Our Lady wresting the devil to the ground!



**Communication during the Covid-19 shut-down** will become more sophisticated as we go on. I have discovered how to post videos of services via YouTube. You can find them by going to

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvjjHjvoZFrNhkQWPOM1IeC8luBPmxz\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvjjHjvoZFrNhkQWPOM1IeC8luBPmxz_k)

These are not live broadcasts because we don't have 100 subscribers (whatever that means) and I am using my mobile phone. I am continuing to discover the wonder of technology and who knows what I might be able to achieve!

**I am preparing a new tool** called MailChimp which will allow me to message everyone with an email address. Last week showed how impressive and effective communication is within St Georges as only two people turned up for the cancelled 10h30 service. I'm hoping MailChimp will help us stay in touch.

**Thank you for your** messages and phone calls—I have been deeply touched by your care for me. I hope I will be able to show the same level of care for you. Please ring me if you need to talk/facetime. Sometimes I might not be able to respond immediately—I may be on another call.

# St George's Paris

## Lent 4 : 22nd March 2020

A warm welcome to the online Eucharist at St George's—**please turn your volume up** because Fr Mark is recording this on his phone and he is trying to find the right voice level. You will find the readings and hymns in this newsletter. **Due to the Coronavirus outbreak the Music schedule has been suspended.**

### This week:

Sunday 22nd	<b>Lent 4—Laetare or Mothering Sunday</b> 1030 The Eucharist
Monday 23rd	Lenten Feria
Tuesday 24th	Walter Hilton, mystic, Paul Couturier, ecumenist, and Oscar Romero, martyr 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Wednesday 25th	The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary 1200 Mass 1700 Eucharistic Exposition and Silent Prayer 1800 Evensong
Thursday 26th	Harriet Monsel 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Friday 27th	Lenten Feria 1200 Mass 1800 Evensong
Saturday 21st	Thomas Cranmer 1100 Stations of the Cross 1200 Mass
Sunday 22nd	<b>Lent 5—Passion Sunday</b> 1030 The Eucharist

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*When the bell rings why not join in singing the hymn from home?*

**Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms  
hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore,  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore**

#### **Prayer of Penitence**

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

#### **Opening Prayer**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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: I Samuel 1:20-28**

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a

**his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!  
the Church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but above all the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!**

**Blessing**

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:  
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:  
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.  
May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**Dismissal**

The Mass is ended. Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*The heavenly Jerusalem, Angers Apocalypse tapestry, 1377-82,  
commissioned by Louis I duc d'Anjou, designed by Jean Bondol, Chateau d'Angers, France*

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.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

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

We say together **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

#### Invitation to Communion

The president invites the people to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*From ancient times being deprived of Holy Communion has been the experience of many, many Christians. We are blessed to be able to look forward to Communion at least weekly—and we shouldn't be surprised if we feel a bewildering, painful sense of loss. St Thomas Aquinas wrote this prayer for us to say during our Quarantine.*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament.**  
**I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul.**  
**Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,**  
**come at least spiritually into my heart.**  
**As though you You have already come,**  
**I embrace and unite myself entirely to You;**  
**Never permit me to be separated from You.**  
**Amen.**

#### Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world,  
the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand for the hymn .

**Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!**  
**The heavens are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly:**  
**the earth is not too low,**

nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you,  
wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the  
woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned  
him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and  
a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was  
young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said,  
'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your  
presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me  
the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he  
lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Please use the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 127) in your own prayers.

*Except the Lord build the house \* their labour is but lost that build it. Except the Lord keep  
the city \* the watchman waketh but in vain. It is but lost labour that ye haste to rise up early,  
and so late take rest, and eat the bread of carefulness \* for so he giveth his beloved sleep.  
Lo, children and the fruit of the womb \* are an heritage and gift that cometh of the Lord.  
Like as the arrows in the hand of the giant \* even so are the young children. Happy is the  
man that hath his quiver full of them \* they shall not be ashamed when they speak with  
their enemies in the gate.*

#### Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion,  
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a  
complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so  
you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything  
together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which  
indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of  
Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with  
gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever  
you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to  
God the Father through him.

Why not stand up to show the attentiveness of heart, mind and spirit?

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

This child is the light to enlighten the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

#### Holy Gospel: John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister,  
Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the  
disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is  
your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the  
disciple took her into his own home.

The sermon will be posted separately.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,**

**Creed**

maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
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.**

**We 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 worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

O God, the creator and preserver of all,  
we pray for people in every kind of need;  
make your ways known on earth,  
your saving health among all nations ...

We pray for the good estate of the catholic Church;  
guide and govern us by your good Spirit,  
that all who profess and call themselves Christians  
may be led into the way of truth,  
and hold the faith in unity of spirit,  
in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life ...

#### Intercessions:

We commend to your fatherly goodness  
all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed,  
in mind, body or estate;  
comfort and relieve them in their need,  
give them patience in their sufferings,  
and bring good out of all their afflictions ...

We remember those who have gone before us  
in the peace of Christ,  
and we give you praise for all your faithful ones,  
with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints ...

All this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.  
**Amen.**

**Peace**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,  
'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

**Offertory**

*The Prayer at the Preparation of the Table comes after the gifts are offered on the altar. The Preface for Lent follows.*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and then all say the Sanctus to our Lenten setting (after Merbecke).*

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

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

*The prayer continues until*

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

*At the end of the prayer we all respond* **Amen.**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;**