

Notices :

Please watch your email in-boxes—after our Standing Committee meeting this weekend I'll be announcing our programme for the coming weeks and our Christmas programme.

Midday Prayer is moving! 12h30 isn't a popular time and will move to 13h00. An email will be sent on Monday to remind you of the change of time. A separate Zoom link will be provided for each type of online activity.

St George's Theology Book Club is about offering a forum for theological reflection, debate and discussion so that we can grow in faith. It is especially intended as a way in which adult formation can continue through the autumn and winter of 2020/21, during which time it is highly likely at least some elements of Covid restrictions will remain in place. For this reason, our book club will meet once a month online via Zoom. Our final novel this term is Alessandro Manzoni's **The Betrothed** on 3rd December. All books are available cheaply on bookfinder.com or Amazon.fr. More details will be available on the website.

Morning and Evening Prayer are posted daily to St George's YouTube channel by a small team and have a congregation of roughly 20 people across the globe. Would you be willing to join the team? You need wifi and either an iphone/android or a computer with camera. You are not leading live worship but making a resource available—promise it's not at all scary!

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, Eric Benson, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Isabelle Foulon, Ophélie Goubault, Irene Hicks, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Amy Linton, Mirentxu Le Maire, Kenneth Nyakana, Bernadette Pédeflous, Simone Rabaud, Pascale Stephany, Grace Valéry, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick and for Clare, Emilio and baby Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: All who have died of Covid-19 this week.

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St George's Paris

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A warm welcome to St George's online worship this week. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. This week the Choir are singing Gounod's **Messe de l'Intonation Catholique** and the anthem is **O thou the central orb**. The Sortie is by JS Bach **Wachet auf**. During this phased deconfinement we will continue to post Morning and Evening Prayer but the Eucharist will be a live recording of the public services so there will be a delay in online services.

	Morning Prayer	07h00
	Evensong	18h30
	Compline (Saturday)	21h00
Sunday 29th	Advent I 1030	Sung Eucharist
Monday 30th	Andrew, apostle	
Tuesday 1st	Charles de Foucoud, hermit 1800	Evensong
	1830	Mass
Wednesday 2nd	Advent FERIA 1200	Mass
	1300	Zoom Midday Prayer and Conversation
	1800	Evensong
Thursday 3rd	Francis Xavier, missionary 1800	Evensong
	1830	Mass
	2030	Book Group or Bible Study
Friday 4th	John of Damascus, teacher of the faith, Nicholas Gidding, fdr	
Saturday 5th	Of Our Lady 1200	Mass
Sunday 6th	Advent II 0830	Holy Communion (1662)
	1030	Solemn Eucharist

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

**Gabriel's message does away Satan's curse and Satan's sway,
out of darkness brings our Day: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.**

**He that comes despised shall reign; he that cannot die, be slain;
death by death its death shall gain: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.**

**Weakness shall the strong confound; by the hands, in grave clothes wound,
Adam's chains shall be unbound. So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.**

**By the sword that was his own, by that sword, and that alone,
shall Goliath be o'erthrown: So, behold, All the gates of heaven unfold.**

**Art by art shall be assailed; to the cross shall Life be nailed;
from the grave shall hope be hailed: So, behold, All the gates of heaven
unfold.**

Greeting

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

*The celebration is introduced and we are invited to remember and confess our sins in preparation
for our celebration together. The choir sings the Kyries.*

Penitential Rite

**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**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the
armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ
came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his
glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains
would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes
water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations
might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not
expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God the... **Amen.**

The Mass is ended, go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Saviour of the world is here!**

**O blest the land, the city blest Where Christ as ruler is confessed;
O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this king in triumph comes.**

**Come then, O Saviour, and abide, Our hearts to thee be open wide:
May all thy inward presence feel, To all thy grace and love reveal.**

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.**

At the end of the prayer we all respond **Amen.** *We remain standing to pray together*

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
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.

As we prepare for Holy Communion the Choir sing the **Agnus Dei.**

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

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.

Whilst reading this at home you may like to use the following prayer:

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament,
I love you above all things and I desire you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you now sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my soul.
As though you were already there I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you;
permit not that I should ever be separated from you.
Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings 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 liabitacula. 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: I Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gradual

**Hark, the glad sound! The Saviour comes, the Saviour promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.**

**He comes the prisoners to release, in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before Him burst, the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of His grace, to enrich the humbled poor.**

**Our glad Hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring, with Thy beloved Name.**

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all

these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon is by the Chaplain.

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Merbecke)

We believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions

We remain standing to pray together. At the end of each petition this response is used

O God, keep us awake to you: **and alive to your call.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

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

We are invited to give one another a sign of peace without touching—please use the Namaste or a bow of the head (a smile is really good too!). Our financial offering will be brought up by the Sidespeople from the Lower Landing table.

**Hills of the North, rejoice; Echoing songs arise,
Hail with united voice Him who made earth and skies:
He comes in righteousness and love, He brings salvation from above.**

**Isles of the southern seas, Sing to the listening earth
Carry on every breeze, Hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew, His word is sure, his promise true.**

**Lands of the East, arise, He is your brightest morn,
Greet him with joyous eyes, Praise shall his path adorn:
The God whom you have longed to know
In Christ draws near, and calls you now.**

**Shores of the utmost West, Lands of the setting sun,
Welcome the heavenly guest In whom the dawn has come:
He brings a never-ending light Who triumphed o'er our darkest night.**

**Shout, as you journey on, Songs be in every mouth;
Lo, from the North they come, From East, and West, and South.
In Jesus all shall find their rest, In him the sons of earth be blest.**

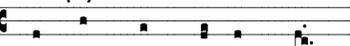
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



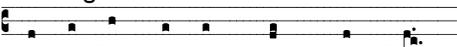
and also with you.

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 the Choir sings the Sanctus.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The prayer continues until the Proclamation of Faith