

## Notices :

**A warm welcome to worship this morning!** A huge thanks to Edmund Linton, Chude Mba and John Crothers who have maintained our online worship during the lockdown. To our readers and musicians and all who have wrestled with technology to ensure we can keep in touch with each other and with God in our community.

**We heard this week that Paul Sherrell died peacefully** on Sunday 29th November. Fr Martin was in contact with Janet from the start of his final illness. If you would like to contact Janet personally please ask Anne for her contact details via the Office.

**If you would like to give towards our Christmas Flowers** please drop your donation into the basket left at the door on your way out of church.

**The Carol Service this year will be online.** We will aim to involve as many readers and musicians as we can and the service will be released on Sunday 20th December.

**Midday Prayer is continuing at 13h00.** To offer 15 minutes of quiet reflection from your computer—you don't even need to turn your screen on!

**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:** Paul Sherrell, Carol Hughie and all who have died of Covid-19 this week.

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# St George's Paris

## Second Sunday of Advent : 6.12.2020

A warm welcome to St George's online worship this week. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet.

Today the choir sings the **Missa super 'Puisque j'ai perdu'** by Orlandus Lassus (1532-1594), the motet during Communion will be **Cum audisset Ioannes** by Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599).

Sunday 6th	<b>Advent I I</b> 0830 Holy Communion (1662) 1030 Sung Eucharist
Monday 7th	Ambrose, bishop
Tuesday 8th	Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Wednesday 9th	Ember Day 1200 Mass 1300 Zoom Midday Prayer and Conversation 1800 Evensong
Thursday 10th	Advent Weekday 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Friday 11th	Ember Day
Saturday 12th	Ember Day 1200 Mass
Sunday 13th	<b>Advent III</b> 0830 Holy Communion (1662) 1030 Solemn Eucharist

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## The Gathering

The choir will sing a part of the Advent Prose as the Entrance Antiphon—**please note the seasonal changes which you find in this sheet.** As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

**Hark! a herald voice is calling: 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!'**

**Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven;  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiven;**

**So when next he comes with glory, Wrapping all the earth in fear,  
May he then as our defender Of the clouds of heaven appear.**

**Honour, glory, virtue, merit, To the Father and the Son,  
With the co-eternal Spirit, While unending ages run. Amen.**

### 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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

## During Communion the Choir sings the motet

*Cum audisset Ioannes in vinculis opera Christi, mittens duos de discipulis suis ait illi: Tu es qui venturus es? An alium expectamus? Et respondens Jesus ait illis: Euntes renunciate Joanni quae audistis et vidistis: Caeci vident, claudi ambulant, surdi audiunt, mortui resurgunt pauperes evangelizantur.*

*Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

### Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The advent of our God With eager prayers we greet,  
and singing haste upon His road his glorious gift to meet.**

**The everlasting Son Scorns not the Virgin's womb;  
that we from bondage may be won He bears a bondsman's doom.**

**Daughter of Sion, rise To meet thy lowly King,  
let not thy stubborn heart despise The peace he comes to bring.**

**On clouds of dazzling light, As Judge he comes again,  
his scattered people to unite With him in heaven to reign.**

**Let evil flee away Ere that dread hour shall dawn,  
let this old Adam day by day The new Man all put on.**

**Praise to the Incarnate Son, Who comes to set us free,  
with God the Father, ever One, To all eternity. Amen.**

### 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.**

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

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.*

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm (85.1-2, 8-13)

*Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land \* thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob. Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people \* and covered all their sins. I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me \* for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again. For his salvation is nigh them that fear him \* that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together \* righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall flourish out of the earth \* and righteousness hath looked down from heaven. Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness \* and our land shall give her increase. Righteousness shall go before him \* and he shall direct his going in the way.*

#### **Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

#### **Gradual**

**The Lord will come and not be slow, His footsteps cannot err;  
Before him righteousness shall go, His royal harbinger.**

**Truth from the earth, like to a flower, Shall bud and blossom then;  
And justice, from her heavenly bower, Look down on mortal men.**

**Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, This wicked earth redress;  
For thou art he who shalt by right The nations all possess.**

**The nations all whom thou hast made Shall come, and all shall frame  
To bow them low before thee, Lord, And glorify thy name.**

**For great thou art, and wonders great By thy strong hand are done:  
Thou in thy everlasting seat Remainest God alone.**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

**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*

Come, O come, Emmanuel : **come and live in us.**

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.*

**Lord, thy word abideth, And our footsteps guideth;  
Who its truth believeth, Light and joy receiveth.**

**When our foes are near us, Then thy word doth cheer us,  
Word of consolation, Message of salvation.**

**When the storms are o'er us, And dark clouds before us,  
Then its light directeth, And our way protecteth.**

**Who can tell the pleasure, Who recount the treasure  
By thy word imparted To the simple-hearted?**

**Word of mercy, giving Succour to the living;  
Word of life, supplying Comfort to the dying.**

**O that we discerning Its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee, Evermore be near thee!**

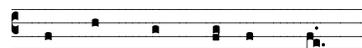
**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you



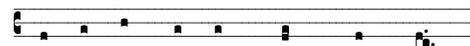
**and also with you.**

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.*