

Notices :

We regret to announce that Paul Sherrell died peacefully on Sunday 29th November. Fr Martin was in contact with Janet from the start of his final illness and will speak at his funeral at St Nicholas, Saltdean (not St Nicholas, Brighton) on Thursday 17 December at 14h30 GMT. A Memorial Service will be held at St George's in 2021. 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 Gourbault, 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: *Simon Tenant, Paul Sherrell, Carol Hughie and all who have died this week of Covid-19.*

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St George's Paris

Third Sunday of Advent : 13.12.2020

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 **Communion Service in C** by John Ireland (1879 - 1962) and the motet during Communion will be **Gabriel's Message** or the Basque Carol, arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919–2015).

Sunday 13th	Advent III	
	0830	Holy Communion (1662)
	1030	Sung Eucharist
Monday 14th	<i>John of the Cross</i>	
Tuesday 15th	Advent Weekday	
	1800	Evensong
	1830	Mass
Wednesday 16th	Advent Weekday	
	1200	Mass
	1300	Zoom Midday Prayer and Conversation
	1800	Evensong
Thursday 17th	O Sapientia	
	1800	Evensong
	1830	Mass
Friday 18th	<i>O Adonai</i>	
Saturday 19th	O Radix Jesse	
	1200	Mass
Sunday 20th	Advent IV	
	0830	Holy Communion (1662)
	1030	Solemn Eucharist

Christmas Services 2020

Christmas Eve 24th Dec	TBC	Family Eucharist with Carols
	22h00	Midnight Mass with Blessing of the Crib
Christmas Day 25th Dec	08h30	Holy Communion
	10h30	Solemn Mass with Prayers at the Crib
	16h30	Messe Malgache

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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.

**The race that long in darkness pined Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt in death's surrounding night.**

**To hail thy rise, thou better Sun, the gathering nations come,
Joyous as when the reapers bear The harvest-treasures home.**

**To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him, all the hosts of heaven.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace, For evermore adored,
The Wonderful, the Counsellor, The great and mighty Lord.**

**His power increasing still shall spread; His reign no end shall know;
Justice shall guard his throne above, And peace abound below.**

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 Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

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.*

*During Communion the Choir sings the motet **Gabriel's Message.***

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **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.**

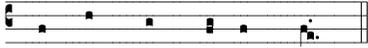
Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

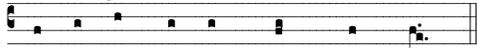
The Mass is ended, go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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

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.

to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm for the day (Magnificat).

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Gradual

Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew.

Come to make all things new; Bear his People's burden,

Freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

When he comes, When he comes, Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man, This is God's timeless plan:

He will come, as a man, Born himself of woman,

God divinely human. Refrain

Mary, hail! Though afraid; She believed, she obeyed.

In her womb God is laid; Till the time expected

Nurtured and protected. Refrain

Journey ends! Where afar Bethlem shines, like a star,

Stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary,

**Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes! We will make him welcome!**

Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

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. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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

Keep us faithful: to your calling.

**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.

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before him, And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him, His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All-blessing and all-blest:
The time of tide shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever; That name to us is Love.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



and also with you.