

## Notices :

**Our congratulations and prayers go to Sarah and Edouard**, who worshipped here in the autumn of 2020, on the arrival of twins Penelope and Charles. Please keep them and all new families separated by Covid-19 in your prayers.

**In 2024 we celebrate our 200th Anniversary.** The Church Council has asked for volunteers to form a Committee to organise the celebrations: a 'civic' service to which we'll invite Ambassadors, etc., a celebration of the role of St George's in ecumenical relations and a 'family' celebration. There will be concerts and eating and drinking but all of this needs to be planned around the Olympics! If you'd like to be involved please put your name on the list on the Landing Table.

**The new Flower Rota** is available this morning. If you'd like to arrange flowers or sponsor a particular date please see the list on the noticeboard.

**The Theology Book Club** this term will be reading:

*The Ballad of Reading Gaol* by Oscar Wilde, on Thursday 18th February

*My Name is Asher Lev*, by Chaim Potok, on Thursday 18th March

*The Master and Margarita* by Mikhail Bulgakov on Thursday 15th April

**The Bible Study** is every Thursday at 20h30. We are currently studying the letters of St John and will be following the outline you can find on the website. Details of the course will be sent out via MailChimp.

### Lent at St George's in a time of Pandemic

Monday—Lenten Reflection via email

Tuesday—20h30 Lenten Study Group

Wednesday 19h30—Stations of the Cross via Zoom

Thursday—TBC Lenten Study Group

**The Lent Book** will be *A Cross in the Heart of God : Reflections on the death of Jesus* by The Rev'd Sam Wells (ISBN 9781786222930). The Canterbury Press Lent book for 2021 focuses on the significance of the story at the very centre of Christianity: the crucifixion. Samuel Wells writes as a theologian and pastor to explore the cross in the purposes of God and how this act brings about salvation. Three sections, each with six short chapters, explore the cross in: the Old Testament (Covenant, Test, Passover, Atonement, Servant, Sacrifice); the Epistles (Forgiveness, Obedience, Foolishness, Example, Reconciliation, Boast); the Gospels (Finished, Judged, Betrayed, Pierced, Forsaken, Mocked). Written with characteristic clarity and wearing its considerable learning lightly, *A Cross at the Heart of God* will give readers a comprehensive understanding of the story at the heart of scripture, the central event in history and a core tenet of the Christian faith.

**In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list:** *Mary Berg, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Eric Benson, Alan Fletcher, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, 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, 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.*

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# St George's, Paris

## Candlemass or The Presentation of Christ : 31st January 2021

A warm welcome to St George's worship this week—online or in person Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir sings the Mass in C Major **Credo Messe K.257** by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) and the motet during Communion will be **When Mary to the Temple went** by Johannes Eccard (1553-1611).

Sunday 31st	<b>Candlemass or The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</b> 0830 Holy Communion (1662) 1030 Solemn Eucharist
Monday 1st	<i>Brigid, abbess</i>
Tuesday 2nd	<i>Feria</i> 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Wednesday 3rd	<i>Anskar, archbishop, missionary</i> 1200 Mass
Thursday 4th	<i>Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertines</i> 1800 Evensong 1830 Mass
Friday 5th	<i>Feria</i>
Saturday 6th	<i>Martyrs of Japan, Accession of HM Queen Elizabeth</i> 1200 Mass
Sunday 7th	<b>2nd Sunday before Lent or Sexagesima</b> 0830 Holy Communion 1030 Solemn Mass 1630 Messe Malgache

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## The Gathering

The service begins with the blessing of candles and the singing of the Nunc Dimittis with its antiphon. The priest and server stand on the Chapel Landing whilst the choir and congregation remain in their seats.. There is no penitential rite so the Gloria is sung immediately after the opening hymn.

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.**

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.*

**Of the Father's heart begotten Ere the world from chaos rose,  
He is Alpha: from that Fountain, All that is and hath been flows;  
He is Omega, of all things Yet to come the mystic Close,  
Evermore and evermore.**

**O how blest that wondrous birthday, When the Maid the curse retrieved,  
Brought to birth mankind's salvation, By the Holy Ghost conceived,  
And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, In her loving arms received,  
Evermore and evermore.**

**This is he, whom seer and sybil Sang in ages long gone by;  
This is he of old revealed In the page of prophecy;  
Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour; Let the world his praises cry!  
Evermore and evermore.**

**Let the storm and summer sunshine, Gliding stream and sounding shore,  
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr, Day and night their Lord alone;  
Let creation join to laud thee Through the ages evermore,  
Evermore and evermore.**

## Introduction

*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

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. If you don't want to receive Holy Communion 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.*

*Please follow the directions of the Sides-people.*

## 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 to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**Virgin-born, we bow before thee; blessèd was the womb that bore thee;  
Mary, mother meek and mild, blessèd was she in her child.**

**Blessèd was the breast that fed thee; blessèd was the hand that led thee;  
blessèd was the parent's eye that watched thy slumbering infancy.**

**Blessèd she by all creation, who brought forth the world's Salvation,  
blessèd they for ever blest, who love thee most and serve thee best.**

**Virgin-born we bow before thee; blessèd was the womb that bore thee;  
Mary, mother meek and mild, blessèd was she in her Child.**

## Blessing

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

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

And may the blessing... always.

**Amen**

Go in the light and peace of Christ  
**Thanks be to God.**

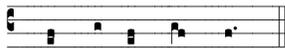
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

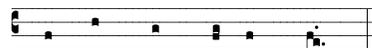
### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



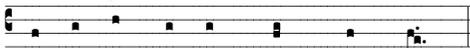
and also with you.

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.*

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 **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

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.**

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

**Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing!  
Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, Let your joyous anthems ring,  
Every tongue his name confessing, Countless voices answering,  
Evermore and evermore.**

### Gloria

*Glory be to God on high and in earth peace, goodwill towards men. We praise thee we bless thee, we worship thee we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

### 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 today (Ps.24).*

*[The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is \* the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas \* and prepared it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord \* or who shall rise up in his holy place? Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart \* and that hath not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord \* and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him \* even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.] 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.

## Gradual

**Faithful, vigil ended, Watching, waiting cease;  
Master, grant thy servant His discharge in peace.**

**All thy Spirit promised, All the Father willed;  
Now these eyes behold it Perfectly fulfilled.**

**This thy great deliverance Sets thy people free;  
Christ, thy light, uplifted All the nations see.**

**Christ, thy people's glory! Watching, doubting, cease:  
Grant to us thy servants Our discharge in peace.**

## 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.

## Sermon

*Please be seated for the sermon.*

*We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Shaw)*

*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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

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

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

*After a pause for silent prayer, we conclude*

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.*

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.**