

## Notices :

**On Shrove Tuesday (16th February)** you are warmly invited to join in the Chaplaincy Zoom Aperó. By 'phone or computer you can follow the link on the Chaplaincy email. If you don't receive the email please write in to [office@stgeorgesparis.org](mailto:office@stgeorgesparis.org) and we'll add you on.

**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.*

# St George's Paris

## 2nd Sunday before Lent or Sexagesima : 7th February 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 **Spatzenmesse K.220** by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) and the motet during Communion will be **Blessed City, heavenly Salem** by Edward Bairstow (1874-1946).

Sunday 7th **2nd Sunday before Lent or Sexagesima**

0830 Holy Communion

1030 Solemn Mass

1630 Messe Malgache

Monday 8th *Josephine Bahkita, religious*

Tuesday 9th *Feria*

1800 Evensong

1830 Mass

Wednesday 10th *Scholastica, abbess*

1200 Mass

Thursday 11th *Our Lady of Lourdes*

1800 Evensong

1830 Mass

Friday 12th *Feria*

Saturday 13th *Feria*

1200 Mass

Sunday 14th **Sunday next before Lent**

0830 Holy Communion

1030 Solemn Mass

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

**Lord of beauty, thine the splendour Shown in earth and sky and sea  
Burning sun and moonlight tender, Hill and river, flower and tree:  
Lest we fail our praise to render Touch our eyes that they may see**

**Lord of wisdom, whom obeying Mighty waters ebb and flow  
While unhasting, undelaying, Planets on their courses go;  
In thy laws thyself displaying, Teach our minds thyself to know**

**Lord of life, alone sustaining All below and all above,  
Lord of love, by whose ordaining Sun and stars sublimely move:  
In our earthly spirits reigning, Lift our hearts that we may love.**

**Lord of beauty, bid us own thee, Lord of truth, our footsteps guide  
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee, And, with wisdom purified  
Lord of all, when all have known thee, Thou in all art glorified.**

### 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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,  
in thought and word and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name.  
**Amen.****

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

### 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.****

*communion with us. Those who are prevented from doing so by their conscience, or the discipline of their Church, are most welcome to come to the altar for a blessing at the time of communion. If you are 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

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly  
paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been  
nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Let us, with a gladsome mind, Praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
For his mercies aye endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Let us blaze his Name abroad, For of gods he is the God:  
For his mercies aye endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**He with all commanding might Filled the new-made world with light:  
For his mercies aye endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**He the golden-tressèd sun Caused all day his course to run:  
For his mercies aye endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**And the hornèd moon to shine by night, Mid her spangled sisters bright:  
For his mercies aye endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**All things living he doth feed, His full hand supplies their need:  
For his mercies aye endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Let us, with a gladsome mind, Praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
For his mercies aye endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

### Blessing

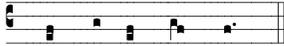
The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

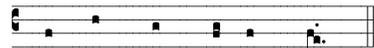
The Mass is ended, go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

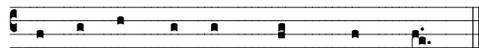
The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**



Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**



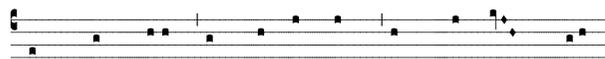
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**



*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*



**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*As we prepare for Holy Communion the Choir sings 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.*

*The celebrant invites the people to Communion*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins 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 my soul shall be healed.**

*During this emergency Holy Communion will be given in its fullness in the Bread alone. All who are  
baptised and communicant members of one of the Christian churches are welcome to receive*

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

*Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 104.26-end).*

*There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan \* whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein. These wait all upon thee \* that thou mayest give them meat in due season. When thou givest it them they gather it \* and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good. When thou hidest thy face they are troubled \* when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust. When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made \* and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever \* the Lord shall rejoice in his works. The earth shall tremble at the look of him \* if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke. I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live \* I will praise my God while I have my being. And so shall my words please him \* my joy shall be in the Lord. As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end \* praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.*

### Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Please stand for the gradual hymn*

**The Lord reigns clothed in strength and power,  
And beauty is his royal robe:  
For his eternal throne he poised  
The pillars of the solid globe.**

The thunder of the brooks in spate,  
The restless motion of the tides,  
Those voices of the springs proclaim  
The Lord whose majesty abides.

Then in the splendour of his house  
Now and for ever glorify  
The Lord whose covenant stands firm,  
Who built the earth and sea and sky.

### Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Sermon

*Please be seated for the Sermon.*

Creed

*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.**

Intercessions

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

Wise and holy God: **we are your children.**

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.*

**All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluya! Alleluya!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day Unfoldest blessings on our way  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them his glory also show:  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**

**Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**