

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices :

A huge thank you to all those who have donated to the *Banque Alimentaire*. Donations are taken down regularly and received gratefully by the volunteers at St Pierre du Chaillot.
Thank you too to the *200th Anniversary Committee* which met on Monday and came up with some excellent ideas.

Lent at St George's in a time of Pandemic

Monday Lenten Reflection via email
Tuesday 19h00 Lenten Study Group
Wednesday 19h00 Stations of the Cross via Zoom
Thursday 19h00 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.

The Theology Book Club this term will be reading:

My Name is Asher Lev, by Chaim Potok, on Thursday 18th March 20h30

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

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, Mirrentxu 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: Clair Jones. All who have died of Covid-19.

St George's Paris

Lent 3 : 7th March 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 **Missa Passionis Christi** by Arthur Wills (1926-), and the motet during Communion will be **Miserere mei (Psalm 51)** by William Byrd (1542/43-1623).

Sunday 7th **3rd Sunday of Lent**
0830 Holy Communion
1030 Solemn Eucharist
1600 Online Worship—Malagasy Community

Monday 8th *Edward King, bishop, Geoffrey Studdart Kennedy, priest*

Tuesday 9th *Lenten Feria*
0915 Eucharist
1900 Lent Group—Online

Wednesday 10th *Lenten Feria*
1200 Eucharist
1900 Stations of the Cross—Online
2000 PCC Meeting—Online

Thursday 11th *Lenten Feria*
0915 Eucharist
1900 Lent Group—Online

Friday 12th *Lenten Feria*

Saturday 13th *Lenten Feria*
1200 Eucharist

Sunday 14th **4th Sunday of Lent**
0830 Holy Communion
1030 Solemn Eucharist

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

**All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th' Almighty giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.**

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.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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: Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before

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

Invitation 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 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

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We sing the praise of him who died, Of him who died upon the Cross;
the Sinner's hope let men deride, For this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the cross we see In shining letters, 'God is love';
He bears our sins upon the Tree; he brings us mercy from above.**

**The Cross! It takes our guilt away: It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day, And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.**

**It makes the coward spirit brave, And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave, And gilds the bed of death with light:**

**The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below, The angels' theme in heaven above.**

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.

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

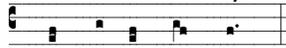
**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Be thou my inheritance, now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

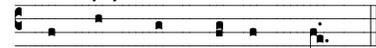
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



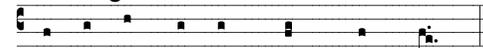
and also with you.

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

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 119)

*The heavens declare the glory of God * and the firmament sheweth his handywork. One day telleth another * and one night certifieth another. There is neither speech nor language * but their voices are heard among them. Their sound is gone out into all lands * and their words into the ends of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun * which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course. It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again * and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul * the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart * the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever * the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold * sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb. Moreover, by them is thy servant taught * and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can tell how oft he offendeth * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults. Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me * so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart * be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord * my strength, and my redeemer.*

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire

wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

**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!**

Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Sermon

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Plainsong I)

*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

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Robert and David our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Bless and guide Queen Elizabeth II and the President of France; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ ...; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, George the Martyr and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

Peace