

Notices :

You may like to read an excellent article by Andrew Dunning on the medieval origins of Mothering Sunday and its 19th century revival. It reminds us that this Sunday isn't a commercial opportunity but a very human attempt to remind us of the care and compassion that, as members of the new Jerusalem, we should have for each other.

<https://blogs.bl.uk/digitisedmanuscripts/2017/03/the-medieval-origins-of-mothering-sunday.html>

It also has the excellent picture of Our Lady wresting the devil to the ground!



Lent at St George's in a time of Pandemic

Monday Lenten Reflection via email
 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, 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: Luis Palau, John Polkinghorne, pr., All who have died of Covid-19.

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St George's Paris

Lent 4 Mothering Sunday : 14th 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 **Mass in D minor** by Samuel Webbe (1740-1816) and the motet during Communion will be **Salve Regina** also by Samuel Webbe.

Sunday 14th	4th Sunday of Lent or Mothering Sunday 0830 Holy Communion 1030 Solemn Eucharist
Monday 15th	Lenten Feria
Tuesday 16th	Lenten Feria 0915 Eucharist
Wednesday 17th	Patrick, bishop & missionary, patron of Ireland 1200 Eucharist 1900 Stations of the Cross—Online
Thursday 18th	Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith 0915 Eucharist 1900 Lent Group—Online
Friday 19th	Joseph of Nazareth
Saturday 20th	Cuthbert, bishop & missionary 1200 Eucharist
Sunday 21st	5th Sunday of Lent or Passion Sunday 0830 Holy Communion 1030 Solemn Eucharist

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world in the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore**

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

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her

goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, No cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, And give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, At the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled At the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, And give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, And give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, At the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, Whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, And give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, At the end of the day.**

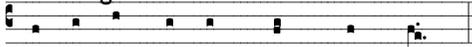
Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:
may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:
may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.
May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

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

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.

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.

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 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

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your

attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps. 34:11-20)

*Come, ye children, and hearken unto me * I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is he that lusteth to live * and would fain see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil * and thy lips, that they speak no guile. Eschew evil, and do good * seek peace, and ensue it. The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous * and his ears are open unto their prayers. The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them * and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart * and will save such as be of an humble spirit. Great are the troubles of the righteous * but the Lord delivereth him out of all. He keepeth all his bones * so that not one of them is broken.*

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

**For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies:
Lord of all to Thee we raise This our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light:**

**For the joy of ear and eye; For the ear and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight:**

**For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**For each perfect gift of thine, To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven.**

**For thy Church, that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore This pure sacrifice of love.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:33-35

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.'

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

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.

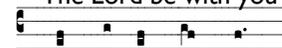
Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

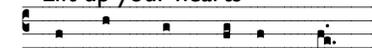
O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be, And lowliness become my inner clothing; True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part, And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing:

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.