

**A meditation by  
Cardinal John Henry Newman**

God has created me to do him some definite service:  
he has committed some work to me  
which he has not committed to another.  
I have my mission –  
I may never know it in this life,  
but I shall be told it in the next.  
Somehow I am necessary for his purposes:  
as necessary in my place as an Archangel in his.  
I have a part in this great work;  
I am a link in a chain,  
a bond of connection between persons.  
He has not created me for nothing.  
I shall do good, I shall do his work;  
I shall be an angel of peace,  
a preacher of truth in my own place.  
Deign to fulfill your high purposes in me.  
I am here to serve you, to be yours,  
to be your instrument.

Archbishop Rowan Williams in  
**'The Way Ahead'**

In the most general sense, vocation is  
God's summons into existence itself.  
God calls creation into being; every thing  
that is made is called and named; its  
identity lies in the purposive call of God.  
But for the Christian, this is more  
specific again: human beings are called to  
grow in community into the likeness of  
Jesus Christ. Their vocation is not just to  
exist, but to come into a life that shares  
in Christ's life. The Church's very name  
(*ekklesia*) means 'a community that is  
called together'; but the Church is not  
only a called community, it is a  
community that represents God's call  
and invitation to all humanity.

people and redundant people and 'unemployable' people are called just like everybody else.  
Our human dignity does not depend on having a job.  
Nor does our calling – our vocation – depend on any kind of ordination. There are still  
many deep controversies about what ordination may signify, in many Churches and within  
our own Church of England. But it certainly does not indicate any special 'grade' of  
Christian, more holy than the laity. And for everybody, bishops, priests and laity together,  
the great sacrament of our common calling is our baptism, which signifies our glorious new  
life in Christ".

**Notices :**

**The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday 30th May.** Notices are up on the Board. The  
**Electoral Roll** is being brought up to date. If you would like to join please fill out a form  
available on the way out of Church on the round table by the exit. If you are already on the  
list—no action is required.

**Please sign up for the Flower Rota**—at the top of the stairs. If you don't want to  
arrange flowers you might like to sponsor the flowers in memory of someone, in  
thanksgiving for a birthday or anniversary.

**Stations of the Cross/Stations of the Resurrection** will continue during Eastertime on  
Wednesdays at 19h00.

**Fr Mark is on annual leave** this week. Fr Jeffrey is available on +44 77 71 80 17 86

**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, Grace Valéry, Margaret  
Woods, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse,  
Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

**Those who have died:** HRH Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Simone Rabaud, Helen McCory, Shirley  
Williams, All who have died of Covid-19.

# St George's Paris

## 4th Sunday of Easter : 25th April 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 Sancti Nicolai** by  
Joseph Haydn (1732—1809) and the anthem is **I sat down under his shadow** by Sir Edward  
Bairstow (1874 –1946).

Sunday 25th

0830  
1030

Monday 26th

0915  
1800

Tuesday 27th

0915  
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Wednesday 28th

1200  
1800

Thursday 29th

0915  
1800

Friday 30th

Saturday 1st May  
1200

Sunday 2nd

0830  
1030  
1630

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (1662 BCP)  
Solemn Eucharist

*Mark, the Evangelist*

Morning Prayer & Eucharist  
Evensong

*Christina Rossetti, poet*

Morning Prayer & Eucharist  
Evensong

*Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr*

Eucharist  
Evensong

*Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith*

Morning Prayer & Eucharist  
Evensong

*Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator*

*Philip & James, apostles*  
Eucharist

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (1662 BCP)  
Solemn Eucharist  
Messe Malgache

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing.

**Lord God of hosts, within whose hand dominion rests on sea and land, before whose word of life or death the strength of nations is but breath: O King, enthroned all thrones above, give strength unto the land we love.**

**Thou Breath of Life since time began, breathing upon the lips of man, hast taught each kindred race to raise united word to sound thy praise: so, in this land, join, we beseech, all hearts and lips in single speech.**

**To George our Saint thou gavest grace without one fear all foes to face, and to confess by faithful death that Word of Life which was his breath. O help us, Helper of Saint George, to fear no bonds that man can forge.**

**Arm us like him, who in thy trust beat down the dragon to the dust; so that we too may tread down sin and with thy saints a crown may win. Help us, O God, that we may be a land acceptable to thee.**

### 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.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*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 and the Gloria.*

### 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.*

### Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who

**Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art;**

**Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart. Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy grace receive; Suddenly return, and never, Never more thy 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!**

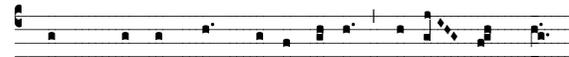
*After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave during the organ voluntary. You are invited to remain in your seats for this final act of worship.*

### Dismissal

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

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

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!



**Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!**

### Vocation Sunday

**Definition:** A vocation (from Latin vocare, meaning "to call"), is a term for an occupation to which a person is specially drawn or for which he or she is suited, trained, or qualified.

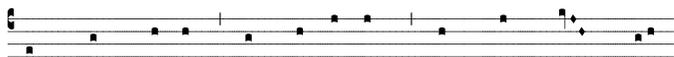
Common Statement from **'ALL ARE CALLED – Towards a theology of the laity'** (CIO 1985)

“ Because all human beings are made in the image of God, they are called to become the People of God, the Church, servants and ministers and citizens of the Kingdom, a new humanity in Jesus Christ. Though we are tainted by our sinfulness, God's wonderful grace and love offer us all this common Christian vocation. God leaves everyone free to refuse this call; but the call is there for all without exception.

The young are called; the elderly are called. There is no retirement from the Christian pilgrimage. The beautiful are called, and also the unlovely. The sick are called as well as the healthy and the energetic. Activists are called and also quiet people. We are called regardless of our intellectual abilities or our formal education. We are called regardless of our race or nationality or social class.

Women are called, and men are called. The poor are called, and perhaps the Church of England has begun to understand the gifts which they have, and what we may all learn from them. Yet God 'has no favourites' and equally calls to discipleship the rich and the comfortable.

We are all called no matter what our occupations may be. There is no special status in the Kingdom for those in 'top jobs' or 'important responsibilities'. Cleaners and car dealers are called just as much as professors and lawyers and missionary nurses. And unemployed



**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.**

*Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*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**

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*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.*

*The choir sings the motet in honour of Mr and Mrs Sidersky who celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary today.*

*I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.*

*He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the notices after which there will be a Blessing for Mr and Mrs Sidersky.*

trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **First Reading: Acts 4:5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

*We remain seated as the choir sings the psalm appointed for today (Psalm 23).*

*The Lord is my shepherd \* therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture \* and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. He shall convert my soul \* and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil \* for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me \* thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life \* and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

### **Second Reading: I John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Please stand for the gradual hymn*

**Walking in the garden At the close of day,  
Adam tried to hide him When he heard God say:  
'Why are you so frightened, Why are you afraid?  
You have brought the winter in, Made the flowers fade.'**

**Walking in the garden Where the Lord had gone,  
Three of the disciples, Peter, James and John;**

**They were very weary, Could not keep awake,  
While the Lord was kneeling there, Praying for their sake.**

**Walking in the garden At the break of day,  
Mary asked the gardener Where the body lay;  
But he turned towards her, Smiled at her and said:  
'Mary, spring is here to stay, Only death is dead.'**

**Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

**Sermon**

*Please be seated for the Sermon. Our preacher is the Associate Chaplain.*

**Creed**

*During the Easter Season we affirm the faith into which we are baptised in the words of the Apostles Creed.*

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Intercessions**

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

The Lord is our Good Shepherd: **there is nothing we shall lack.**

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

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

**Peace**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord, Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ 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!). before singing the hymn at the Preparation of the Table.*

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour, First begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong defender, Lifest up thy people's head.  
Alleluya, Jesu, true and living bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we; Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for Faith's discernment, pray we Lest we fail to know thee now,  
Alleluya, Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee, As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Thine Angels hail Thee, Branch and flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluya, We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, Thy offering, finished Once for all when Thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished Shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluya, Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life imparting Heavenly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna Worship Thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluya, Risen, ascended, glorified!**

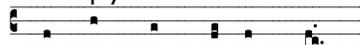
**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you



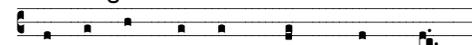
**and al-so with you.**

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*