

Notices :

Welcome to the Eucharist today. We are delighted to meet visitors and newcomers after the service, when drinks will be served in the Parish Hall. Wine is 2€ but the coffee is free!

Bienvenue à Saint-Georges. Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin ou une tasse de café après la messe dans la salle paroissiale. Le vin est à 2€ mais le café est gratuit ! Si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

Accompagnement/Reconciliation is always available—but especially before the great feasts. Please contact the clergy if you would like to make your confession or would like to be accompanied for a period of reflection and review. Fr Mark is on 06 59 37 49 54 and Fr Jeffrey on +44 771 801 786.

Study Day for Lent: Saturday 12 February—Introduction to the Lent Course on the Creed. Fr Jeffrey will romp through the main topics to be covered in our Lent Course (Weds 20h00 by Zoom), with a chance for questions and discussions. Starting at 10h00, Eucharist at 12h00, Bring & Share Lunch and the day ends around 15h30. Cost 15€ Please book through office@stgeorgesparis.org

Quiet Day Saturday 26th February @ Sacre Coeur. Led by Fr Jeffrey and based around 4 addresses focussing on Mary in the Bible the day will tackle issues around her role and right place in Christian devotion: Mary Redeemed (or, why is Jesus so rude to his Mother?); Mary the Revolutionary; Mary as the New Eve and the New Temple; Mary in heaven. There will be plenty of space for questions and personal reflection and prayer. Timing 10h00-15h30 (finishing with a Eucharist in the convent chapel. Cost 25€ including coffee and lunch. Please book through office@stgeorgesparis.org

New service time on Monday. The Eucharist will be celebrated on Monday after Evensong from Monday.

A final figure from the Bazaar approaches but it now looks like we've made approximately 9, 500 euros! Congratulations everyone!

Good news for tax payers! The fiscal deduction on identifiable donations has been increased from 66% to 75% for the period from 2/6/21 to 31/12/22 (within the limit of 20% of "revenu imposable".) This means the net cost to you of a €100 donation would be reduced to €25 instead of €34. For example, increasing the donation to €130 would result in same net cost of €34 previously! Please consider increasing your giving if you can to cover our increasing operating costs.

The Theology Book Club is an opportunity to look at some favourite novels and poems through the eyes of faith. The group meets online on the last Thursday of each month at 20h30. We're reading the following for the next few months:

The Song of Hild Vibeke Vasbo ISBN 978-1-910519-86-8 on the 28th January

Christ Recrucified Nikos Kazantzakis on the 24th February

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Eric Benson, Mary Berg, Janet Birkins, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, John Cooper, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Alan Fletcher, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouillard, Ophélie Goubault, Angela Harrison, Irene Hicks, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Giulia Miles, Rosemary Neale, Kenneth Nyakana, Grace Valéry, Fr Alan Warren, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Maroussia, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Anne Clarke, Liz Harrison ; All who have died of Covid-19.

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St George's Paris

Advent 4 : 19th December 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—**please note the seasonal changes to the text.** Today the Eucharist is the **Mass in 4 voices** by William Byrd (1543-1623) and the anthem during Communion is **Salve Regina** by William Byrd (1543-1623).

Sunday 19th

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Monday 20th

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Tuesday 21st

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Wednesday 22nd

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Thursday 23rd

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Friday 24th

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Saturday 25th

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Sunday 26th

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4th Sunday of Advent *O radix Jesse*

Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Fr Mark

Sung Eucharist Preacher: Fr Mark

Caen Eucharist Rev'd Sarah McVane

O Clavis David

Evensong & Eucharist

O Oriens

Morning Prayer

Evensong & Eucharist

O Rex Gentium

Eucharist

Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament

O Emmanuel

Morning Prayer

Evensong & Eucharist

Christmas Eve

Family Eucharist around the Crib Preacher: Fr Mark

Midnight Mass of Christmas Preacher: Fr Jeffrey

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Fr Mark

Sung Eucharist Preacher: Fr Jeffrey

Messe Malgache Preacher : Fr Nicolas

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand. During Advent the Advent Prose (501) is used as an Entrance Antiphon. We then sing the first hymn (NEH 10):

**Long ago, prophets knew Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new; Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.**

**Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, When he comes, Who will make him welcome?**

**God in time, God in man, This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man, Born himself of woman, God divinely human.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!**

**Mary, hail! Though afraid; She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid; Till the time expected Nurtured and protected.
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!**

**Journey ends! Where afar Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar. Unborn Son of Mary, Saviour, do not tarry!
Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring! Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes! Jesus comes! We will make him welcome!**

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

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen**

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison, Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

During this emergency Holy Communion will be given in its fullness in the Bread alone. The newly baptised and confirmed will receive Holy Communion first. 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

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 15).

**O come, O come, Emmanuel! Redeem thy captive Israel
That into exile drear is gone, Far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high! Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay: To us reveal salvation's way.**

**O come, O come, Adonai, Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain clothed in awe, Gavest thy folk the ancient Law.**

**O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave, From nether hell, thy people save.**

**O Come, thou Lord of David's Key! The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road, And bar the way to death's abode.**

**O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.**

**O come, Desire of nations! show Thy kingly reign on earth below
Thou Cornerstone, uniting all, Restore the ruin of our fall.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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 sing 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

... in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
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

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 sing 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.*

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.**

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the Magnificat to a setting by William Byrd, **Tones and Fauxbourdons**.

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever. 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.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 182).

**Her Virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
When she to Beth'lem came that happy morn:
How high her raptures then began to swell,
None but her own omniscient Son can tell.**

**As Eve, when she her fontal sin reviewed,
Wept for herself and all she should include,
Blest Mary, with man's Saviour in embrace,
Joyed for herself and for all human race.**

**All saints are by her Son's dear influence blest;
She kept the very Fountain at her breast:**

**The Son adored and nursed by the sweet Maid
A thousandfold of love for love repaid.**

**Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
Near to his throne her Son his Mother placed;
And here below, now she's of heaven possest,
All generations are to call her blest.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon is by Fr Mark.

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Plainsong)

**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

Let it be to me: **according to your will.**

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 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 Sidepeople from the Landing table. The hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (NEH 498).

**Ye who own the faith of Jesus Sing the wonders that were done,
When the love of God the Father O'er our sin the victory won,
When he made the Virgin Mary Mother of his only Son.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Blessed were the chosen people Out of whom the Lord did come,
Blessed was the land of promise Fashioned for his earthly home;
But more blessed far the Mother She who bare him in her womb.**

**Wherefore let all faithful people Tell the honour of her name,
Let the Church in her foreshadowed Part in her thanksgiving claim;
What Christ's Mother sang in gladness Let Christ's people sing the same.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Let us weave our supplications, She with us and we with her,
For the advancement of the faithful, For each faithful worshipper,
For the doubting, for the sinful, For each heedless wanderer.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**For the sick and for the aged, For our dear ones far away,
For the hearts that mourn in secret, All who need our prayers today,
For the faithful gone before us, May the holy Virgin pray.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**

**Praise, O Mary, praise the Father, Praise thy Saviour and thy Son,
Praise the everlasting Spirit, Who hath made thee ark and throne;
O'er all creatures high exalted, Lowly praise the Three in One.
Hail Mary, hail Mary, hail Mary, full of grace.**