

## Notices :

**Lenten 'Spiritual MOT' - un contrôle technique spirituel pour Carême!** A chance to talk to any one of a team of experienced male or female, lay and ordained companions here at St George's about your prayer life—what goes on for you with God. Simply email your choice to make an appointment : Rev'd Elisabeth, [deanenfrance@gmail.com](mailto:deanenfrance@gmail.com); Fr Grant [wenlockholmes@gmail.com](mailto:wenlockholmes@gmail.com); Fr Jeffrey [drijphjohn@gmail.com](mailto:drijphjohn@gmail.com); Fr Mark [chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org](mailto:chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org); Fr Nicolas, [rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com](mailto:rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com); Sonia Taylor, [soniataylor146@gmail.com](mailto:soniataylor146@gmail.com)

**The Lent Course this year is online.** All are welcome to join on Tuesdays at 20h00—a link will be sent via our e-newsletter. We recently enjoyed a really good taster day and are keen to ensure you don't lose this fantastic opportunity to deepen and sharpen your faith.

**Make the Stations of the Cross** by Zoom every Thursday in Lent (starting 10th March) at 20h00. This is a short devotional meditation, with hymns, on the stages of Jesus' journey to the Cross. A link will be sent via the e-news weekly or you can email Fr Jeffrey directly.

**Recommendations for Lenten Reading in 2022**—Please order for yourselves online.

**Embracing Justice** (The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2022) by Isabelle Hamley (978-0-281-08654-2) which offers a serious-minded exploration of the different stories of justice in the Bible. **The Hour is Come: Passion in real time** (978-1-78622-396-8) is by Fr Andrew Nunn and is for personal use—a real time reflection on Holy Week. **Women of Holy Week: An Easter journey in nine stories** (978-1-78140-289-4) is by the

renowned lay theologian Paula Gooder with Ally Barrett, illustrator. Here are 9 monologues in the voices of those often on the margin of the story of Holy Week and Easter in which Gooder brings her trademark popular appeal underwritten by solid scholarship. **Cries for a Lost Homeland: Reflections on Jesus' sayings from the cross** Guli Francis-Dehqani (978-1-78622-383-8) is a slim but profound book of addresses on the 7 Last Words woven with reflections on her own extraordinary story of an Iranian Anglican family.

**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:

**Ash Wednesday** by TS Eliot on the 31st **March**

*There will be no Book Club in April due to Holy Week and Easter*

**A Clergyman's Daughter** by George Orwell on 19th **May**

**The Nine Tailors** by Dorothy L Sayers on 30th **June**

*You can lie on the beach and immerse yourself in a good book during August...*

**The Way We Live Now** by Anthony Trollope on 29th **September**

**On Beauty** by Zadie Smith, ISBN 978-0-141-01945-1, on 27th **October**

**The Towers of Trebizond** by Rose Macaulay on 24th **November**

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

**Those who have died:** Mary Berg, Nicole Sevignon, Ben Eaton (priest), Norrie Castle : All who have died of Covid-19.

# St George's Paris

## Ash Wednesday : 2nd March 2022

A warm welcome to St George's worship—online or in person. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir sings the Mass for Four Voices by William Byrd (c.1539-1623) and the motet during Communion will be the **Miserere** by Orlando de Lassus, (1532-1595).

Day	Time	Service
Sunday 27th	0830	Holy Communion (BCP) Fr Mark
	1030	Solemn Eucharist Preacher : Rev'd Elisabeth Dean
	1130	Caen Eucharist Fr Jeffrey
Monday 28th	Feria	
	1800	Evensong
	1830	Eucharist
Tuesday 1st	David, patron of Wales—Shrove Tuesday	
	0915	Morning Prayer
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist
Wednesday 2nd	Ash Wednesday *	
	1200	Eucharist with Ashing
	1800/1815	Evensong & Exposition
	1930	Sung Eucharist with Ashing
Thursday 3rd	Lenten Feria	
	0915	Morning Prayer
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist
Friday 4th	Lenten Feria	
Saturday 5th	Lenten Feria	
	1200	Requiem Eucharist for Anne Clarke
Sunday 6th	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	
	0830	Holy Communion (BCP) Fr Mark
	1030	Solemn Eucharist Preacher : Fr Jeffrey
	1130	Caen Eucharist Fr Grant
	1630	Messe Malgache Preacher : Fr Jeffrey

\* The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment at the start of Lent

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the first hymn (NEH 75):

**O thou, who dost accord us The highest prize and guerdon,  
Thou hope of all our race, Jesus, do thou afford us  
The gift we ask of pardon For all who humbly seek thy face.**

**With whispered accusation Our conscience tells of sinning  
In thought, and word, and deed; Thine is our restoration,  
The work of grace beginning For souls from every burden freed.**

**For who, if thou reject us, Shall raise the fainting spirit?  
'Tis thine alone to spare: If Thou to life elect us,  
With cleanséd hearts to near it, Shall be our task, our lowly prayer.**

**O Trinity most glorious, Thy pardon free bestowing,  
Defend us evermore; That in thy courts victorious,  
Thy love more truly knowing, We may with all thy saints adore.**

### 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 the Opening Prayer sung.

### Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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: Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and

## 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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 59).*

**Now is the healing time decreed For sins of heart, of word or deed,  
When we in humble fear record The wrong that we have done the Lord;**

**Who, always merciful and good, Has borne so long our wayward mood,  
Nor cut us off unsparingly In our so great iniquity.**

**Therefore with fasting and with prayer, Our secret sorrow we declare;  
With all good striving seek his face, And lowly-hearted plead for grace.**

**Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain, Help us the gifts of grace to gain,  
Till with the angels linked in love Joyful we tread thy courts above.**

**Father and Son and Spirit blest, To thee be every prayer addressed,  
Who art in threefold Name adored, From age to age, the only Lord.**

*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.*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

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

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

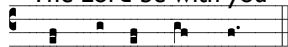
**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered.  
For our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.**

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.**

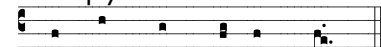
#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you



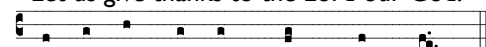
**and al-so with you.**

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 choirs 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.*

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.**

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 Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

We remain seated as the choir sing the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 51.1-17).

*Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness \* according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness \* and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my faults \* and my sin is ever before me. Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight \* that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness \* and in sin hath my mother conceived me. But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts \* and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean \* thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness \* that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Turn thy face from my sins \* and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God \* and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence \* and take not thy holy Spirit from me. O give me the comfort of thy help again \* and stablish me with thy free Spirit. Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked \* and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health \* and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness. Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord \* and my mouth shall shew thy praise. For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee \* but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit \* a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.*

#### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10**

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

*Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 60).*

**O kind Creator, bow Thine ear To mark the cry, to know the tear  
Before Thy throne of mercy spent In this Thy holy fast of Lent.**

**Our hearts are open, Lord, to Thee; Thou knowest our infirmity;  
Pour out on all who seek Thy face Abundance of Thy pardoning grace.**

**Our sins are many, this we know; Spare us, good Lord, Thy mercy show;  
And for the honour of Thy name Our fainting souls to life reclaim.**

**Give us the self control that springs From discipline of outward things,  
That fasting inward secretly The soul may purely dwell with Thee.**

**We pray Thee, Holy Trinity, One God, unchanging Unity,  
That we from this our abstinence May reap the fruits of penitence.**

#### **Holy Gospel: John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?' They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

#### **Sermon and Imposition of Ashes**

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father; **have mercy on us.**

God the Son, **have mercy on us.**

God the Holy Spirit, **have mercy on us.**

Trinity of love, **have mercy on us.**

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. **Lord, have mercy.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you, Lord all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy and impatience of our lives. **Lord, have mercy.**

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves. **Lord, have mercy.**

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily life and work. **Lord, have mercy.**

Our negligence in prayer and worship and our failure to commend the faith that is in us. **Lord, have mercy.**

Accept our repentance, Lord for the wrongs we have done, for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us.

**Accept our repentance, Lord.**

For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us. **Accept our repentance, Lord.**

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

**Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

**that we may show your glory in the world.**

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

**bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

*Silence is kept.*

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been,**

**help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.**

**Amen.**

*The Imposition of Ashes follows.*

#### *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 Sidespeople from the Landing table. The hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (NEH 62).*

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,**

**that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?**

**By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?**

**Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee!**

**'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.**