

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 costs 2 euros or the coffee is free.

Bienvenue à Saint-Georges. Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin (2 euros) ou une tasse de café après la messe dans la salle paroissiale, et si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

Christmas Communion: The clergy are very willing to bring Holy Communion to the sheltering. Please encourage those who continue to shelter to contact Fr Mark to receive their Christmas Communion.

Rotas & Lists ! The **Lunch Rota** is now up—if you can help prepare lunch (one course or three) then please sign up. If you're interested in helping but are a bit unsure of what's involved speak to Ryan Spooner (spooner.ryan@yahoo.com or 0781795002). There are spaces on the **Flower Rota** and the **Prayer List for the Sick** is on the Landing Table.

A Crèche space is available for parents in the Library every Sunday. There are colouring sheets and toys (regularly put through the dishwasher) available to engage your child(ren) during the Eucharist.

The Theology Book Club meets online on the last Thursday of each month at 20h30. Our next meeting will be 20h30 on Thursday 26th January when we will be talking about *On the Morning of Christ's Nativity* by John Milton.

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Robin Baker, Jeanette George, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Elizabeth Durand, Alan Fletcher, Francis Frois, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Jeanette Georges, Ann Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, Angela Harrisson, Irene Hicks, John James, Ernest Jeyam, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Hans Mayer, Giulia Miles, Monique Moron, Rosemary Neale, Kenneth Nyakana, Rev'd David Osborne, Grace Valéry, Fr Alan Warren, David Wetsel, Margaret Woods, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Jean Gould, Leslie Houlden, priest, Anne Loades, theologian, Ruth Madoc.

St George's, Paris

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus 2023

A warm welcome to St George's online worship this week. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet—**please note the seasonal changes to the text.** Our choir is taking a well earned rest today. The Mass will be sung to the Merbecke setting at **542** in your Hymnbooks.

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| Sunday 1st | The Naming & Circumcision of Jesus 0830 Holy Communion (1662) Cel MO 1030 Solemn Eucharist Cel JJ Pr MO 1630 Messe Malgache Cel NR Pr MO |
| Monday 2nd | <i>Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, teachers of the faith</i> 1800 / 1830 Evensong / Eucharist |
| Tuesday 3rd | <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 0915 Morning Prayer 1800/1830 Evensong / Eucharist |
| Wednesday 4th | <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1200 Eucharist 1800/1815 Evensong / Adoration |
| Thursday 5th | <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 0915 Morning Prayer 1800/1830 Evensong / Eucharist |
| Friday 6th | <i>Epiphany</i> 1800 / 1830 Evensong / Eucharist |
| Saturday 7th | <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1200 Eucharist 1800 Eucharistie Cel JJ Pr AR |
| Sunday 8th | The Epiphany 0830 Holy Communion (1662) Cel JJ 1030 Solemn Eucharist Cel MO Pr JJ 1600 Office Malgache Cel NR |

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (NEH 364) :

**God is love, let heav'n adore him; God is love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him, and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation, He who spread the heav'ns above,
He who breathes through all creation, He is love, eternal love.**

**God is love and he enfoldeth All the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp he holdeth Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking Under sorrow's iron rod,
All the sorrow, all the aching Wrings with pain the heart of God.**

**God is love, and though with blindness Sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness Holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never O'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever O'er the universe must reign.**

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

**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 you 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.**

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.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

And may the blessing... always.

Amen

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

Thanks be to God.



Have a very
Happy & Blessed
Christmas —
from all at St George's
Anglican Church.

Breaking of the bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God is here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

Lord, give us this bread for ever.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion if you do so in your own church. If you would prefer, please come forward and bow your head for a blessing. If you don't want to receive Holy Communion 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.*

Please follow the directions of the Sides-people. During Communion the Choir sing the motet.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour: grant that we who have shared in this sacrament of our salvation may live out our years in the power of the Name above all other names, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 21).

**A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure!
The virgin bears the Infant With virgin honour pure!**

**Repeat the hymn again: To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!**

**The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky.**

**While thus they sing your monarch, Those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains! Ye oceans, clap your hands!**

**Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em, The Saviour and the Lord!**

**And idol forms shall perish, And error shall decay,
And Christ shall wield His sceptre, Our Lord and God for ay.**

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.

Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for this evening (Psalm 8).

*O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the world * thou that has set thy glory above the heavens! Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies * that thou mightest still the enemy, and the avenger. For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers * the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained. What is man, that thou art mindful of him * and the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him lower than the angels * to crown him with glory and worship. Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands * and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet; All sheep and oxen * yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea * and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Governor * how excellent is thy Name in all the world!*

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 41):

**Where is this stupendous stranger? Prophets, shepherds, kings, advise.
Lead me to my Master's manger, show me where my Saviour lies.**

**O Most Mighty! O Most Holy! Far beyond the seraph's thought:
art thou then so weak and lowly as unheeded prophets taught?**

**O the magnitude of meekness! Worth from worth immortal sprung;
O the strength of infant weakness, If eternal is so young!**

**God all-bounteous, all-creative, Whom no ills from good dissuade,
Is incarnate—and a native Of the very world he made.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 2.15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was

conceived in the womb.

Please be seated for the sermon.

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Merbecke)

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.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Thank you, Lord God; **for coming to save us.**

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.**

We exchange a sign of Peace before the hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (NEH 33):

Of the Father's heart begotten Ere the world from chaos rose, He is Alpha: from that Fountain, All that is and hath been flows; He is Omega, of all things Yet to come the mystic Close,

Sermon

Creed

Evermore and evermore.

He assumed this mortal body, Frail and feeble, doomed to die, That the race from dust created Might not perish utterly, Which the dreadful Law had sentenced In the depths of hell to lie,

O how blest that wondrous birthday, When the Maid the curse retrieved, Brought to birth mankind's salvation, By the Holy Ghost conceived, And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, In her loving arms received,

This is he, whom seer and sybil Sang in ages long gone by; This is he of old revealed In the page of prophecy; Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour; Let the world his praises cry!

Let the storm and summer sunshine, Gliding stream and sounding shore, Sea and forest, frost and zephyr, Day and night their Lord adore; Let creation join to laud thee Through the ages evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing! Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, Let your joyous anthems ring, Every tongue his name confessing, Countless voices answering,

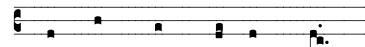
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



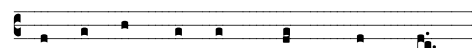
and also with you.

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

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 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.