

Lent 2023 :

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 Sara: macvanesara@gmail.com ; Fr Grant: wenlockholmes@gmail.com; Fr Jeffrey: drjphjohn@gmail.com; Fr Mark : chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org ; Fr Nicolas: rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com ; Sonia Taylor: soniataylor146@gmail.com

Recommended reading in Lent : *The Falling of Dusk* by Paul Dominiak, ISBN9781472990471; ***The Way of Thomas Merton: A prayer journey through Lent*** by Robert Inchausti (ISBN-10 028108582X) ; ***Meeting God in Matthew*** by Elaine Storkey (ISBN-13: 9780281081950).

Stations of the Cross (livestreamed) every Friday at **18h30**.

The Lent Course on the Sacraments will be meeting by ZOOM beginning on Tuesday February 28th at 19h00, and on the four Tuesdays thereafter. Please e mail Fr Jeffrey if you intend to take part: drjphjohn@gmail.com

Hymn Competition - To mark the Bicentenary of St George's next year, we are looking for a new hymn text and tune, which will be sung at our Festival Eucharist in 2024 and will remain associated with the church in perpetuity thereafter. First-time text and tune writers from our Chaplaincy are particularly welcome to enter the Competition. All details, including deadlines, may be found on the church web site.

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.

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-Fouillard, Jeanette Georges, Anne Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, 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, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

Those who have died: Stan Bebbington, Margaret Woods, Angela Harrisson, Vanessa Lind, Robert Wills (priest).

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St George's Paris

Sunday Next before Lent : 19th February 2023

A warm welcome to St George's—online or in person You will find everything you need for the service on this sheet. Today the choir sings the **Missa Misericordias Domini** (Choir Gloria) by Joseph Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901) and the motet during Communion will be **Ave Verum** by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791).

| | Sunday Next before Lent—Quinquagesima | | |
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| Sunday 19th | 0830 | Eucharist (BCP) | Cel : MO |
| | 1030 | Solemn Eucharist | Cel : JJ Pr MO |
| | 1600 | Messe Malgache | Cel: NR Pr JJ |
| Monday 20th | <i>Feria</i> | | |
| | 1800/1830 | Evening Prayer & Eucharist | |
| Tuesday 21st | <i>Shrove Tuesday</i> | | |
| | 0915 | Morning Prayer | |
| | 1800/1830 | Evening Prayer/Eucharist | |
| Wednesday 22nd | <i>Ash Wednesday</i> | | |
| | 1200 | Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes | |
| | 1800 | Evensong | |
| | 1930 | Solemn Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes | |
| Thursday 23rd | <i>Polycarp of Smyrna</i> | | |
| | 0915 | Morning Prayer | |
| | 1800/1830 | Evening Prayer/Eucharist | |
| Friday 24th | <i>Lenten Feria</i> | | |
| | 1800/1830 | Evening Prayer/ Stations of the Cross | |
| Saturday 25th | <i>Lenten Feria</i> | | |
| | 1200 | Eucharist | |
| | 1800 | Eucharistie en français | Cel : JJ |
| Sunday 26th | Lent I | | |
| | 0830 | Eucharist (BCP) | Cel : MO |
| | 1030 | Solemn Eucharist | Cel : JJ Pr MO |

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Please stand for the opening hymn (NEH 377) when the bell rings.

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.**

**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth 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.

The celebration is introduced and we are invited to remember and confess our sins in preparation for our celebration together. The choir then sing the Kyries, which are followed by the Absolution

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, Kyrie eleison Christe eleison, Christe eleison Kyrie 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.

Opening Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon

**Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,
We hail thy body glorified, And our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death, We see thy kingdom come;
We fain would hold the vision bright, And make this hill our home.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Yet we may not remain;
But since thou bidst us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.**

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.

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

And may the blessing... always.
Amen

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

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 and the coffee is free!

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

Coming Up in February...

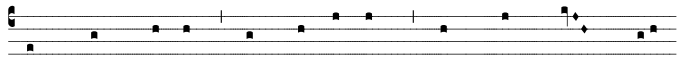
There will be a fundraising lunch for Ukraine today! There are a few tickets remaining. If you are not able to stay perhaps you'd like to contribute by buying a ticket for a delicious Ukrainian box of chocolates? Available from Jill Whitman.

Ash Wednesday falls on 22nd February. There will be two Eucharists with Ashing at 12h00 and 19h30.

We're sorting the Cages on Saturday 25th February. 10h00—14h00 with a break for the Eucharist and a Bring & Share Lunch.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The prayer continues until the Proclamation of Faith



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.

Breaking of the Bread

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.*

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.**

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. Please follow the directions of the Sidespeople. 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.*

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 178).

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here, Thy beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Thy messengers of old.**

the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 99)

*The Lord is King, be the people never so impatient * he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so quiet. The Lord is great in Sion * and high above all people. They shall give thanks unto thy Name * which is great, wonderful, and holy. The king's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity * thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob. O magnify the Lord our God * and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name * these called upon the Lord, and he heard them. He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar * for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them. Thou heardest them, O Lord our God * thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions. O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill * for the Lord our God is holy.*

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 177).

**Christ, upon the mountain peak Stands alone in glory blazing.
Let us if we dare to speak, With the saints and angels praise him—Alleluya!
Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law Shout through them their joyful greeting.—
Alleluya!**

**Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as his Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder! - Alleluya!**

**This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets fade before him;
First and last, and only One, Let Creation now adore him; Alleluya!**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Creed

*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

Holy God: transform us and use us to your glory.

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.**

The hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (NEH 336).

**Angel voices ever singing Round Thy throne of light,
Angel-harps, forever ringing, Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless Thee And confess thee Lord of might.**

**Thou who art beyond the farthest Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that Thou regardest Songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that Thou art near us And wilt hear us? Yea, we can.**

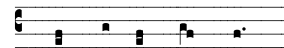
**Yea, we know Thy love rejoices O'er each work of Thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and voices For Thy praise combine;
Craftsman's art and music's measure For Thy pleasure All combine.**

**Here, great God, today we offer Of Thine own to Thee;
And for Thine acceptance proffer, All unworthily,
Hearts and minds and hands and voices In our choicest Psalmody.**

**Honour, glory, might, and merit Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Blessed Trinity:
Of the best which thou hast given Earth and heaven Render Thee.**

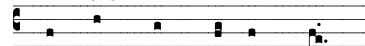
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



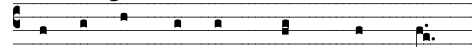
and also with you.

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 choirs sing the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus**.*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.*