

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.

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 accompaniers 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; 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

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

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).

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.

The Theology Book Club is taking a break. Please let the Chaplain know if you want the online club to continue via chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org

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, Rev'd Richard Hicks, Irene Hicks, Pam Ingram, 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, Robert Wills (priest).

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St George's Paris

2nd Sunday of Lent : 5th March 2023

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—**please note the seasonal changes**. Today the choir sings - **Missa 'Puisque j'ay perdu'** by Orlando Lassus (1532-1595) and the motet during Communion will be **Miserere mei Domine** by Orlando Lassus (1532-1595).

Sunday 5th	2nd Sunday of Lent 0830 Holy Communion (BCP) Cel : MO 1030 Solemn Eucharist Cel : JJ Pr : BL 1630 Messe Malgache Cel : NR Pr : NR
Monday 6th	<i>Lenten Feria</i> 1800 Evensong 1830 Eucharist
Tuesday 7th	<i>Lenten Feria</i> 0915 Morning Prayer 1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist
Wednesday 8th	<i>Perpetua, Felicity and their companions, martyrs at Carthage</i> 1200 Eucharist 1800/1815 Evensong & Exposition
Thursday 9th	<i>Edward King, bishop; Felix, miss; Geoffrey Studdart Kennedy, priest</i> 0915 Morning Prayer 1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist
Friday 10th	<i>Lenten Feria</i> 1800/1830 Evening Prayer/ Stations of the Cross
Saturday 11th	<i>Lenten Feria</i> 1200 Eucharist 1800 Eucharistie en français Cel : MO
Sunday 12th	3rd Sunday of Lent 0830 Holy Communion (BCP) Cel : JJ 1030 Solemn Eucharist Cel : NR Pr : JJ 1600 Office Malgache Zoom Cel : NR Pr : MO

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the first hymn (NEH 74):

**O for a heart to praise my God, A heart from sin set free;
A heart that always feels thy blood So freely shed for me.
A heart resigned, submissive, meek, My dear Redeemer's throne;
Where only Christ is heard to speak, Where Jesus reigns alone:
A humble, lowly, contrite, heart, Believing, true and clean,
Which neither life nor death can part From him that dwells within.
A heart in every thought renewed And full of love divine,
Perfect and right and pure and good, A copy, Lord, of thine.
My heart, thou know'st, can never rest Till thou create my peace;
Till of mine Eden repossess, From self, and sin, I cease.
Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart; Come quickly from above;
Write thy new name upon my heart, Thy new, best name of Love.**

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.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 121)

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 Sides-people. 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

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be
defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil
thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 382).

**Jesus, grant me this, I pray, Ever in thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide Hidden in thy wounded side.**

**If the evil one prepare, Or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide In thy heart and wounded side.**

**If the flesh, more dangerous still, Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide In thy heart and wounded side.**

**Death will come one day to me; Jesus, cast me not from thee:
Dying let me still abide In thy heart and wounded side.**

After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave in silence.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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

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

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills * from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord * who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved * and he that keepeth thee will not sleep. Behold, he that keepeth Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is thy keeper * the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; So that the sun shall not burn thee by day * neither the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil * yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in * from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 342).

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one will, To do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, Blend all my soul with Thine,
Until this earthly part of me Glows with the fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life Of thine eternity.**

Holy Gospel: Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is

born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Creed

You will find the Creed (**de Angelis**) on the accompanying sheet.

Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Robert and David our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Bless and guide King Charles III and the President of France; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ ...; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, George the Martyr and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole of creation to your unfailing love.

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 with you
and also with you.

Please stand for the hymn at the Preparation of the Table (NEH 65). During this hymn a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically?

**Christian, dost thou see them On the holy ground,
How the troops of Midian Prowl and prowl around?**

Peace

**Christian, up and smite them, Counting gain but loss;
Smite them by the merit Of the Holy Cross.**

**Christian, dost thou feel them, How they work within,
Striving, tempting, luring, Goading into sin?
Christian, never tremble; Never be down-cast;
Smite them by the virtue Of the Lenten fast.**

**Christian, dost thou hear them, How they speak thee fair?
'Always fast and vigil? Always watch and prayer?'
Christian, answer boldly, 'While I breathe I pray':
Peace shall follow battle, Night shall end in day.**

**'Well I know thy trouble, O my servant true;
Thou art very weary, - I was weary too;
But that toil shall make thee Some day all mine own,
And the end of sorrow Shall be near thy throne.'**

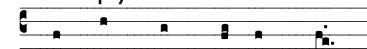
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



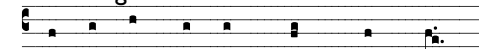
and al-so with you.

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** 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. 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.**

Breaking the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.