

Our wounded nature thus be healed,
By your anointing grace, O Lord;
In men and women so renewed
Shall God's own image be restored.

Lord Christ, the Father's only Son,
Who took our flesh in Mary's womb,
Give light to your anointed ones,
And break the power of death's dark tomb.

So may this joyous Paschal feast,
The time when saving grace is given,
Fill every Christian soul with praise,
And raise our minds from earth to heaven. Amen.

Spiritual Communion

Spiritual Communion' is a historic practice in the church for anyone who cannot receive the bread and wine physically. It is possible because Communion is always a spiritual practice and not simply physical. Through God's grace, whilst we cannot receive the bread and wine, we can still receive the sacrament in our hearts, and share in communion with Jesus. In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere who cannot receive the bread and wine at this time. The following prayer is one form of words to use for Spiritual Communion.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

After the notices and before the blessing we stand to sing the final hymn (NEH 235) :

**Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know In all I think, or speak, or do.**

**The task Thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find, And prove Thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
And labour on at Thy command, And offer all my works to Thee.**

**Give me to bear Thy easy yoke, And every moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look, And hasten to Thy glorious day.**

**For Thee delightfully employ Whate'er Thy bounteous grace hath given;
And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to Heaven.**



The Chrism Eucharist and the Renewal of Commitment to Ministry for the Archdeaconry of France | 11h00 April 4th 2023

A warm welcome to St George's—online or in person Today the setting is the *Missa Aeterna Christi munera* by G. P. da Palestrina (1525-1603) and the anthem during Communion is *Ecce quam bonum* by William Byrd (c.1539-1623). There are some changes to the hymns and these are included in this leaflet. We are honoured to welcome Bishop Trevor Wilmot, Hon. Asst Bishop in the Diocese, to preside and preach. Please stand as the bell rings to sing (NEH 333) :

**All my hope on God is founded, all my trust he shall renew;
he, my guide through changing order, only good and only true:
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust;
all that human toil can fashion, tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.**

**Day by day our mighty giver grants to us his gifts of love;
in his will our souls find pleasure, leading to our home above:
love shall stand at his hand, joy shall wait for his command.**

**Still from Earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done;
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son:
hear Christ's call, one and all –we who follow shall not fall.**

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Jesus Christ has made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father.
Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Grace, mercy and peace be with you.
And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit for the first two readings and the psalm.

First Reading : I Samuel 3:2-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli

said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

*Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is * brethren, to dwell together in unity ! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard * even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing. Like as the dew of Hermon * which fell upon the hill of Sion. For there the Lord promised his blessing * and life for evermore.*

Second Reading : Revelation 1:5b-8

And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated to sing 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, Till I am wholly thine;
Until this earthly part of me Glows with thy fire divine.**

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel : John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart

from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

This the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Preparation of the Table

During the singing of the hymn (NEH 512) the oils are brought to the altar, and the bread and wine is prepared for the Eucharistic Prayer.

**Blest by the sun, the olive tree,
Brought clusters of fair fruit to birth,
Whose ripeness now we bring with prayer,
Lord Christ, redeemer of the earth.**

**Eternal King, look down and bless
The oil your servants offer here,
And may it be a lively sign.
Which all the powers of darkness fear.**

**From those washed in the sacred font
Let Satan's influence depart,
And when this oil the brow shall seal,
Transforming grace invade the heart.**