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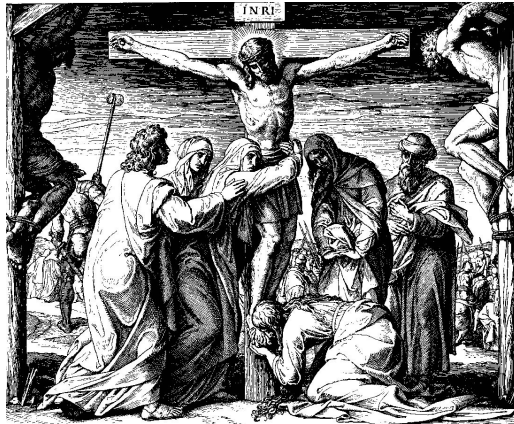
**Revision of the Electoral Roll is underway.** The Revised Roll is now on the noticeboard halfway down the stairs. Please check that you are on it and if you are not, and would like to be, there are forms to fill in on the landing table. Please complete and hand to one of the clergy.

**The AGM of the Church Council takes place on 16th April.** The meeting happens immediately after the 10h30 Eucharist and—in case you can't stay—the sermon is replaced by the Chaplain's Report. There will be elections to the Church Council and the Archdeaconry Synod this year. Please sign up on the appropriate forms on the noticeboard halfway down the stairs if you would like to be elected.

**On Sunday 23rd April** we celebrate St George, the Martyr and our Patron. Our preacher will be Fr Peter Anthony, vicar of All Saint's, Margaret Street and Chair of FACEA. Lunch will follow!

**On Sunday 30th April** we welcome as our preacher the Rev'd Canon Dr Matthew Hill. Fr Matthew is Priest-in-Charge of St Peter's Carmarthen and Abergwili and Capel y Groes. The choir will be on tour in Noto, Sicily (I know, but someone has to do it!).

**Don't forget the Spring Sale** on Saturday 13th May. 11h00 till 14h00. Clothes and English books on sale in the Parish Hall.



**In Your Prayers**

**please remember**

**those on our sick-list:** Robin Baker, Jeanette George, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Jean-Paul Buffet, Philippa Campsi, Angela Casone, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Elizabeth Durand, Tina Fitzpatrick, Alan Fletcher, Francis Frois, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, 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, Fr Alan Warren, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

**Those who have died:** Paul O'Grady, James Bowman, Owen Parkes, Caroline Obiageli Mba, David Osborne, priest, Anna Matthews, priest, Grace Valéry.

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# St George's Paris

## Good Friday : 7th April 2023

A warm welcome to St George's. Today's liturgy is one of the most ancient in the Church's repertoire, with its roots very clearly in the synagogue tradition with which Jesus himself would have been familiar. It is austere in the extreme - unaccompanied singing, stark ceremonial and a simplicity which is almost brutal. We listen to the scriptures, culminating in St John's account of the Passion.

A cross is brought in, which we are invited to accept symbolically into our own lives during the Veneration. We recognise the cosmic contradiction whereby the instrument of Jesus's torture and death becomes the means for us of life and joy. All Christian liturgy is conducted in the light of the resurrection, but remembering that we are in fact, in one extended liturgy during Holy Week, the intercessions are followed by a deliberately incomplete sign of communion.

We do not celebrate the Eucharist today, but we receive Holy Communion in the form of bread only, the same eucharistic presence alongside which the Watch was kept last evening, so keeping in mind Christ's declaration that he would not drink from the fruit of the vine until he drank it again new in the Kingdom.

Today the choir will sing the **Passion, Reproaches and Improperia** by Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611), **Faithful Cross** by John IV of Portugal (1604-1656) and the motet during Communion will be **Adoramus te Christe** by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643).

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Please keep silence in church before the Liturgy of the Day. The clergy and servers enter and prostrate in silence. The Opening Prayer begins immediately after which we sit for the Liturgy of the Word.

### Opening Prayer

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals— so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate. Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Please remain seated for the psalm for the day (Ps. 22) :

*My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me \* and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint? O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not \* and in the night-season also I take no rest. And thou continuest holy \* O thou worship of Israel. Our fathers hoped in thee \* they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them. They called upon thee, and were holpen \* they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man \* a very scorn of men, and the out-*

**To the Trinity be glory,  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the co-eternal Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
one in love and one in splendour,  
While unending ages run. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

*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.**

### Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin 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 I shall be healed.**

*During Communion the choir sings Adoramus te by Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643).*

*Adoramus te, Christe,  
et benedicimus tibi,  
quia per sanctam crucem tuam  
redemisti mundum.  
Qui passus es pro nobis,  
Domine, Domine, miserere nobis.*

*We adore Thee, O Christ,  
and we bless Thee,  
who by Thy Holy Cross  
hast redeemed the world.  
Thou, who hast suffered death for us,  
O Lord, O Lord, have mercy on us.*

### Post Communion Prayer

*Please stand.*

### Prayer over the People

*After the prayer the clergy and servers scatter, like the disciples who fled in fear. We then depart immediately **in silence**. There is no Blessed Sacrament in church, it is traditional to genuflect to the*

## Holy Week 2022 : April 2nd—9th

Saturday 8th

### Holy Saturday

0915 Mattins

1830 Evensong

2000 Vigil and First Eucharist of the Resurrection  
*followed by champagne reception*

Sunday 9th

### Easter Day

0830 Holy Communion (1662 BCP)

1030 Solemn Eucharist and Holy Baptism

1630 Messe Malgache Cel : NR Pr : NR

Our preacher this year is Fr Thomas Seville CR.

Sweetest weight is hung on thee.

### Holy Communion

The Blessed Sacrament is brought into church as we sing the following hymn (NEH 78) :

**Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle,  
Sing the ending of the fray,  
O'er the cross, the victor's trophy,  
Sound the loud triumphant lay:  
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
As a Victim won the day.**

**God in pity saw man fallen,  
Shamed and sunk in misery,  
When he fell on death by tasting  
Fruit of the forbidden tree:  
Then another tree was chosen  
Which the world from death should free.**

**Therefore when the appointed fullness  
Of the holy time was come,  
He was sent who maketh all things  
Forth from God's eternal home:  
Thus he came to earth, incarnate,  
Offspring of a maiden's womb.**

**Thirty years among us dwelling,  
Now at length his hour fulfilled,  
Born for this, he meets his Passion,  
For that this he freely willed,  
On the cross the Lamb is lifted,  
Where his life-blood shall be spilled.**

**Bend thy boughs, O Tree of Glory,  
Thy too rigid sinews bend;  
For awhile the ancient rigour  
That thy birth bestowed, suspend,  
And the King of heavenly beauty  
On thy bosom gently tend.**

**Thou alone was counted worthy  
This world's Ransom to sustain,  
That a shipwrecked race might ever  
Thus a port of refuge gain,  
With the sacred blood anointed  
From the Lamb for sinners slain.**

**He endured the nails, the spitting,  
Vinegar and spear and reed;  
From that holy Body piercèd  
Blood and water forth proceed:  
Earth and stars and sky and ocean  
By that flood from stain are freed.**

*cast of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn \* they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying, He trusted in God, that he would deliver him \* let him deliver him, if he will have him. But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb \* thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts. I have been left unto thee ever since I was born \* thou art my God even from my mother's womb. O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand \* and there is none to help me. Many oxen are come about me \* fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side. They gape upon me with their mouths \* as it were a ramping and a roaring lion. I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint \* my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums \* and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death. For many dogs are come about me \* and the council of the wicked layeth siege against me. They pierced my hands and my feet; I may tell all my bones \* they stand staring and looking upon me. They part my garments among them \* and cast lots upon my vesture. But be not thou far from me, O Lord \* thou art my succour, haste thee to help me. Deliver my soul from the sword \* my darling from the power of the dog. Save me from the lion's mouth \* thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. I will declare thy Name unto my brethren \* in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him \* magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel; For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor \* he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him. My praise is of thee in the great congregation \* my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him. The poor shall eat, and be satisfied \* they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever. All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord \* and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's \* and he is the Governor among the people. All such as be fat upon earth \* have eaten, and worshipped. All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him \* and no man hath quickened his own soul. My seed shall serve him \* they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation. They shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness \* unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.*

### Second Reading: Hebrews 4;14-16; 5:7-9

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help. During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 90) :

**O sacred head, sore wounded,  
Defiled and put to scorn:  
O kingly head, surrounded  
With mocking crown of thorn;**

What sorrow mars thy grandeur?  
Can death thy bloom deflow'r?  
O countenance whose splendour  
The hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long desirèd,  
Hath vanished from our sight:  
Thy power is all expired,  
And quenched the light of light.  
Ah me! for whom thou diest,  
Hide not so far thy grace:  
Show me, O Love most highest,  
The brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion  
My heart to share doth cry.  
With thee for my salvation  
Upon the cross to die.  
Ah, keep my heart thus moved  
To stand thy cross beneath,  
To mourn thee, well-belovèd,  
Yet thank thee for thy death.

My days are few, O fail not,  
With thine immortal power,  
To hold me that I quail not  
In death's most fearful hour:  
That I may fight befriended,  
And see in my last strife  
To me thine arms extended  
Upon the cross of life.

#### Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John

The chant is set by Victoria (1548-1611).

#### Sermon

Please be seated for the address.

#### General Intercessions

Please stand for the ancient nine suffrages offered for God's church and world.

When I survey the wondrous cross (NEH 95)  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride  
Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,  
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;  
Then am I dead to all the globe,  
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

#### Veneration of the Cross

Please stand as the cross is brought in to church. As it moves into church the procession stops three times and the minister sings

Behold the wood of the cross :



O come, \_\_\_\_\_ let us wor - ship

All genuflect at each station in prayer. To venerate genuflect (or bow if infirm) in front of the cross, then kiss the cross both as a sign of love and fidelity for Jesus and reverence for the Cross on which he died. The cross will be wiped hygienically between each veneration. During Veneration the choir sings the **Improperia** and **Reproaches** by Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611) and **Faithful Cross** by John IV of Portugal (1604-1656)

O my people, what have I done to thee? Or wherein have I wearied thee? Answer me!  
Because I brought thee out of the land of Egypt, Thou has prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, Have mercy upon us!

Because I led thee through the desert forty years, and fed thee with manna,  
and brought thee into a land exceeding good, thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, Have mercy upon us!

What could I do more for thee that I have not done? I planted thee my choicest vine, and  
thou hast become exceeding bitter unto me. For when I was thirsty thou gavest me vinegar to  
drink mingled with gall and hast pierced with a spear the side of thy Saviour.

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, Have mercy upon us!

We venerate thy Cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify thy holy Resurrection:  
for by virtue of the Cross, joy has come to the whole world.

Faithful Cross! Above all other

One and only noble Tree!

None in foliage, none in blossom,

None in fruit thy peer may be;

Sweetest wood and sweetest iron!