

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.

A huge thanks to Jenny and Pamela for the Spring Sale last Saturday. We've worked hard to get rid of old stock and make space in Ali Baba.

We send our best regards to the Rev'd Jonathan Clarke and his wife Mary as he retires from St Michael's. We pray too for his swift recovery from the blood cancer from which he is currently suffering.

On Pentecost Sunday we are invited to wear red to celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit—it'll look better on the Chaplaincy Photograph too—Laurence will take the photo after the 1030 Eucharist..

The Annual London Festival is on Monday 26th June 2023 at 6.30pm at All Saint's, 7 Margaret Street, W1W 8JG and will be followed by a drinks reception and buffet supper. If you would like to stay for the supper, please book via biaggiemma@yahoo.co.uk by 18th June.

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. The deadline for text has now passed and the winner will be revealed in a few weeks with the competition for tunes to follow.

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, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Jean-Paul Buffet, Philippa Campsi, Angela Casone, Rev'd Jonathan Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Gregor Dallas, Elizabeth Durand, Tina Fitzpatrick, Alan Fletcher, Francis Frois, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, 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, 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: Christopher Hedley, Liesl Graz, Barry Woodward, Owen Parkes, Caroline Obiageli Mba.

St George's Paris

The Ascension of the Lord : 10h30 18th May 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. Today the choir sings the **Communion Service in E** by Harold Darke (1888-1976) and the anthem is **God is gone up** by Gerald Finzi (1901-1956).

Sunday 14th	0830 1030 1630	Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Cel : MO Solemn Eucharist and Holy Baptism Cel : NR Pr : MO Office Malgache (par Zoom) Cel : NR Pr JJ
Monday 15th	1800/1830	<i>Matthias, apostle</i> Evensong/Eucharist
Tuesday 16th	0915 1800/1830	<i>Rogation Day; Caroline Chisholm, social reformer</i> Morning Prayer Evensong/Eucharist
Wednesday 17th	1200 1800/1830	<i>Rogation Day</i> Eucharist Evensong/Adoration
Thursday 18th	0915 1030	Ascension Day Morning Prayer Solemn Eucharist @ St George's Preacher: Rev'd Ben Evans
Friday 19th	1800/1830	<i>Dunstan, archbishop of Canterbury</i> Evensong/Eucharist
Saturday 20th	1200 1800	<i>Alcuin of York, deacon</i> Eucharist L'eucharistie en français Cel : MO
Sunday 21st	0830 1030 1630	Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Cel : MO Solemn Eucharist Cel : JJ Pr : MO Messe Malgache Cel : NR Pr : NR

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (NEH 130) :

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluya!
Glorious to his native skies; Alleluya!
Christ, awhile to mortals given,
Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluya!**

**There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluya!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluya!
Christ hath vanquished death and sin;
take the King of glory in. Alleluya!**

**See the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluya!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves: Alleluya!
Though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluya!**

**See! He lifts his hands above; Alleluya!
See! He shows the prints of love: Alleluya!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow
Blessings on his Church below. Alleluya!**

**Still for us he intercedes; Alleluya!
his prevailing death he pleads; Alleluya!
Near himself prepares our place,
Harbinger of human race. Alleluya!**

**Lord, though parted from our sight, Alleluya!
Far above yon azure height, Alleluya!
Grant our hearts may thither rise,
Seeking thee beyond the skies. Alleluya!**

**There we shall with thee remain, Alleluya!
Partners of your endless reign; Alleluya!
There thy face unclouded see,
Find our heaven of heavens in thee. Alleluya!**

+ 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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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,**

*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.*

During Communion the Choir sings Gerald Finzi's Ascension Day anthem for choir and organ that takes its lyrics from Edward Taylor's 'Meditation Twenty' and the jubilant 47th psalm.

God is gone up with a triumphant shout! The Lord with sounding Trumpets' melodies: Sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praise, sing Praises out, Unto our King sing praise seraphicwise! Lift up your Heads, ye lasting Doors, they sing, And let the King of Glory enter in. Methinks I see Heaven's sparkling courtiers fly, In flakes of Glory down him to attend, And hear Heart-cramping notes of Melody Surround his Chariot as it did ascend; Mixing their Music, making ev'ry string More to enravish as they this tune sing.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 135).

**The Lord ascendeth up on high, Loud anthems round him swelling;
The Lord hath triumphed gloriously, In power and might excelling:
Hell and the grave are captive led; Lo, he returns, our glorious Head,
To his eternal dwelling.**

**The heavens with joy receive their Lord; O day of exultation!
By saints, by angel-hosts adored For his so great salvation:
O earth, adore thy glorious King, His rising, his ascension sing
With grateful adoration.**

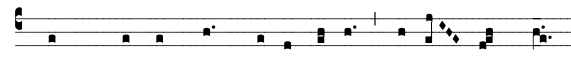
**By saints in earth and saints in heaven, With songs for ever blended,
All praise to Christ our King be given, Who hath to heaven ascended:
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God of heaven's resplendent host,
In bright array extended.**

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.

Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
May God the... **Amen.**

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit
go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!



Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!

**Glory to the Holy Spirit, To One God in persons Three;
Glory both in earth and heaven, Glory, endless glory, be.**

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



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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.*

The celebrant invites the people to Communion

Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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 are watching online or don't want to receive Holy Communion you may like to use the following prayer:

**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. Christe 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.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

We remain seated as the choir sings the psalm appointed for today (Psalm 47).

*Clap your hands together, all ye people * O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high, and to be feared * he is the great King upon all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us * and the nations under our feet. He shall choose out an heritage for us * even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved. God is gone up with a merry noise * and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God * O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth * sing ye praises with*

*understanding. God reigneth over the heathen * God sitteth upon his holy seat. The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham * for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.*

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 131) :

**O King most high of earth and sky On prostrate death thou treadest,
And with thy blood dost mark the road Whereby to heaven thou leadest.**

**O Christ, behold thine orphaned fold, Which thou hast borne with anguish,
Steeped in the tide from thy rent side; O leave us not to languish!**

**The glorious gain of all thy pain Henceforth dost thou inherit;
Now comes the hour—then gently shower On us thy promised Spirit!**

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon. Our preacher is the Rev'd Ben Evans, Asst. Chaplain of St Michael's, Paris.

Creed

We stand for the Profession of Faith

**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 :

Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father, alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.

Please stand for the hymn. During this hymn a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically? The hymn at the Preparation of the Table (NEH 132).

**See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph; See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, his chariot, To his heavenly palace gate.
Hark! the choirs of angel voices Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted To receive their heavenly King.**

**Who is this that comes in glory, With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies, He has gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer, He who from the grave arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan, He by death has spoiled his foes.**

**He has raised our human nature On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places, There with him in glory stand:
Jesus reigns, adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne;
Mighty Lord, in thine ascension We by faith behold our own.**

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us, Who the heavenly realm has won;**