

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 or the coffee is free.

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

During Advent we are looking forward to welcoming the Rev'd Sara McVane to celebrate the Eucharist at 1200 each Saturday.

There will be a retiring collection on the next two Sundays to cover the cost of Christmas Flowers – please give generously!

A huge thanks to all those who've been baking so generously for tonight's Carol Service—mulled wine and fresh baked mine pies to follow.

Spiritual Accompaniment is available this Advent: there are a range of approaches—clerical and lay—just find the one that works for you. **Confessions during Advent** will be heard by appointment. Email the clergy directly.

Christmas at St George's 2023:

17 Dec 1800 **9 Lessons & Carols**

Come early for this popular traditional carol service!

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

23 Dec 1500 Arbre de Noël des Enfants

24 Dec 1800 Family Eucharist

2200 Midnight Mass of Christmas & Blessing of the Crib

Followed by a champagne reception.

25 Dec 0830 Dawn Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

1030 Sung Eucharist of Christmas Day

1630 Messe Malgache

Gifts of champagne to help celebrate will be gratefully received.

Good news for tax payers! Did you know that as a taxpayer in France an identifiable donation gets 66% off your tax bill. This means the net cost to you of a €100 donation will be only €34. That means you can either go out for dinner *OR* consider donating the saving to church. **Please consider increasing your giving if you can to cover our increasing operating costs.**

St George's Hymn Competition: The Tune Competition is now closed for submissions and judging will begin shortly. We are grateful to Anne and to Fr Jeffrey and our Panel of Judges for their willing involvement in selecting a worthy winner from the over thirty entries received from around the world. We hope to be able to reveal the name of the successful entrant in a few weeks' time!

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Robin Baker, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Issy Brett, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Rev'd Jonathan Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Deidre Dalton, 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, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, Fr Alan Warren, Alan Watts, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul, Val,

Those who have died: William Broad, priest, David Leys, Colin Buchanan, bishop.

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St George's Paris

Advent 3 : 17th December 2023

A warm welcome to St George's worship this week—online or in person. Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet—**please note the seasonal changes to the text.** The setting is the **Messe Basse** by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) and the motet during Communion will be **The truth from above** Traditional (arr Ralph Vaughn Williams -1872-1958).

Sunday 17th

0830

1030

1800

Monday 18th

1800/1830

Tuesday 19th

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Wednesday 20th

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Thursday 21st

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Friday 22nd

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Saturday 23rd

1200

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Sunday 24th

0830

1030

1800

3rd Sunday of Advent *O Sapientia*

Holy Communion (1662 BCP)

Cel JJ

Solemn Eucharist

Cel MO

Pr JJ

Lessons & Carols

Advent Weekday—O Adonai

Evensong & Eucharist

Advent Weekday—O Radix Jesse

Morning Prayer

Evensong & Eucharist

Advent Weekday—O Clavis David

Eucharist

Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament

Advent Weekday—O Oriens

Morning Prayer

Evensong & Eucharist

Advent Weekday—O Rex Gentium

Evensong & Eucharist

Advent Weekday—O Emmanuel

Eucharist

Arbre de Noël des Enfants

Eucharistie en français

Cel JJ

Pr JJ

4th Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion (1662 BCP)

Cel JJ

Solemn Eucharist

Cel MO

Pr JJ

Family Eucharist around the Christmas Crib

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand. During Advent part of the Advent Prose (NEH 501) is used as an Entrance Antiphon. We then sing the first hymn (NEH 5).

**Hark! a herald voice is sounding! 'Christ is nigh!' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!'**

**Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven.
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiven;**

**That, when next He comes with glory, And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender On the clouds of heaven appear.**

**Honour, glory, virtue, merit To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit, While unending ages run. Amen.**

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 sings the Kyries.

Penitential Rite

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Opening Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

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, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 14).

**The advent of our God
With eager prayers we greet
And singing haste up on the road
His glorious gift to meet.**

**The everlasting Son
Scorns not the Virgin's womb;
That we from bondage may be won
He bears a bondsman's doom.**

**Daughter of Sion, rise
To meet thy lowly King;
Let not thy stubborn heart despise
The peace he comes to bring.**

**On clouds of dazzling light,
As Judge he comes again,
His scattered people to unite,
With him in heaven to reign.**

**Let evil flee away
Ere that great hour shall dawn.
Let this old Adam day by day
the new Man all put on.**

**Praise to the incarnate Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father and with Spirit One,
To all eternity. Amen.**

After the Blessing, and the 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.

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

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

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

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

At the end of the prayer we all respond

... in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

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

As we prepare for Holy Communion the Choir sing 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

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 do not intinct—it is forbidden by our bishops and dangerous for coeliacs.** 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:

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

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who

to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm for the day (Magnificat).

My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel : As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 170, First Tune).

**Lo, in the wilderness a voice 'Make straight the way' is crying:
When men are turning from the light, And hope and love seem dying,
The prophet comes to make us clean:
'There standeth one you have not seen, Whose voice you are denying.'**

**God give us grace to hearken now To those who come to warn us,
Give sight and strength, that we may kill The vices that have torn us,
Lest love professed should disappear
In creeds of hate, contempt, and fear, That crush and overturn us.**

**When from the vineyard cruel men Cast out the heavenly powers
And Christendom denies its Lord, The world in ruin cowers.
Now come, O God, in thy great might!
Unchanged, unchanging is thy right, Unswayed thy justice towers.**

Holy Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Sermon

Please be seated for the Sermon.

Creed

We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Creed I)

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

Come, O come, Emmanuel: **come and live in us.**

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 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 55).

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free;
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.**

**He comes with succour speedy To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Were precious in his sight.**

**He shall come down like showers Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, Spring in His path to birth:
Before Him on the mountains Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains, From hill to valley flow.**

**Kings shall fall down before Him, And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him, His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing, A kingdom without end.**

**O'er every foe victorious He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His Name shall stand forever; That name to us is Love.**

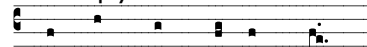
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



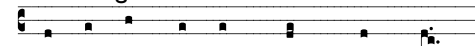
and also with you.

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.