

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.

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:

24 Dec	1800	Family Eucharist
	2200	Midnight Mass of Christmas & Blessing of the Crib <i>Followed by a champagne reception.</i>
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.

Christmas Communion: The clergy are very willing to bring Holy Communion to the housebound. Please encourage those who continue to shelter to contact Fr Mark to receive their Christmas Communion.

There are no public offices this week but the Eucharist will be celebrated daily.

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 forty 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.

St George's Paris

Advent 4 : 24th 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 **Missa Sancti Patricii** by Charles Wood (1866-1926) and the motet during Communion will be **Alma Redemptoris** by G.P. da Palestrina (1525-1603).

Sunday 24th	0830	4th Sunday of Advent		
	1030	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ	
	1800	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO	Pr JJ
	2200	Crib Eucharist for all the family	Cel MO	Pr MO
		Midnight Mass of Christmas	Cel MO	Pr JJ
Monday 25th		The Nativity of the Lord		
	0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel JJ	
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO	Pr JJ
	1630	Messe Malgache	Cel NR	Pr NR
Tuesday 26th		<i>Stephen, deacon, first martyr</i>		
	1830	Eucharist		
Wednesday 27th		<i>John, apostle and evangelist</i>		
	1200	Eucharist		
Thursday 28th		<i>The Holy Innocents</i>		
	1830	Eucharist		
Friday 29th		<i>Thomas à Becket, archbishop & martyr</i>		
	1830	Eucharist		
Saturday 30th		<i>Fifth Day of Christmas</i>		
	1200	Eucharist		
	1800	Eucharistie en français	Cel NR	Pr NR
Sunday 31st		1st Sunday of Christmas		
	0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel MO	
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel JJ	Pr MO

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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 500).

**Thy kingdom come! On bended knee the passing ages pray;
and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.**

**But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong;
and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.**

**And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear;
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:**

**The day in whose clear-shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,
when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;**

**When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad:
the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.**

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

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.' But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I

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

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 11).

**O come, O come, Emmanuel! Redeem thy captive Israel
That into exile drear is gone, Far from the face of God's dear Son.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high! Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay: To us reveal salvation's way.**

**O come, O come, Adonai, Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain clothed in awe, Gavest thy folk the ancient Law.**

**O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave, From nether hell, thy people save.**

**O Come, thou Lord of David's Key! The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road, And bar the way to death's abode.**

**O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.**

**O come, Desire of nations! show Thy kingly reign on earth below
Thou Cornerstone, uniting all, Restore the ruin of our fall.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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.

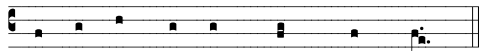
Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

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

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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.*

brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm for the day (Ps 89.1-4, 19-26).

*My song shall be always of the loving kindness of the Lord * with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another. For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever * thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens. I have made a covenant with my chosen * I have sworn unto David my servant; Thy seed will I stablish for ever * and set up thy throne from one generation to another. For the Lord is our defence * the Holy One of Israel is our King. Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst * I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant * with my holy oil have I anointed him. My hand shall hold him fast * and my arm shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not be able to do him violence * the son of wickedness shall not hurt him. I will smite down his foes before his face * and plague them that hate him. My truth also and my mercy shall be with him * and in my Name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his dominion also in the sea * and his right hand in the floods.*

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 469).

**To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love, All pray in their distress,
And to these virtues of delight Return their thankfulness.**

**For Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love, Is God our Father dear;
And Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love, Is Man, his child and care.**

**For Mercy has a human heart, Pity, a human face;
And Love, the human form divine, And Peace, the human dress.**

**Then every man, of every clime, That prays in his distress,
Prays to the human form divine: Love, Mercy, Pity, Peace.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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

Keep us faithful: **to your calling.**

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 33).

Of the Father's heart begotten, Ere the world from chaos rose, He is Alpha: from that Fountain, All that is and hath been flows; He is Omega, of all things Yet to come the mystic Close, Evermore and evermore.

By his word was all created; He commanded and 'twas done; Earth and sky and boundless ocean, Universe of three in one, All that sees the moon's soft radiance, All that breathes beneath the sun, Evermore and evermore.

He assumed this mortal body, Frail and feeble, doomed to die, That the race from dust created Might not perish utterly, Which the dreadful Law had sentenced In the depths of hell to lie, Evermore and evermore.

O how blest that wondrous birthday, When the Maid the curse retrieved, Brought to birth mankind's salvation, By the Holy Ghost conceived, And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, In her loving arms received, Evermore and evermore.

This is he, whom seer and sybil Sang in ages long gone by; This is he of old revealed In the page of prophecy; Lo! he comes, the promised Saviour; Let the world his praises cry! Evermore and evermore.

Sing, ye heights of heaven, his praises; Angels and Archangels, sing! Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, Let your joyous anthems ring, Every tongue his name confessing, Countless voices answering, Evermore and evermore.

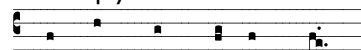
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



and also with you.

Lift up your hearts



We lift them to the Lord.