

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.

Une JOURNEE DE FOYERS MIXTES (catholique/protestant) intitulée 'Vivre et Transmettre la Bonne Nouvelle dans un Foyer Mixte' est proposée le samedi 3 février 2024 à l'Espace Marc Boegner 27 rue de l'Annonciation 75016 Paris. Participation à la journée est gratuite y compris le déjeuner. Plus d'informations : www.affmic.org

On Saturday 10th February at 1030h we begin our Bicentenary Celebrations with a Eucharist. Our preacher will be Bishop Richard Chartres, formerly bishop of London. The Eucharist will be followed by a reception. Lunch on Sunday will be a special celebration so please sign up to allow for catering.

The Lent Course in 2024 will be on the four Gospels and will take place by Zoom on four Tuesdays, February 20, 27, March 5th and 12th at 1900h. To receive the link for joining send an email to Fr Jeffrey at drjphjohn@gmail.com

A Lent Quiet Day on Making Sense of the Cross will be held at the Community of the Diaconesses de Reuilly (nr Versailles Chantiers RER station) from 1030h-1500h on Saturday 16th March. The day includes midday prayer with the community and lunch. Cost 25€. To register contact Fr Jeffrey on drjphjohn@gmail.com

The judging of the Bicentenary Hymn Competition has now reached its conclusion. We are pleased to announce that, by the determination of the panel of judges, the winning tune was composed by Alan Bullard, of Colchester, Essex. Alan is a well-known English composer, whose work is performed around the world. We congratulate him and thank him and the many other entrants who used their talents to set the Rev'd Doug Constable's winning text to music. We are sure that the hymn, words and music, will prove a fine addition to our worship here and elsewhere and look forward to using it first on February 10th during our Bicentenary Eucharist. **Words and tune can now be found on the website.**

The Newsletter Editor (john_crothers@hotmail.com) would very much like to receive your articles for the next edition. Current deadline for contributions is 31st March.

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Robin Baker, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Louise Breda, 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 Goubault, 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 Carl Schaefer, Bishop Alan Smith, Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith, 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: Betty Warrick.

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St George's, Paris

Candlemass or The Presentation of Christ: 28th January 2024

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. Today the choir sings the **Western Wynd Mass** by John Sheppard (1515-1558) and the Communion motet during will be **Hodie Beata Virgo Maria** by Luca Marenzio (1556-1599).

Sunday 28th	The Presentation of Christ—Candlemas		
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel: MO	
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO	Pr: MO
Monday 29th	Feria		
1800/ 1830	Evensong/ Eucharist		
Tuesday 30th	John Bosco, fdr Salesians		
0915	Morning Prayer		
1800/1830	Evensong/Eucharist		
Wednesday 31st	Brigid, abbess		
1200	Eucharist		
1800/1815	Evensong/Adoration of the Sacrament		
Thursday 1st	Feria		
0915	Morning Prayer		
1800/1830	Evensong/Eucharist		
Friday 2nd	Feria		
1800/1830	Evensong/Eucharist		
Saturday 3rd	Anskar, bp, apostle of Denmark & Sweden		
1200	Eucharist		
1800	Eucharistie en français	Cel JJ	Pr JJ
Sunday 4th	2nd Sunday before Lent		
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)	Cel: JJ	
1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO	Pr: JJ
1630	Messe Malgache	Cel NR	

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The Gathering

The service begins in the Hall with the blessing of candles and the singing of the Nunc Dimittis with its antiphon.

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The candles are lit and a prayer is said.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you,... in your light shall we see light.
Blessed be God for ever.

The candles are then blessed with holy water and the choir sings the Song of Simeon or Nunc Dimittis (Luke 2:25-38) (NEH 506).

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

We wait for your loving-kindness, O Lord,
in the midst of your temple.

Open to us the gates of righteousness
that we may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

God is the Lord who has shown us light.
Let us offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness.

The procession to the altar begins as we sing (NEH 33) the hymn :

**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.**

**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.**

**Let the storm and summer sunshine, Gliding stream and sounding shore,
Sea and forest, frost and zephyr, Day and night their Lord adore;
Let creation join to laud thee Through the ages evermore,
Evermore and evermore.**

Breaking of the bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

God is here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

As we prepare for Holy Communion the Choir sing:

*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

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, give us this bread for ever.

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

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 187).

**Virgin-born, we bow before thee; blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild, blessèd was she in her child.**

**Blessèd was the breast that fed thee; blessèd was the hand that led thee;
blessèd was the parent's eye that watched thy slumbering infancy.**

**Blessèd she by all creation, who brought forth the world's Salvation,
blessèd they for ever blest, who love thee most and serve thee best.**

**Virgin-born we bow before thee; blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild, blessèd was she in her Child.**

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

And may the blessing... always.
Amen

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

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore they temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

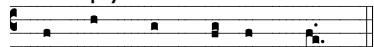
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



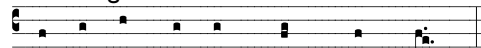
and also with you.

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:

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.

During the Eucharistic Prayer we proclaim the mystery of faith by using the following:

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.**

**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.**

Your light is come, O Jerusalem.

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

There is no penitential rite after a prayer the Gloria intoned.

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.

Opening Prayer

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for today (Ps.24).

*[The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is * the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas * and prepared it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord * or who shall rise up in his holy place? Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart * and that hath not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord * and righteousness from the God of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek him * even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.] Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors * and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory * it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors * and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory*

** even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 44).

**Faithful, vigil ended, Watching, waiting cease;
Master, grant thy servant His discharge in peace.**

**All thy Spirit promised, All the Father willed;
Now these eyes behold it Perfectly fulfilled.**

**This thy great deliverance Sets thy people free;
Christ, thy light, uplifted All the nations see.**

**Christ, thy people's glory! Watching, doubting, cease:
Grant to us thy servants Our discharge in peace.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Sermon

Please be seated for the sermon.

Creed

We stand to sing 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.

Prayers of Intercession

We remain standing to prayer together. At the end of each petition this response is used

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

After a pause for silent prayer, we conclude

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. The hymn at the Preparation of the Table (NEH 408).