

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.

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—electronically or on paper—up to allow for catering.

Lent 2024 :

Lenten 'Spiritual MOT' - un contrôle technique spirituel pour Carême! A chance to talk to any one of a team of experienced male or female, lay and ordained companions here at St George's about your prayer life—what goes on for you with God. Simply email your choice to make an appointment : Rev'd Sara: macvanesara@gmail.com ; Fr Grant: wenlockholmes@gmail.com; Fr Jeffrey: drijphjohn@gmail.com; Fr Mark : chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org ; Fr Nicolas: rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com ; Sonia Taylor: soniataylor146@gmail.com

Recommended reading in Lent : My Sour-Sweet Days: George Herbert and the Journey of the Soul by Mark Oakley (ISBN 978-0-281-08032-8); **The Hour is Come: Passion in Real Time** by Andrew Nunn (ISBN-978-1-78622-396-8) ; **Life on the Edge** by Brother John of Taizé (ISBN-978-1-5326-1793-5).

Stations of the Cross on Zoom every Friday at **1900h**. The link for online Stations will come in our e:News.

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 drijphjohn@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 drijphjohn@gmail.com

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, Issy Brett, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Rev'd Jonathan Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Deidre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Chris Defrasne, Elizabeth Durand, Alan Fletcher, Francis Frois, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouilland, Jeanette Georges, Anne Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, Rev'd Richard Hicks, Irene Hicks, Pam Ingram, John James, 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:

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St George's Paris

2nd Sunday before Lent or Sexagesima: 4th February 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 **Communion service in C minor** by Charles Wood (1866-1926) and the motet during Communion is the **Salve Regina** by Francis Poulenc (1899-1963).

Sunday 4th	0830 1030 1630	2nd Sunday before Lent Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist Messe Malgache	Cel: JJ Cel MO Cel NR	Pr: JJ
Monday 5th	1800/ 1830	<i>Feria</i> Evensong/ Eucharist		
Tuesday 6th	0915 1800/1830	<i>The Martyrs of Japan</i> Morning Prayer Evensong/Eucharist		
Wednesday 7th	1200 1800/1815	<i>Feria</i> Eucharist Evensong/Adoration of the Sacrament		
Thursday 8th	0915 1800/1830	<i>Feria</i> Morning Prayer Evensong/Eucharist		
Friday 9th	1800/1830	<i>Feria</i> Evensong/Eucharist		
Saturday 10th	1030 1800	<i>Scholastica, abbess</i> Solemn Mass of the Dedication of a Church <i>With + Richard Chartres followed by a champagne reception</i> Eucharistie en français	Cel NR	Pr NR
Sunday 11th	0830 1030 1630	Sunday next before Lent Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist Office Malgache—Zoom	Cel: JJ Cel +RC Cel NR	Pr: MO

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the hymn (NEH 265).

**Lord of beauty, thine the splendour Shown in earth and sky and sea
Burning sun and moonlight tender, Hill and river, flower and tree:
Lest we fail our praise to render Touch our eyes that they may see**

**Lord of wisdom, whom obeying Mighty waters ebb and flow
While unhasting, undelaying, Planets on their courses go;
In thy laws thyself displaying, Teach our minds thyself to know**

**Lord of life, alone sustaining All below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining Sun and stars sublimely move:
In our earthly spirits reigning, Lift our hearts that we may love.**

**Lord of beauty, bid us own thee, Lord of truth, our footsteps guide
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee, And, with wisdom purified
Lord of all, when all have known thee, Thou in all art glorified.**

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you, through our own fault,
in thought and word and deed,
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.**

*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

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly
paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been
nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 397).

**Let us, with a gladsome mind, Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Let us blaze his name abroad, For of gods he is the God:
For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**He with all-commanding might Filled the new-made world with light:
For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**He the golden-tressèd sun Caused all day his course to run:
For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**And the hornèd moon to shine by night, Mid her spangled sisters bright:
For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**All things living he doth feed, His full hand supplies their need:
For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

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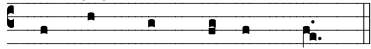
Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

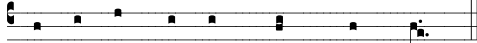
Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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.

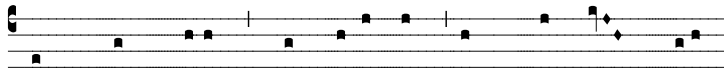
The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and the Choir sings the Sanctus.

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.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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.

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins 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 my soul shall be healed.**

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.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 104.26-end).

*There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan * whom thou hast made to take his pastime therein. These wait all upon thee * that thou mayest give them meat in due season. When thou givest it them they gather it * and when thou openest thy hand they are filled with good. When thou hidest thy face they are troubled * when thou takest away their breath they die, and are turned again to their dust. When thou lettest thy breath go forth they shall be made * and thou shalt renew the face of the earth. The glorious Majesty of the Lord shall endure for ever * the Lord shall rejoice in his works. The earth shall tremble at the look of him * if he do but touch the hills, they shall smoke. I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live * I will praise my God while I have my being. And so shall my words please him * my joy shall be in the Lord. As for sinners, they shall be consumed out of the earth, and the ungodly shall come to an end * praise thou the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.*

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 266).

**The Lord reigns clothed in strength and power,
And beauty is his royal robe:
For his eternal throne he poised
The pillars of the solid globe.**

The thunder of the brooks in spate,
The restless motion of the tides,
Those voices of the springs proclaim
The Lord whose majesty abides.

Then in the splendour of his house
Now and for ever glorify
The Lord whose covenant stands firm,
Who built the earth and sea and sky.

Holy Gospel: John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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.

Intercessions

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

Wise and holy God: **we are your children.**

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 263).

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluya! Alleluya!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him! Alleluya!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice! O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluya, Alleluya!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

Dear mother earth, who day by day Unfoldest blessings on our way O praise him! Alleluya!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them his glory also show: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluya!

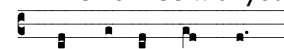
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



and also with you.