

## Lent 2024 :

**Sunday Lunch in Lent takes a new form**—soup and salad and an opportunity to get to know some of the people we worship alongside every week.

**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: drjphjohn@gmail.com; Fr Mark : chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org ; Fr Nicolas: rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com ; Sonia Taylor: soniataylor146@gmail.com

**Pick up a Lent leaflet** to help you think through your Lent.

**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 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

**Revision of the Electoral Roll is underway.** A copy of the current Roll is on the noticeboard halfway down the stairs. Please check that you are on it and if you are not, and would like to be, there are forms to fill in on the landing table. Please complete and hand to one of the clergy.

**With real sorrow** we heard of the death of the Revd Canon Alyson Lamb, formerly chaplain of St Michael’s.

**There will be a diocesan online Service of Prayer, Thanksgiving and Sending Out** for Bishop David at 1800cet/1700gmt on Wednesday 28 February. The Zoom link is available by emailing office@stgeorgesparis.org

**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:** HM The King, 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:** Alyson Lamb, priest, Tim Slater, Emma Guillou, Ramiro Tunin.

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# St George’s Paris

## 2nd Sunday of Lent : 25th February 2024

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—**please note the seasonal changes**. Today the choir sings the **Mass for Three voices** by Antonio Lotti (1667-1740) and the motet during Communion will be **Lift thine eyes** by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

Sunday 25th	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 0830 Holy Communion (BCP) Cel : MO 1030 Solemn Eucharist Cel : JJ Pr : SR
Monday 26th	Lenten Feria 1800 Evensong 1830 Eucharist
Tuesday 27th	George Herbert, priest & poet 0915 Morning Prayer 1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist
Wednesday 28th	Ember Day 1200 Eucharist 1800/1815 Evensong & Exposition
Thursday 29th	Lenten Feria 0915 Morning Prayer 1800/1830 Evensong & Eucharist
Friday 1st	David, bishop, Patron of Wales 1900 Stations of the Cross by Zoom
Saturday 2nd	Chad of Lichfield, bishop 1200 Eucharist 1800 Eucharistie en français Cel : MO
Sunday 3rd	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 0830 Holy Communion (BCP) Cel : JJ 1030 Solemn Eucharist Cel : MO Pr : JJ 1630 Messe Malgache Cel : NR Pr : MO

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the first hymn (NEH 507):

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

**To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory: lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings: listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.**

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

**O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father: way of salvation, gate of life celestial: cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.**

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

**God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated: bow down and hearken to thy weeping children: pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.**

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

**Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee: with true contrition, now no more we veil them: grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.**

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

**Innocent captive, taken unresisting: falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced, save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.**

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have sinned against thee.**

### 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.*

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

### Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my

## 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.*

*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

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 382).*

**Jesus, grant me this, I pray, Ever in thy heart to stay;  
Let me evermore abide Hidden in thy wounded side.**

**If the evil one prepare, Or the world, a tempting snare,  
I am safe when I abide In thy heart and wounded side.**

**If the flesh, more dangerous still, Tempt my soul to deeds of ill,  
Naught I fear when I abide In thy heart and wounded side.**

**Death will come one day to me; Jesus, cast me not from thee:  
Dying let me still abide In thy heart and wounded side.**

*After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave in the silence.*

### Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

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

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### 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.

**Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame, Nor let thy foolish pride rebel;  
The Lord for thee the Cross endured, To save thy soul from death and hell.**

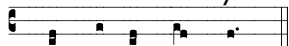
**Take up thy cross then in his strength, And calmly every danger brave;  
'Twill guide thee to a better home, And lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up thy cross then in his strength, Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only he who bear the cross May hope to wear the glorious crown.**

**To thee, great Lord, the One in Three, All praise forevermore ascend;  
O grant us in our home to see The heavenly life that knows no end.**

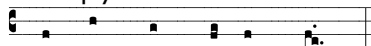
### **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you



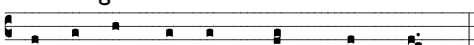
**and al-so with you.**

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 choirs sing the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus**.

*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

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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 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.*

covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 22. 23-31)

*O praise the Lord, ye that fear him \* magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob, and fear him, all ye seed of Israel; For he hath not despised, nor abhorred, the low estate of the poor \* he hath not hid his face from him, but when he called unto him he heard him. My praise is of thee in the great congregation \* my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him. The poor shall eat, and be satisfied \* they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; your heart shall live for ever. All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the Lord \* and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's \* and he is the Governor among the people. All such as be fat upon earth \* have eaten, and worshipped. All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him \* and no man hath quickened his own soul. My seed shall serve him \* they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.*

### **Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 59).

**Now is the healing time decreed For sins of heart and word and deed,  
When we in humble fear record The wrong that we have done the Lord:**

**Who, always merciful and good, Has borne so long our wayward mood,  
Nor cut us off unsparingly In our so great iniquity.**

**Therefore with fasting and with prayer, Our secret sorrow we declare,  
With all good striving seek his face, And lowly-hearted plead for grace.**

**Cleanse us, O Lord, from every stain, Help us the gifts of grace to gain,  
Till with the angels, linked in love, Joyful we tread thy courts above.**

**We pray thee, holy Trinity, One God, unchanging Unity,  
That we from this our abstinence May reap the fruits of penitence. Amen.**

#### **Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31-38**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things. 'He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

#### **Creed**

*We stand to sing the Profession of Faith (Plainsong 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**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Strengthen Robert and David our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Bless and guide King Charles III and the President of France; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ ...; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, George the Martyr and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole of creation to your unfailing love. *Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

**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 with you  
**and also with you.**

*Please stand for the hymn at the Preparation of the Table (NEH 76) During this hymn a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically?*

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said, If thou wouldst my disciple be;  
Deny thyself, the world forsake, And humbly follow after me.**

**Take up thy cross, let not its weight Fill thy weak spirit with alarm;  
His strength shall bear thy spirit up,  
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.**