

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.

### Lent 2024 :

**Sunday Lunch in Lent takes a new form**—soup and salad and an opportunity to get to know the people we worship alongside every week. **There is no lunch next 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.

**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:** Elizabeth Durand, Nina Haltermann

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# St George’s Paris

## 3rd Sunday of Lent : 3rd March 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 **Missa brevis** (In hon. Sanctae Trinitatis in F) by Joseph Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901) and the motet during Communion will be **Exsurge Domine** by Alessandro Scarlatti (1660-1725).

Sunday 3rd	3rd Sunday of Lent		
	0830	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cel : JJ
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel : MO Pr : JJ
	1630	Messe Malgache	Cel : NR Pr : MO
Monday 4th	Lenten Feria		
	1800	Evensong	
	1830	Eucharist	
Tuesday 5th	Lenten Feria		
	0915	Morning Prayer	
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Wednesday 6th	Lenten Feria		
	1200	Eucharist	
	1800/1815	Evensong & Exposition	
Thursday 7th	Perpetua, Felicity & comps, martyrs of Carthage		
	0915	Morning Prayer	
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist	
Friday 8th	Edward King, bp; Felix, bp & Apostle of the East Angles;		
	1900	Stations of the Cross by Zoom	
Saturday 9th	Lenten Feria		
	1200	Eucharist	
	1800	Eucharistie en français	Cel : JJ
Sunday 10th	4th Sunday of Lent—Mothering Sunday		
	0830	Holy Communion (BCP)	Cel : MO
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	Cel : NR Pr : MO
	1630	Office Malgache	Cel : NR Pr : JJ

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the first hymn (NEH 74):

**O for a heart to praise my God, A heart from sin set free;  
A heart that always feels thy blood So freely spilt for me:  
A heart resigned, submissive, meek, My great Redeemer's throne;  
Where only Christ is heard to speak, Where Jesus reigns alone:  
A humble, lowly, contrite heart, Believing, true, and clean,  
Which neither life nor death can part From him that dwells within:  
A heart in every thought renewed, And full of love divine;  
Perfect and right and pure and good, A copy, Lord, of thine.  
My heart, thou know'st, can never rest Till thou create my peace;  
Till of mine Eden reposest, From self, and sin, I cease.  
Thy nature, gracious Lord, impart, come quickly from above;  
write thy new name upon my heart, thy new best name of Love.**

### 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, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son 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: Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall

## 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.*

### 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

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 94).*

**We sing the praise of him who died, Of him who died upon the Cross;  
The sinner's hope let men deride, For this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the Cross we see In shining letters, 'God is love';  
He bears our sins upon the Tree; he brings us mercy from above.**

**The Cross! It takes our guilt away: It holds the fainting spirit up;  
It cheers with hope the gloomy day, And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.**

**It makes the coward spirit brave, And nerves the feeble arm for fight;  
It takes its terror from the grave, And gilds the bed of death with light:**

**The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,  
The sinner's refuge here below, The angels' theme in heaven above.**

*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.**

**Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

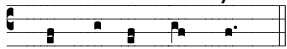
**Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Be thou my inheritance, now and always;  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.**

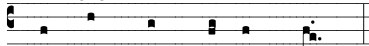
### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



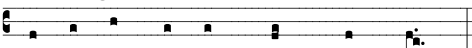
**and al-so with you.**

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.**

not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

*Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 119)*

*The heavens declare the glory of God \* and the firmament sheweth his handywork. One day telleth another \* and one night certifieth another. There is neither speech nor language \* but their voices are heard among them. Their sound is gone out into all lands \* and their words into the ends of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun \* which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course. It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again \* and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul \* the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart \* the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever \* the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold \* sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb. Moreover, by them is thy servant taught \* and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can tell how oft he offendeth \* O cleanse thou me from my secret faults. Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me \* so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart \* be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord \* my strength, and my redeemer.*

### Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

*Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 407).*

**Lord, thy word abideth, And our footsteps guideth;  
Who its truth believeth, Light and joy receiveth.**

**When our foes are near us, Then thy word doth cheer us,  
Word of consolation, Message of salvation.**

**When the storms are o'er us, And dark clouds before us,  
Then its light directeth, And our way protecteth.**

**Who can tell the pleasure, Who recount the treasure  
By thy word imparted To the simple-hearted?**

**Word of mercy, giving Succour to the living;  
Word of life, supplying Comfort to the dying.**

**O that we discerning Its most holy learning,  
Lord, may love and fear thee, Evermore be near thee!**

#### **Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

#### **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 our bishop 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 339) During this hymn a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically?*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.**