

## Notices

**Welcome to the Eucharist today.** You are invited to the Chaplain's Flat—on the 1st Floor—for a glass of champagne following the Vigil.

**Bienvenue à Saint-Georges.** Nous vous invitons à nous rejoindre pour une coupe de champagne chez père Mark—I ere étage—après la messe.



**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 AGM of the Church Council** will take place on Sunday, 7th April immediately after the 1030 Eucharist. The notices are on the noticeboard halfway down the stairs. Please consider signing up if you would like to be elected to the Church Council but do remember that you must be on the Electoral Roll in order to do so.

**The Newsletter Editor (john\_crothers@hotmail.com)** thanks everyone who responded to the request for articles for the next edition. We now have a good spring Bicentenary edition in preparation: it should be available for reading in May.

**In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list:** HM The King, HRH The Princess of Wales, Robin Baker, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Gordon Bradley, Issy Brett, Jean-Paul Buffet, Valerie Canning, Angela Casone, Rev'd Jonathan Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Deidre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Chris Defrasne, Alan Fletcher, Francis Frois, Mimi de Bentzmann-Fouillard, Jeanette Georges, Anne Gould, Ophélie Goubault, Rev'd Richard Hicks, Irene Hicks, Pam Ingram, John James, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Hans Mayer, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, Max Orrin, 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:** Dorothy Milner, Elizabeth Durand, Nina Haltermann,

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# St George's Paris

## Easter Vigil : 30th March 2024

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A warm welcome to St George's. Tonight the choir will sing the **Communion Service in C** by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924).

The Paschal Vigil is the celebration of the whole mystery of redemption. It belongs to Passiontide and to Eastertide, and the change from one to the other is worked out during the course of the service. It falls into four main parts:

**The Service of Light.** This consists of the Blessing of the New Fire, the Blessing and Lighting of the Paschal Candle, the Entry into the church and the Paschal Proclamation [or Exultet]. The theme of light links both the Creation and the Resurrection and looks forward to the Second Coming - "Blessed are those servants whom the Master finds awake when he comes." [Luke 12: 37]

**The Vigil of Readings.** In the light of the Risen Christ, we listen again to the story of the Creation, the liberation of God's people from slavery and the promise of further redemption. The Gloria returns, and the jubilant fanfare which heralds this, as well as the Alleluia following St Paul's teaching on baptism, prepare us for the Gospel of the Resurrection, with which this section concludes.

**The Liturgy of Initiation.** The triumph of Christ becomes the triumph of the individual Christian in Baptism, when we become members of his Body, the Church. On this night the Church welcomes new members in baptism and, in so doing, we renew our own baptismal commitment to Christ.

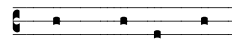
**The First Eucharist of Easter.** The early Church expected that the Second Coming of Christ would occur during the night of Easter - "Behold the Bridegroom: come out to meet him [Matt 25:6] and when this ceased to be a literal expectation the Easter liturgy provided the means by which, in the sacramental forms of bread and wine, Christians encounter their Risen Lord as they await his final coming in glory.

We gather today in the Parish Hall where a new fire is kindled safely in the street. Here we ask God to bless the Light.

### Procession of Light

The congregation acclaims the new light brought into the darkness of death three times.

Christ our light.



Thanks be to God.

The Light is shared and after placing the Paschal Candle and honouring it with incense the minister sings the ancient Easter Proclamation or **Exsultet**.

### Vigil of the Resurrection

The priest introduces the Vigil and keep your candle lit, if you wish to follow the psalms (NEH 518).

First Reading:	Genesis 1
Psalm	Psalm 104.1-7
Prayer	
Second Reading	Exodus 14
Canticle	from Exodus 15
Prayer	
Third Reading	Isaiah 55
Canticle	from Isaiah 12
Prayer	
Fourth Reading	Ezekiel 37
Psalm	from Psalms 42, 43
Prayer	

Please stand as the choir sings and bells are rung. Vigil candles are put out and the lamps are relit.

### The Liturgy of the Eucharist

#### Collect

O God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The minister and choir sing the Alleluias and psalm 150 to greet the Gospel.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious \* and his mercy endures for ever. O praise the Lord all ye heathen \* praise him all ye nations. For his merciful kindness towards us is ever more and more \* and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

#### Holy Gospel: John 20:1, 11-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 119) :

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluya!**

**Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,  
And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;  
Let shouts of praise and joy outburst. Alleluya!**

**On the third morn he rose again  
Glorious in majesty to reign;  
O let us swell the joyful strain. Alleluya!**

**He brake the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluya!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee  
From death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to thee. Alleluya!**

After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave during the organ voluntary. You are invited to remain in your seats for this final act of worship.

#### Dismissal

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!



**Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia!**

#### **Surrexit, Alleluia!**

#### **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

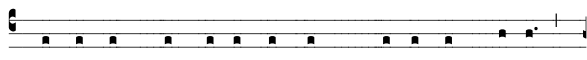
Sunday 31st **Easter Day** (NB—clocks go forward 1 hour tonight)

0830 Holy Communion (1662 BCP)

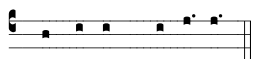
1030 Solemn Eucharist

1630 Messe Malgache le president et homéliste : p. Nicolas

**We wish you all the joy of the Resurrection!**



all honour and glo-ry be yours, al-migh-ty Father,



for e-ver and ever.



**A-men.**

*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 Bread**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*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**

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 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.*

*During Communion the choir sings the Antiphon **Et valde mane***

*'And very early the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre,  
when the sun was risen. Alleluia.'*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Sermon**

*Please be seated—after the sermon we sing the following hymn (NEH 317) during which our candles are re-lit. After the Blessing of the Font with the Paschal Candle we renew our Baptismal Promises.*

**With Christ we share a mystic grave,  
With Christ we buried lie;  
But not within the darksome cave  
By mournful Calvary.**

**The pure and bright baptismal flood  
Entombs our nature's stain:  
New creatures from the cleansing wave  
With Christ we rise again.**

**Thrice blest, if through this world of sin,  
And lust and selfish care,  
Our resurrection robe of white  
And undefiled we wear.**

**Thrice blest, if through the gates of death,  
Glorious at last and free,  
We to our joyful rising pass,  
O risen Lord with thee.**

**And now to thy thrice holy Name,  
The God whom we adore,  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
Be glory evermore. Amen.**

### **Renewal of Baptism Vows**

Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life. Now that we have completed our Lenten observance, let us renew the promises we made in baptism when we rejected Satan and his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Therefore I ask these questions:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ / Oui, je m'y tourne.**  
 Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my sins / Oui, je m'en repens**  
 Do you renounce evil? **I renounce evil / Oui, j'y renonce**

And now I ask you to make the profession of Christian faith into which you were baptised, and in which you live and grow.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed all people?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,**  
**and was buried. He descended to the dead.**  
**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**  
**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

*The priest sprinkles the people with water from the font and the choir sings **Vidi aquam.***

*'I saw water coming forth from the temple on the right side, alleluia: and all those to whom this water came were saved, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.  
 Give praise to the Lord, for He is good: For His mercy endureth forever.'*

### The Liturgy of the Sacrament

#### Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
 Then were they glad when they saw the Lord, Alleluia!

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*We are invited to give one another a sign of peace. The hymn at the Preparation of the Table follows (NEH 296) :*

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,**  
**First begotten from the dead,**  
**Thou alone, our strong defender,**  
**Lifest up thy people's head.**  
**Alleluya, Jesus, true and living bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we;**  
**Here in loving reverence bow;**  
**Here for Faith's discernment, pray we**  
**Lest we fail to know thee now,**  
**Alleluya, Thou art here, we ask not how.**

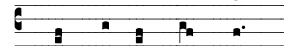
**Though the lowliest form doth veil Thee,**  
**As of old in Bethlehem,**  
**Here as there Thine Angels hail Thee,**  
**Branch and flower of Jesse's stem.**  
**Alleluya, We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, Thy offering, finished**  
**Once for all when Thou wast slain,**  
**In its fullness undiminished**  
**Shall for evermore remain,**  
**Alleluya, Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life imparting Heavenly manna,**  
**Stricken rock with streaming side,**  
**Heaven and earth with loud hosanna**  
**Worship Thee, the Lamb who died,**  
**Alleluya, Risen, ascended, glorified!**

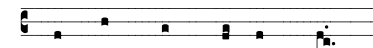
#### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



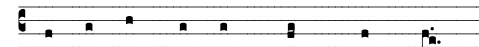
**and al-so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

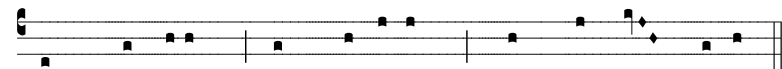


**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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

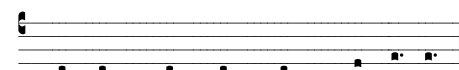
*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*The prayer continues until the Proclamation of Faith*

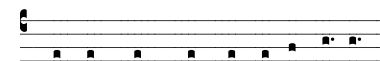


**Christ has died. Christ is ri-sen. Christ will come a-gain.**

*At the end of the prayer we all respond*



By whom and with whom and in whom:



in the unity of the Ho-ly Spirit.



**A-men.**



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