#### **Notices:**

**Welcome to the Eucharist today.** Because the Annual General Meeting follows immediately after the Eucharist today there are no refreshments or Lunch.

**Bienvenue à Saint-Georges.** Étant donné que l'assemblée générale annuelle suit immédiatement l'eucharistie aujourd'hui, il n'y aura pas de rafraîchissements servis ni de déjeuner.

A huge thank you to all those who made Holy Week such a joy! Our musicians, sidespeople, readers, servers, Altar Guild—that means Julia! And a special thanks to Fr Grant, for keeping the clergy in line during the Offices and his Altar of Repose. Janet and Patrick our Churchwardens, and for your participation in our keeping of the Great Week. A special thanks too to Fr Andrew Nunn, our preacher.

There is no Sunday School today. Please continue to enjoy the Easter Garden!
The AGM of the Church Council will take place today immediately after the 1030
Eucharist. All those on the Electoral Roll are welcome to attend and participate in voting.
Fr Mark will be on annual leave this coming week. Fr Jeffrey can be contacted on +44
7771 801786 or by email.

Today Arun Thampirasa is running in the Paris Marathon. Would you sponsor him in aid of St George's Instanbul? Opened after the Crimean War in 1868 today the congregation welcomes everyone, including in the 1990's a large number of Sri Lankan refugees fleeing the Iraq War. There's a list on the Landing Table for this week and next. Tax Receipts will be sent out this week and next from the Office.

On Tuesday 23rd April we celebrate St George, the Martyr and our Patron. This year we will be celebrating with ecumenical guests and our bishop in a Solemn Evensong at 1500h followed by a champagne reception.

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-Fouilland, Jeanette Georges, Anne Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, 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, Max Orrin, Fr Carl Schaefer, Bishop Alan Smith, Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith, Alan Watts, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul, Val, Those who have died: Fr Alan Warren.

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# St George's Paris



### Easter 2:7th April 2024

A warm welcome to St George's worship today—online or in person Everything you need for today's service you'll find in this pamphlet. Today the choir is taking a break and so we'll sing the Eucharist to the setting by John Merbecke (c. 1510 - c. 1585) in the NEH number 542. Born in Yorkshire he sang as a chorister at St George's, Windsor. Convicted of heresy for his writing on theology he was pardoned by Bishop Stephen Gardiner because he was 'but a musician'.

Second Sunday of Easter Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist  Cel: JJ Cel: NR Pr MO
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The Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary Evensong & Eucharist
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, martyr Morning Prayer Evensong & Eucharist
William Law, pr; William of Ockham, teacher of the faith Eucharist Evensong & Adoration
George Augustus Selwyn, first bishop of New Zealand Morning Prayer Evensong & Eucharist
Easter Weekday Evensong & Eucharist
Of Our Lady Eucharist l'eucharistie en français Cel: NR
Third Sunday of Easter Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist Messe Malgache  Cel: JJ Pr: JJ Cel: NR Pr: NR

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing (NEH 117):

The Day of Resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad; The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, From earth unto the sky, Our Christ hath brought us over, With hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light; And listening to his accents, May hear, so calm and plain, His own 'All hail!' and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! And earth her song begin! Let round world keep high triumph, And all that is therein; Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord hath risen, Our joy that hath no end.

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 and the Gloria.

**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.

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 God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (NEH 115).

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain, Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again
Like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain, Thinking that never he would awake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain; Quick from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain, Thy touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts, that dead and bare have been:

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

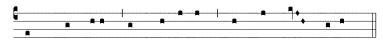
The Lord be with you and also with you.

May God the... Amen.

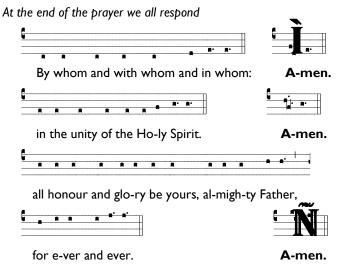
Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!



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



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



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 the 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 Sidespeople. If you are watching online or don't want to receive Holy Communion you you may like to use the following prayer:

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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** 

There is no Sunday School today—the first weekend of the School Holidays.

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

We remain seated as we say the psalm appointed for today (Psalm 133).

Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is \* brethren, to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down unto the beard \* even unto Aaron's beard, and went down to the skirts of his clothing. Like as the dew of Hermon \* which fell upon the hill of Sion. For there the Lord promised his blessing \* and life for evermore.

#### Second Reading: I John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, lesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 118):

The Lord is risen indeed! Now is his work performed; Now is the mighty Captive freed, And death's strong castle stormed.

The Lord is risen indeed! Then hell has lost its prey; With him is risen the ransomed seed To reign in endless day.

The Lord is risen indeed! He lives, to die no more; He lives, the sinner's cause to plead, Whose curse and shame he bore.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the lews, lesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when lesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' lesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

Please be seated for the Chaplain's Annual Report.

Creed

During the Easter Season we affirm the faith into which we are baptised in the words of the Apostles Creed.

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions

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

Lord, in your presence: we lift our hearts to you.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### 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.

Please stand for the hymn at the Preparation of the Table (NEH 173). During this hymn a collection will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically?

Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer, See the wounds in hand and side, Now behold the risen Saviour Who for thee has bled and died, And from death's dark pit arising, Lives in body glorified.

Here behold the love victorious, Over death triumphant now, See the feet where nails were driven, And thy faith in him avow: For he lives, the world's redeemer, Unto whom all knees should bow.

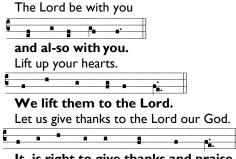
Thomas looked upon the Master: Was it then indeed the Lord?
Were those wounds no phantom tokens? Did the sight with truth accord?
Scarce believing, joy unbounded, Leapt to greet the Saviour's word.

Prostrate falling, Thomas worshipped: 'O my Master, Lord and God', Here in truth was Christ the Saviour Who the path of suffering trod, And, to ransom souls unnumbered, Broke in pieces Satan's rod.

Thomas, sight has now convinced thee, Faith within thy heart has stirred; Blessèd more those faithful servants, Trusting in the Saviour's word, Who, though vision is denied them, Still believe and own him Lord.

Grant, O Father, that among them We thy servants may be known, And the ground be ever fruitful Where the seed of faith was sown, Till at length in heaven's glory, Faith and vision are but one.

**Eucharistic Prayer** 



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.