

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
 All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
 All honour and blessing with angels above
 And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

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

The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

May God the... Amen.

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

Blessing

Notices :

During Advent we are looking forward to welcoming the Rev'd Sara McVane to celebrate the Eucharist at 1200 each Saturday.

There will be a retiring collection today to cover the cost of Christmas Flowers – please give generously!

A huge thanks to all those who've been baking so generously for tonight's Carol Service—mulled wine and fresh baked mine pies to follow.

Spiritual Accompaniment is available this Advent: there are a range of approaches—clerical and lay—just find the one that works for you. **Confessions during Advent** will be heard by appointment. Email the clergy directly.

Christmas at St George's 2024:

15 Dec	1800	9 Lessons & Carols <i>Come early for this popular traditional carol service! Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.</i>
24 Dec	1800	Family Eucharist
	2200	Midnight Mass of Christmas & Blessing of the Crib <i>Followed by a champagne reception.</i>
25 Dec	0830	Dawn Eucharist (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
	1030	Sung Eucharist of Christmas Day
	1630	Messe Malgache

Gifts of champagne to help celebrate will be gratefully received.

Good news for tax payers! Did you know that as a taxpayer in France an identifiable donation gets 66% off your tax bill. This means the net cost to you of a €100 donation will be only €34. That means you can either go out for dinner OR consider donating the saving to church. **Please consider increasing your giving if you can to cover our increasing operating costs.**

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, Tim Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Deidre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Chris Defrasne, Francis Frois, Georges, Anne Gould, Ophélie Goubault, Karen Griggs, Irene Hicks, Pam Ingram, John James, Ernest Jeyam, Kalvinder, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Stacey McAdams, Juleka Maccher-Rajah, Hans Mayer, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, John & Yvonne Rogers, Alan Watts, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul, Colette. **Those who have died:**

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St George's Paris

Advent 3 : 15th December 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—**please note the seasonal changes to the text.** The setting is the **Missa in D dur** by Johann Georg Albrechtsberger (1736-1809) and the motet during Communion will be **Hymne de Noël** by Léo Delibes (1836-1891).

Sunday 15th	0830 1030 1800	3rd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist Lessons & Carols	Cel JJ Cel MO Pr NR
Monday 16th	1800/1830	Advent Weekday Evensong & Eucharist	
Tuesday 17th	0915 1800/1830	Advent Weekday—O Sapientia Morning Prayer Evensong & Eucharist	
Wednesday 18th	1200 1800/1815	Advent Weekday—O Adonai Eucharist Evensong & Exposition of the Sacrament	
Thursday 19th	0915 1800/1830	Advent Weekday—O Radix Jesse Morning Prayer Evensong & Eucharist	
Friday 20th	1800/1830	Advent Weekday—O Clavis David Evensong & Eucharist	
Saturday 21st	1200 1800	Advent Weekday—O Oriens Eucharist Eucharistie en français	Cel MO Pr AR
Sunday 22nd	0830 1030	4th Sunday of Advent Holy Communion (1662 BCP) Solemn Eucharist	Cel MO Cel MO Pr MO

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand. During Advent part of the Advent Prose (NEH 501) is used as an Entrance Antiphon. We then sing the first hymn (NEH 16):

Wake, o wake! with tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise! Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
"The hour has come!" we hear them saying. Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight, Raise high your torches bright! Alleluia!
The wedding song Swells long and strong: Go forth and join the festal throng.

Zion hears the watchmen shouting, Her heart leaps with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes; See her Friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!

Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.

Now come, thou precious Crown, Lord Jesus, God's own Son! Hosanna!
Let us prepare To follow there, Where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices; From men and angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone! Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,

We stand with angels round thy throne.

Earth cannot give below The bliss thou dost bestow. Alleluia!
Grant us to raise To length of days, The triumph-chorus of thy praise.

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

Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love, and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Collect

○ Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Ingathering and Blessing of Pledges

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A prayer will follow and we then pray together:

Almighty and Everlasting God, we give you thanks as we gather the pledges of support for your Church in the coming year.

We bring them before You with eager anticipation and hope.

We give You thanks and praise.

For those whose lives have been touched by your Spirit, who have increased their commitment,

We give You thanks and praise.

For those who are responding to your creative grace by pledging for the first time,

We give You thanks and praise.

For those who are tithing, and even exceeding a tithe,

We give You thanks and praise.

For those whose lives are in transition or turmoil and who feel they cannot pledge, but who continue to be a vital part of our community,

We give You thanks and praise

For the Pledge Committee and all who have laboured in this effort to enable Your people to make a pledge of support for Your Church,

We give You thanks and praise.

That each one of us, and Your whole Church, may become more faithful to the call of service in Jesus Christ,

We give You thanks and praise.

During the following prayer the Pledge Basket is sprinkled with holy water. We then sing:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. (NEH 334)

We then sing the final hymn (NEH 476).

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,

And publish abroad his wonderful name;

the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;

his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;

And still he is nigh, his presence we have;

The great congregation his triumph shall sing,

Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!

Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son:

The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,

Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

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

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus:

**Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

At the end of the prayer we all respond

... in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

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 of 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 sing 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 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

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we will offer our Pledges for 2025.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the Advent Sequence (NEH 502)

Salus aeterna, indeficiens mundi vita. Lux sempiterna, et redemptio vera nostra. Condolens humana perire saecla per tentantis numina. Non linquens excelsa, adisti ima propria dementia. Mox tua spontanea gratia assumens humana, Quae fuerant perdita omnia, salvasti terra. Ferens mundo gaudia. Tu animas et corpora nostra, Christe, expia, Ut possideas lucida nosmet liabitacula. Adventu primo justificas. In secundo nosque libera; Ut cum facta luce magna, judicabis omnia, Compti stola incorrupta, nosmet tua subsequamur mox vestigia quocumque visa. Amen.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 12).

**On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings from the King of kings!**

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,

And furnished for so great a guest.

Yea, let us each our hearts prepare For Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward.

Without thy grace our souls must fade And wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thine hand, to heal our sore,

And make us rise, to fall no more;

Once more upon thy people shine, And fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee Whose advent sets thy people free,

Whom, with the Father, we adore, And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is

able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

Keep us faithful: **to your calling.**

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—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically? The hymn at the Preparation of the Table (NEH 498).

**Son of God, eternal Saviour, Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
Thou, our Head, who, throned in glory, For thine own dost ever plead,
Fill us with thy love and pity, Heal our wrongs and help our needs.**

**As thou, Lord, hast lived for others So may we for others live;
Freely have thy gifts been granted, Freely may thy servants give.
Thine the gold and thine the silver, Thine the wealth of land and sea,
We but stewards of thy bounty, Held in solemn trust for thee.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of Love and Prince of Peace,
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease;
By thy patient years of toiling, By thy silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Shame our selfish greed of gain.**

**Dark the path that lies behind us,
Strewn with wrecks and stained with blood;
But before us gleams the vision Of the coming brotherhood.
See the Christlike host advancing, High and lowly, great and small,
Linked in bonds of common service For the common Lord of all.**

**Son of God, eternal Saviour, Source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
Thou who prayedst, thou who willest That thy people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth thy will be done.**

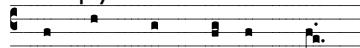
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



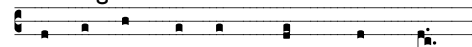
and also with you.

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.