

Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

And may the blessing... always.  
Amen

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.  
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 or the coffee is free.

**Bienvenue à Saint-Georges.** Nous vous invitons à prendre un verre de vin (2 euros) ou une tasse de café après la messe dans la salle paroissiale, et si vous êtes de passage dans notre église nous serons heureux de faire votre connaissance.

**A warm welcome to our preacher for Christian Unity Week—Fr Miguel Desjardins**, of the Chemin Neuf and Secretary for Christian Unity for the French Bishops. The service for Christian Unity will be the United Service of Prayer on **Tuesday 20 January** at 2030h at the Armenian Cathedral, 15 Rue Jean Goujon, 75008 Paris.

**You are warmly invited to Bart Konechni's** thesis defence on the 29th January at 1500h in the Salle Goguel, 56 rue des Saints-Pères, Paris 7e. His subject is: **Essays on the Adoption of New Health Behaviors: A Sociological Perspective From the COVID-19 Crisis.** If this isn't gripping you perhaps you'll join him for a drink at 1900h in The Frog and Princess, 9 rue Princesse, 75006.

**Fr Jeffrey is on his post-Christmas** leave this week. Fr Mark can be contacted through the Office.

**There will be an opportunity for you to talk about the Bazaar on Saturday 31st January.** Over a bring and share lunch after the midday Eucharist we can share what we think went well, badly or what we want to improve.

**In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list:** HM The King, Avril Bateman, Beryl Bateman, Eric Benson, Pamela Bruetsch, Jean-Paul Buffet, Angela Casone, Tim Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Huy Sun (Dara), Deidre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Chris Defrasne, Anne Gould, Ophélie Gourbault, Karen Griggs, Vaughan Hart, Patricia Heymann, Irene Hicks, Sally Hughes, Ernest Jeyam, Kalvinder, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Hans Mayer, Monique Moron, Kenneth Nyakana, John & Yvonne Rogers, David Sweeney, Émile Vaillant, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul. **Those who have died:** Christopher Marshall, Michael Slack, Claude Maurin.

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#### Blessing

# St George's, Paris

## Second Sunday of Epiphany : 18th January 2026

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.** Today the choir sings the **Mass for Three Voices** by William Byrd (1543—1623) and the motet during Communion is **Ego Flos Campi** by Clemens non Papa (c.1510—1556).

Sunday 18th	<b>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</b> —Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
0830	Holy Communion (1662)
1030	Solemn Eucharist
1630	Messe Malgache

Monday 19th	Wulfstan of Worcester
1800 / 1830	Evensong / Eucharist
Tuesday 20th	Richard Rolle of Hampole
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2030	Unity Week Service, 15 Rue Jean Goujon, 75008

Wednesday 21st	Agnes, martyr of Rome
1200	Eucharist
1800/1815	Evensong / Adoration

Thursday 22nd	Vincent of Saragossa, deacon and first martyr of Spain
0915	Morning Prayer
1800/1830	Evensong / Eucharist

Friday 23rd	Epiphany Weekday
1800 / 1830	Evensong / Eucharist

Saturday 24th	Francis de Sales, bishop of Geneva and teacher
1200	Eucharist
1800	l'Eucharistie

Sunday 25th	<b>Conversion of Paul</b> —Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
0830	Holy Communion (1662)
1030	Solemn Eucharist

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the hymn (REH 452):

Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry, 'To be exalted thus';  
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply, 'For he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive Honour and power divine;  
And blessings, more than we can give, Be, Lord, for ever thine.

Let all creation join in one, To bless the sacred Name,  
Of him that sits upon the throne, And to adore the Lamb.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!  
**From the rising of the sun to its setting**  
**your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord 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.*

## 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.

## 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.**

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

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

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.  
**Lord, give us this bread for ever.**

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

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the Notices. We then stand to sing the hymn (REH 613).

**God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year,  
God is working his purpose out and the time is drawing near;  
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.**

**From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,  
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,  
'Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.'**

**What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase  
The fellowship of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of Peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea?**

**March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world;  
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.**

**All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;**

**Back to the Church which still that Faith doth keep:  
Soon may we all one bread, one body be,  
Through this one Sacrament of unity.**

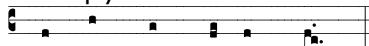
**So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease,  
We may be one with all thy Church above,  
One with thy saints in one unbroken peace,  
One with thy saints in one unbounded love:  
More blessed still, in peace and love to be  
One with the Trinity in unity.**

The Lord be with you



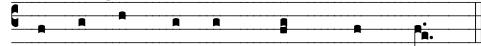
and also with you.

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.

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.

During the Eucharistic Prayer we proclaim the mystery of faith by using the following:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**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.**

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**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God is here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

As we prepare for Holy Communion the Choir sing the **Agnus Dei**.

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

Sunday School leave for their activities as we listen to the Scriptures.

### **First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Please remain seated whilst the choir sings the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 40:1-11)

I waited patiently for the Lord \* and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling. He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay \* and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth \* even a thanksgiving unto our God. Many shall see it, and fear \* and shall put their trust in the Lord. Blessed is the man that hath set his hope in the Lord \* and turned not unto the proud, and to such as go about with lies. O Lord my God, great are the wondrous works which thou hast done, like as be also thy thoughts which are to us-ward \* and yet there is no man that ordereth them unto thee. If I should declare them, and speak of them \* they should be more than I am able to express. Sacrifice, and meat-offering, thou wouldest not \* but mine ears hast thou opened. Burnt-offerings, and sacrifice for sin, hast thou not required \* then said I, Lo, I come, In the volume of the book it is written of me, that I should fulfil thy will, O my God \* I am content to do it; yea, thy law is within my heart. I have declared thy righteousness in the great congregation \* lo, I will not refrain my lips, O Lord, and that thou knowest.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 4.1-13**

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 77).

**The race that long in darkness pined, Have seen a glorious light;  
The people dwell in day, who dwelt in death's surrounding night.**

**To hail thy rise, thou better sun, The gathering nations come,  
Joyous as when the reapers bear The harvest treasures home.**

**To us a child of hope is born, To us a son is given;  
Him shall the tribes of earth obey, Him all the hosts of heaven.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace, Forevermore adored;  
The Wonderful, the Counsellor, The great and mighty Lord.**

**His power increasing still shall spread; His reign no end shall know;  
Justice shall guard his throne above, And peace abound below.**

#### **Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42**

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

#### **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.**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

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

True and living God: **we want to know you more.**

After a pause for silent prayer, we conclude

**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.**

We exchange a sign of Peace before the hymn at the Preparation of the Table is sung (REH 396):

**O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray  
That all thy Church might be for ever one,  
Grant us at every Eucharist to say  
With longing heart and soul, 'Thy will be done.'  
Oh, may we all one Bread, one Body be,  
One through this sacrament of unity.**

**For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede;  
Make thou our sad divisions soon to cease;  
Draw us the nearer each to each, we plead,  
By drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace:  
Thus may we all one bread, one body be,  
One through this Sacrament of unity.**

**We pray thee too for wanderers from thy fold;  
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of the sheep,  
Back to the faith which saints believed of old,**