

Let us blaze his name abroad, For of gods he is the God:  
 For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

He with all-commanding might Filled the new-made world with light:  
 For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

He the golden-tressèd sun Caused all day his course to run:  
 For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

And the hornèd moon to shine by night, Mid her spangled sisters bright:  
 For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living he doth feed, His full hand supplies their need:  
 For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us, with a gladsome mind, Praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
 For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

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 :**  
**Fr Mark is in Cyprus** accompanying the *Ministry Experience Students*. He's technically on holiday this week!

**Lent 2026 St George's** Now's the time to start thinking about your Lent—how are you going to practise the joy of Easter in your life? There's lots on offer online or in-person :

**Ash Wednesday - 18th February 2026**—is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be a Eucharist at 1200h and a Solemn Eucharist at 1930h at which ashes will be imposed.

**Lenten 'Spiritual MOT' - un contrôle technique spirituel pour Carême!** Is a chance to talk to any one of a team of experienced male or female, lay and ordained accompaniers here at St George's about your prayer life—what goes on for you with God. Simply email your choice to make an appointment : you can contact the Rev'd Sara: [macvanesara@gmail.com](mailto:macvanesara@gmail.com) ; Fr Grant: [wenlockholmes@gmail.com](mailto:wenlockholmes@gmail.com); Fr Jeffrey: [drjphjohn@gmail.com](mailto:drjphjohn@gmail.com); Fr Mark : [chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org](mailto:chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org) ; Fr Nicolas: [rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com](mailto:rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com) ; Sonia Taylor: [soniataylor146@gmail.com](mailto:soniataylor146@gmail.com)

**Stations of the Cross** by Zoom every Friday at 1900h for approximately 40 minutes. Please email Fr Mark for a Zoom link on [chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org](mailto:chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org)

**Lent Course : The Seven Deadly Sins** Four sessions by Zoom on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm on Pride, Avarice and Envy, Lust and Gluttony and finally Anger and Sloth (Feb 24, March 3, March 10 and March 17). To take part please contact Fr Jeffrey by e mail at [drjphjohn@gmail.com](mailto:drjphjohn@gmail.com) to receive a link to join before each session.

**2026 Lent Book** : All Christians are monks by Fr George Guiver CR (ISBN 978-1789593464) The book group will meet in person, in homes, over 5 weeks. To take part please contact Fr Mark by email at [chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org](mailto:chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org) to receive details of where the group is meeting. You can sign up over coffee to buy the book or go online using the ISBN code.

**In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list:** Beryl Bateman, 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, 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:** Valerie Pomel, Johary Rasaminmahazo.

Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England,

# St George's Paris

## 2nd Sunday before Lent or Sexagesima: 8th February 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. Today the choir sings the *Missa in simplicitate* by Jean Langlais (1907-1991) and the motet during Communion is *Lift thine eyes* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

Sunday 8th	<b>2nd Sunday before Lent</b>
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)
1030	Solemn Eucharist
1630	Office Malgache

Monday 9th	<b>Feria</b>
1800/ 1830	Evensong/ Eucharist

Tuesday 10th	<i>Scholastica, abbess</i>
0915	Morning Prayer
1800/1830	Evensong/Eucharist

Wednesday 11th	<b>Feria</b>
1200	Eucharist
1800/1815	Evensong/Adoration of the Sacrament

Thursday 12th	<b>Feria</b>
0915	Morning Prayer
1800/1830	Evensong/Eucharist

Friday 13th	<b>Feria</b>
1800/1830	NO OFFICE OR EUCHARIST

Saturday 14th	<i>Cyril &amp; Methodius, Co-Patrons of Europe.</i>
1200	Eucharist
1800	Eucharistie en français

Sunday 15th	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>
0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)
1030	Solemn Eucharist
1630	Messe Malgache

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## The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the hymn (REH 580).

**Thou, whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard, And took their flight;  
Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the gospel-day  
Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring On thy redeeming wing Healing and sight,  
Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all mankind Let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love, Life-giving, holy Dove, Speed forth thy flight;  
Move on the water's face, Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place Let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three, Glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might;  
Boundless as ocean's tide Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the earth far and wide Let there be light.**

## 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

**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.**

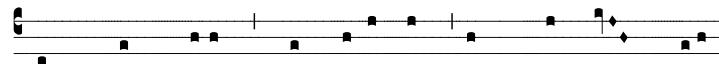
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

## 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.

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**



**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

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

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (REH 508).

**Let us, with a gladsome mind, Praise the Lord, for he is kind:  
For his mercies ay endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### Peace

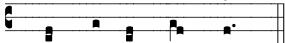
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Please stand for the hymn. During this hymn a collection will be taken. The hymn at the Preparation of the Table (REH 359).

**All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluya! Alleluya!**  
**Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**  
**Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him! Alleluya!**  
**Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**  
**Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!**  
**Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**  
**Dear mother earth, who day by day Unfoldest blessings on our way  
O praise him! Alleluya!**  
**The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them his glory also show:  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**  
**Let all things their Creator bless, And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluya!**  
**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluya! Alleluya! Alleluya!**

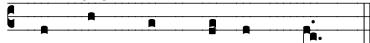
### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



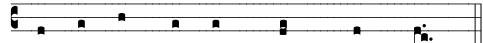
**and also with you.**

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.

*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

## The Liturgy of the Word

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

### First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:3

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was

so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Please remain seated as the Choir sings the psalm appointed for the day (Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious \* and his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of all gods \* for his mercy endureth for ever. O thank the Lord of all lords \* for his mercy endureth for ever. Who only doeth great wonders \* for his mercy endureth for ever. Who by his excellent wisdom made the heavens \* for his mercy endureth for ever. Who laid out the earth above the waters \* for his mercy endureth for ever. Who hath made great lights \* for his mercy endureth for ever; The sun to rule the day \* for his mercy endureth for ever; The moon and the stars to govern the night \* for his mercy endureth for ever. Who remembered us when we were in trouble \* for his mercy endureth for ever; And hath delivered us from our enemies \* for his mercy endureth for ever. Who giveth food to all flesh \* for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of heaven \* for his mercy endureth for ever.

#### Second Reading: Romans 8:18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (NEH 266).

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.

#### Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither

toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

**Sermon**

**Creed**

Please be seated for the Sermon.

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

Lord of creation: let your kingdom come!

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