

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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

Go in the peace of Christ.
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 and the coffee is free!

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

Did you know that at the AGM on 12th April Andrew Taylor is standing down as Church Warden (for health reasons) and Chude Mba is standing down as Treasurer (due to pressure of work. Is God calling you to fill one of these key roles in our common life together? Please keep the Church Council in your prayers as they search for their successors.

A 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.

Keeping Lent 2026:

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 companions 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 ; Fr Grant: wenlockholmes@gmail.com; Fr Jeffrey: drjphjohn@gmail.com; Fr Mark : chaplain@stgeorgesparis.org ; Fr Nicolas: rev.n.razafindratsima@gmail.com ; Sonia Taylor: 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

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 to receive a link to join before each session.

In Your Prayers please remember those on our sick-list: Beryl Bateman, Pamela Bruetsch, Jean-Paul Buffet, Ginette Barbé, Angela Casone, Tim Clarke, Anne Cozic, Jeanine & Caroline Cullinan, Huy Sun (Dara), Deidre Dalton, Gregor Dallas, Chris Defrasne, Anne Gould, Ophélie Goubault, Karen Griggs, Vaughan Hart, Irene Hicks, Sally Hughes, Ernest Jeyam, Kalvinder, Karen, Prudence Kupka, Muriel Lamoureux, Hans Mayer, Jane Maurin, 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:** Massimo Pozzi, Malcolm Johnson, priest, Andrew Watson, bishop.

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St George's Paris

3rd Sunday of Lent : 8th March 2026

A warm welcome to St George's worship—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 **Plainsong Mass n°XVI** (Anonymous) and the motet will be **Si Iniquitates** by Samuel Wesley (1766-1837).

Day	Time	Service	Cel:	Pr
Sunday 8th	0830	Holy Communion	MO	
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	JJ	MO
	1630	Office Malgache	NR	SR
Monday 9th	Lenten Feria 1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Tuesday 10th	Lenten Feria 0915	Morning Prayer		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Wednesday 11th	Lenten Feria 1200	Eucharist		
	1800/1815	Evensong & Adoration		
Thursday 12th	Lenten Feria 0915	Morning Prayer		
	1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
Friday 13th	Lenten Feria 1800/1830	Evensong & Eucharist		
	Saturday 14th	Lenten Feria 1200	Eucharist	
1800		l'eucharistie en français	MO	MO
Sunday 15th		Fourth Sunday of Lent—Mothering Sunday 0830	Holy Communion	MO
	1030	Solemn Eucharist	JJ	MO
	1630	Messe Malgache	NR	MO

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The Gathering

As the bell rings, we stand to sing the first hymn (REH 489):

**In the cross of Christ I glory, Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me. Lo! it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more lustre to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

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.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

The Liturgy of the Word

There is no Sunday School during the School holidays.

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the

**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 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 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

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (REH 84).

**Be thou my guardian and my guide; And hear me when I call;
Let not my slippery footsteps slide, And hold me lest I fall.**

**The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell Around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell, Thou quickener of the dead.**

**And if I tempted am to sin, And outward things are strong,
Do thou, O Lord, keep watch within, And save my soul from wrong.**

**Still let me ever watch and pray, And feel that I am frail;
That if the tempter cross my way, Yet he may not prevail.**

After the Blessing and Dismissal the clergy and servers leave in the silence.

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

*Please stand for the hymn at the Preparation of the Table (REH 101) During this hymn a collection
will be taken—you may like to use your debit card and give electronically?*

**O thou, who dost accord us The highest prize and guerdon,
Thou hope of all our race, Jesu, do thou afford us
The gift we ask of pardon For all who humbly seek thy face.**

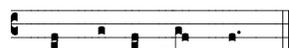
**With whispered accusation Our conscience tells of sinning
In thought and word and deed; Thine is the restoration,
The work of grace beginning For souls from every burden freed.**

**For who, if thou reject us, Shall raise the fainting spirit?
'Tis thine alone to spare: That thou to life elect us
Through our Redeemer's merit, Shall be thy people's lowly prayer.**

**O Trinity most glorious, Thy pardon free bestowing,
Defend us evermore; That in thy courts victorious,
Thy love more truly knowing, We may with all thy saints adore.**

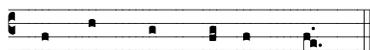
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



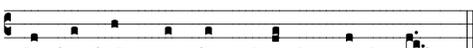
and al-so with you.

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 choirs sing 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

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

*At the end of the prayer we all respond **Amen**. We remain standing to pray together*

elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled
and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 95)

*O come, let us sing unto the Lord * let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation. Let us
come before his presence with thanksgiving * and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God * and a great King above all gods. In his hand are all the corners of
the earth * and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it * and his
hands prepared the dry land. O come, let us worship and fall down * and kneel before the Lord
our Maker. For he is the Lord our God * and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of
his hand. To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts * as in the provocation, and as
in the day of temptation in the wilderness; When your fathers tempted me * proved me, and
saw my works. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said * It is a people that
do err in their hearts, for they have not known my ways; Unto whom I sware in my wrath * that
they should not enter into my rest.*

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and
we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in
our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces
character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's
love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely
will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone
might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were
sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his
blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were
enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely,
having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in
God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 530).

**O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!**

**Return, O holy Dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast.**

**The dearest idol I have known, Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne, And worship only thee.**

**So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.**

Holy Gospel: John 4:5-42

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given
to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting
by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said
to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan
woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?'

(Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.' Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

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

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Strengthen Robert and Andrew our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Bless and guide the king, Charles, and the President of France; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit ...; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ ...; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, George the Martyr and all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole of creation to your unfailing love. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***