

# Holy Week : 29th March—5th April 2026

Our preacher this year is the Rev'd Iain Osborne

Saturday 28th	1800	Chemin de Croix avec la sainte Communion
Sunday 29th	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
	0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)
	1030	Solemn Eucharist with the Blessing of Palms, Procession & Passion Gospel
Monday 30th	Monday of Holy Week	
	0915	Mattins
	1745	Evensong
	1900	Sung Eucharist & Address
Tuesday 31st	Tuesday of Holy Week	
	0915	Mattins
	1130	Chrism Eucharist & Renewal of Ordination Vows St Michael's, Paris.
	1745	Evensong
	1900	Sung Eucharist & Address
Wednesday 1st	Wednesday of Holy Week	
	0915	Mattins
	1745	Evensong
	1900	Sung Eucharist & Address
Thursday 2nd	<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
	0915	Mattins
	1745	Evensong
	1930	Solemn Eucharist of the Last Supper With Foot-Washing, Procession to the Garden of Repose & Watch until Midnight
Friday 3rd	<b>Good Friday</b>	
	0915	Mattins
	1430	Stations of the Cross (Meet at the Rond Point des Champs Elysées)
	1745	Evensong
	1930	Liturgy of the Day With Passion Gospel & Veneration of the Cross
Saturday 4th	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
	0915	Mattins
	2100	Vigil and First Eucharist of the Resurrection With Blessing of the Fire & Exultet, followed by a champagne reception
Sunday 5th	<b>Easter Day</b>	
	0830	Holy Communion (1662 BCP)
	1030	Solemn Eucharist
	1630	Messe Malgache le president et homéliste : p. Nicolas

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after Evensong in the Library at 1800-1830 or by appointment.

# St George's Paris

## Palm Sunday : 29th March 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 setting is the **Missa in Honorem Sancti Dominici** by Edmund Rubbra (1901-1986) the anthem during Communion is **Pueri Hebraeorum** by Tomas Luis de Victoria (1548-1611). The sortie is **Ruht wohl, ihr heiligen Gebeine** (from St John's Passion) by J.S.Bach (1685-1750) -

**Treat this week as a Retreat in Daily Life** which enables you to enter into the Mystery of our Saviour's Passion, Death and Resurrection. Each day your church has morning and evening services using music, poetry, liturgy and preaching to explore how Jesus sets us free from sin. You can make your confession at any time by appointment.

**The Daily Office** will be said in the Library at 0915 and 1745.

**Confessions** will be heard in the Library—the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every evening from 1800-1830.

**The full calendar for Holy Week** will be found on the back of this service sheet. The Daily Offices of Mattins and Evensong will be celebrated daily during Holy Week at 0915 and 1830.

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### The Blessing of Palms

On this day the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery. So today we gather in the street/hall for our entry into church. When all is ready the choir sings the antiphon 'Hosanna to the Son of David' (NEH 508).

+ 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 priest introduces the celebration & blesses the palms. The palm gospel is proclaimed. The procession is announced and we sing the hymn (REH 647) :

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



**All glory, laud, and honour To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the king of Israel, Thou David's royal son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and blessed one. All glory...**

**The company of angels Are praising thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things Created make reply. All glory...**

**The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went:  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before thee we present. All glory...**

**To thee before thy passion They sang their hymns of praise:  
To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. All glory...**

**Thou didst accept their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King. All glory...**

*At the altar step we sing The Prophetic Anthem (REH 645) and the service continues with the hymn (REH 648) :*

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;  
Thy humble beast pursues his road  
With palms and scattered garments strowed**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! The wingèd squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits his own anointed Son.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.**

#### **Opening Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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**

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9**

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is

**Many thanks to Gareth Lewis** who gardened valiantly on Wednesday. Watch this space for more dates.

#### **Holy Week 2026 :**

**A warm welcome** to our Holy Week preacher, the Rev'd Iain Osborne and his wife Susan, to Janine Hamilton from the ERMTC and to Samson-Emmanuel Breda, currently a student at Westcott House.

**Many thanks to David Smith** for the donation of les buis for our Palm Sunday procession.

**Easter Flowers**—contributions gratefully received by Jane Saint-Sernin towards the cost of flowers for Easter—an excellent way to thank Janet, Louise and Fr Grant, our team of flower arrangers!

**Gifts of champagne** for the Easter **Vigil** are gratefully received.

#### **Confessions in Holy Week**

**There will be a priest available for confessions.** Every evening at 1800-1830 after Evensong in the Library. Or, you are welcome to make an appointment at any time simply email your choice to make an appointment :

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**There are no sacraments celebrated between the Maundy Thursday liturgy and the Easter Vigil—don't leave it too late!**

**There's a list on the board for Easter Sunday Lunch.** Pamela will also be asking you in the Hall over apéro.

**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.

**The AGM of the Church Council** will take place on Sunday, 27th April immediately after the 1030 Eucharist. The notices are on the noticeboard halfway down the stairs. Please consider signing up if you would like to be elected to the Church Council but do remember that you must be on the Electoral Roll in order to do so.

**The Newsletter Editor** is looking for good copy for the Pentecost edition of the Newsletter. If you have contributions please email him on john\_crothers@hotmail.com

**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 Gourbault, 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, Émile Vaillant, David Wetsel, Anitha Yannick, Lucas, Margo, Alex and Max, Sarah, Laurence, Marie-Thérèse, Susan, David, Paul, Saul.

**Those who have died:** David Sweeney, Bill Neale.

*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 Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the notices after which we sing the final hymn (REH 122).*

**Now my soul, thy voice upraising,  
Tell in sweet and mournful strain  
How the Crucified, enduring  
Grief and wounds, and dying pain,  
Freely of his love was offered,  
Sinless was for sinners slain.**

**See, his hands and feet are fastened!  
So he makes his people free;  
Not a wound whence Blood is flowing  
But a fount of grace shall be;  
Yea, the very nails which nail him  
Nail us also to the Tree.**

**Jesu, may those precious fountains  
Drink to thirsting souls afford;  
Let them be our cup and healing,  
And at length our great reward:  
So a ransomed world shall ever  
Praise thee, its redeeming Lord.**

The Lord be with you  
and also with you.

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

#### **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.

the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

*Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 31:9-16)*

*Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy \* but hast set my feet in a large room.  
Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble \* and mine eye is consumed for very  
heaviness; yea, my soul and my body. For my life is waxen old with heaviness \* and my years  
with mourning. My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity \* and my bones are consumed.  
I became a reproof among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours \* and they of  
mine acquaintance were afraid of me; and they that did see me without conveyed themselves  
from me. I am clean forgotten, as a dead man out of mind \* I am become like a broken vessel.  
For I have heard the blasphemy of the multitude \* and fear is on every side, while they conspire  
together against me, and take their counsel to take away my life. But my hope hath been in thee  
, O Lord \* I have said, Thou art my God.*

#### **Second Reading: Philippians 2:5-11**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 83) :*

**All ye who seek a comfort sure In trouble and distress,  
Whatever sorrow vex the mind, Or guilt the soul oppress,**

**Jesus, who gave himself for you Upon the cross to die,  
Opens to you his sacred heart; O to that heart draw nigh.**

**Ye hear how kindly he invites; Ye hear his words so blest—  
'All ye that labour come to me, And I will give you rest.'**

**O Jesus, joy of saints on high, Thou hope of sinners here,  
Attracted by those loving words To thee I lift my prayer.**

**Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood Which forth from thee doth flow;  
New grace, new hope inspire, a new And better heart bestow.**

#### **The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**

*The Passion is read in dramatic form. It is customary to remain standing—if you are able—during the Passion Gospel.*

**Sermon**

*Please be seated for the short homily.*

**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.

### The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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

Peace

We are invited to give one another a sign of peace. During the 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 follows (REH 176) :

**The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heaven affords Is his, is his by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heaven's eternal light:**


**The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below,  
To whom he manifests his love, And grants his name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is given:  
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heaven.**

**They suffer with the Lord below, They reign with him above;  
Their profit and their joy to know The mystery of his love.**

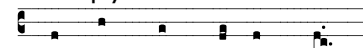
**The cross he bore is life and health, Though shame and death to him;  
His people's hope, his people's wealth, Their everlasting theme**

The Lord be with you



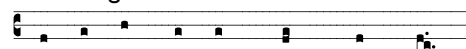
and also with you.

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** 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

**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 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: