

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

Monday in Holy Week : 30th March 2026 19h00

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 **Mass for Four voices** by William Byrd (c; 1539-1623).

The Liturgy on these days is much simplified, and only the following is sung or said:

Clergy and serving team enter in silence

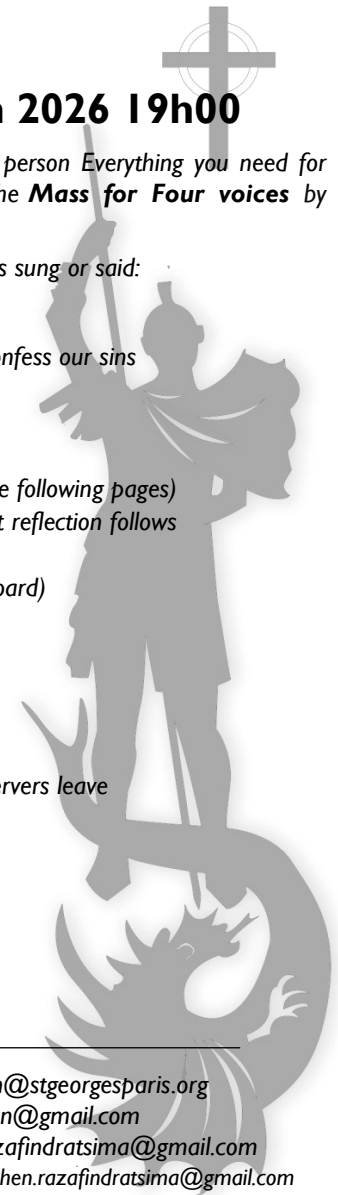
- ◆ **The Mass is introduced** and we are invited to confess our sins
- ◆ **Kyrie Eleison** sung by the choir
- ◆ **Opening Prayer**
- ◆ **First Reading** the congregation are invited to sit
- ◆ **The Psalm is sung by the Choir** (printed on the following pages)
- ◆ **The Gospel is proclaimed** and a period of silent reflection follows
- ◆ **The Peace**
- ◆ **Hymn as the Gifts are Prepared** (see hymn board)
- ◆ **Eucharistic Prayer**
- ◆ **The Lord's Prayer**
- ◆ **Agnus Dei** sung by the Choir
- ◆ **Communion**
- ◆ **Prayer after Communion**
- ◆ **Concluding Hymn** during which the clergy and servers leave
- ◆ **The Address** will be given after the liturgy

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The Preparation

+ 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 and we are invited to confess our sins as the choir sings the ancient song of God's grace, the absolution follows.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading : Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Psalms 36: 5-11

*Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens * and thy faithfulness unto the clouds. Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains * thy judgements are like the great deep. Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent is thy mercy, O God * and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house * and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river. For with thee is the well of life * and in thy light shall we see light. O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee * and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart. O let not the foot of pride come against me * and let not the hand of the ungodly cast me down.*

Holy Gospel: John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was

Greeting

Notices :

Welcome to the Eucharist today. Bienvenue à Saint-Georges.

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 :

Rev'd Sara: macvanesara@gmail.com ;

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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.

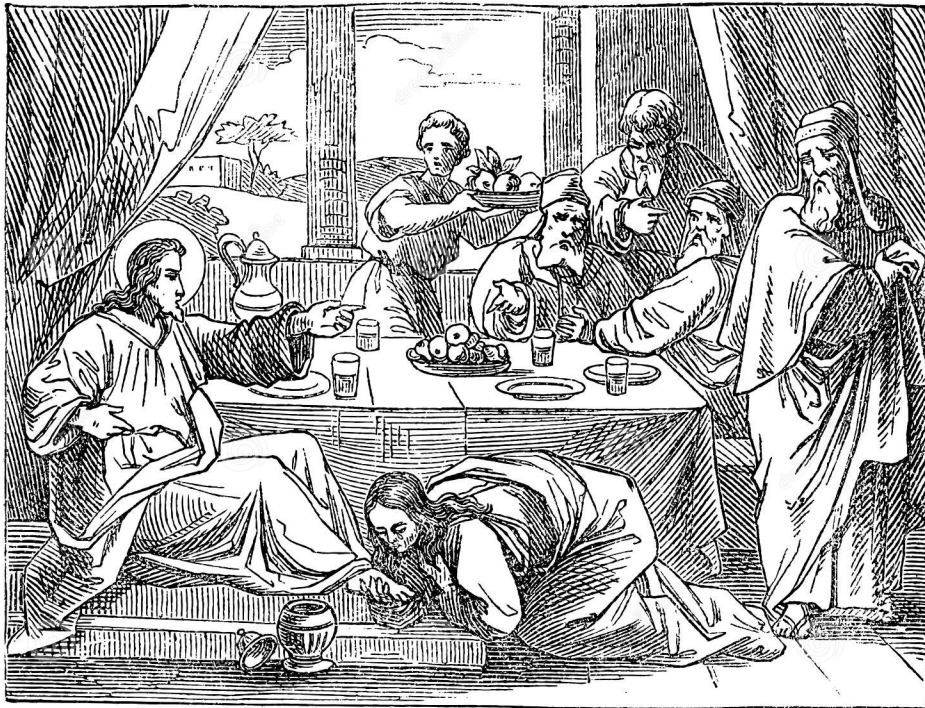
The Newsletter Editor is looking for good copy for the Pentecost edition of the Newsletter. If you have contributions please email him on john_crothers@hotmail.com

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.

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one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our peace.

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

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 128).

**We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.**

**Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.**

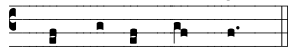
**The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.**

**It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:**

**The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above**

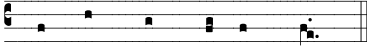
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



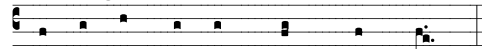
and also with you.

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.

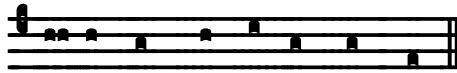
The celebrant praises God for his mighty acts in the Preface and the Choir sings the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus**.

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 :



Lord, by your cross and re-surrection you have set us free.



You are the Sa-viour 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.*

The celebrant invites the people to Communion

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

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.**

We remain standing to sing the hymn (REH 132).

**O Thou, who through this holy week,
Didst suffer for us all,
The sick to heal, the lost to seek,
To raise up them that fall.**

**We cannot comprehend the woe
Thy love was pleased to bear:
O Saviour Christ, we only know
That all our hopes are there.**

**Then grant us, Lord, this week to trace
Thy passion and thy love,
And by thine all-inspiring grace
Uplift our hearts above.**

**Beyond the pain, beyond the cross,
The Christ of glory see,
And count the things of earth but loss
To gain our heaven in thee.**

Blessing

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing ...

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

Holy Week Address

If you wish to hear the Holy Week address please remain in your seat. There will be a short pause between the Eucharist and the Address.