

Notices :

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.

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.

The AGM of the Church Council will take place on Sunday, 12th 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 (john_crothers@hotmail.com) is looking for good copy for the Pentecost edition of the Newsletter. If you have contributions please email him on the address above by the 12th April.

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.

Holy Week : 29th March—5th April 2026

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
	1230 Stations of the Cross <i>(Meet at the Rond Point des Champs Elysées)</i>
	1745 Evensong
	1930 Liturgy of the Day <i>With Passion Gospel & Veneration of the Cross</i>
Saturday 4th	Holy Saturday
	0915 Mattins
	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
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St George's Paris

Maundy Thursday: 2nd April 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 will sing the **Short Communion Service** by Adrian Batten (1591—1637) with the Gloria from **Missa Sancti Joannis de Deo** by Joseph Haydn (1732—1809). The music during the Footwashing will be the **Lamentations of Jeremiah** by Thomas Tallis (c.1505—1585) and **Ubi Caritas** by Maurice Duruflé (1902—1986).

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The Gathering

At this Eucharist the Church celebrates Christ's command to love one another as he has loved us. It is a joyful celebration in word, music and dramatic action of Our Saviour's last acts before his arrest. As the bell rings, we stand to sing (REH 375).

**Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness;
Come into the daylight's splendour, There with joy thy praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded Hath this wondrous banquet founded;
High o'er all the heavens he reigneth, Yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.**

**Now I sink before thee lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder On thy mighty works I ponder;
How, by mystery surrounded, Depths no mortal ever sounded,
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with thee are hidden.**

**Sun, who all my life dost brighten, Light, who dost my soul enlighten,
Joy, the sweetest heart e'er knoweth; Fount, whence all my being floweth,
At thy feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, fFor our good, thy glory, given.**

**Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, Let me gladly here obey thee;
Never to my hurt invited, Be thy love with love required:
From this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure;
Through the gifts thou here dost give me, As thy guest in heaven receive me.**

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.

Reception of the Holy Oils

Blessed at the Chrism Eucharist the oils of Baptism, Healing and the Chrism oil are received.

Oil of the Sick

...the healing presence of Christ. **Blessed be God for ever!**

Oil of Baptism

...and the power of evil. **Blessed be God for ever!**

Oil of Chrism

...filled with the Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God for ever!**

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 and we acclaim the Gloria with bells.

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

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You

The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is taken in procession to the Altar of Repose in the Chapel where, honoured by light and flowers, we recall our Lord's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and pray for the world for which he died. We follow on at the end of Procession singing the following (REH 196) :

**Of the glorious body telling, O my tongue, its mysteries sing,
And the blood, all price excelling, Which the world's eternal King,
In a spotless womb once dwelling, Shed for this world's ransoming.**

**Given for us, for us descending, Of a virgin to proceed,
Man with man in converse blending, Scattered he the gospel seed,
Till his sojourn drew to ending, Which he closed in wondrous deed.**

**At the last great supper lying Circled by his brethren's band,
Duly with the law complying, First he finished its command,
Then, immortal food supplying, Gave himself with his own hand.**

**Word made flesh, by word he maketh Bread his very flesh to be;
Man in wine Christ's blood partaketh: And if senses fail to see,
Faith alone the true heart waketh To behold the mystery.**

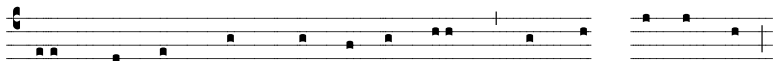
When the procession reaches the Altar of Repose, which represents the Garden of Gethsemane, the priest sets down the ciborium which holds the Sacrament and then we sing

**Therefore we, before him bending, This great sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending, For the newer rite is here;
Faith, our outward sense befriending, Makes the inward vision clear.**

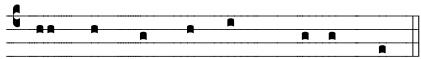
**Glorify let us give, and blessing To the Father, and the Son,
Honour, might, and praise addressing, While eternal ages run;
Ever too his love confessing, Who, from both, with both is one. Amen.**

The Stripping of the Altars

The tabernacle is closed, a reading is read and a period of silence is kept. We remain in silence as the choir sings Psalm 22 and the altars are stripped, and the church cleared of all decoration representing the devastating desolation of this night.



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, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruit of your redemption, for you are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Please remain seated for the choir to sing the psalm appointed for the day (Ps 116.1-2, 10-16)

*I am well pleased * that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer; That he hath inclined his ear unto me * therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled * I said in my haste, All men are liars. What reward shall I give unto the Lord * for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will receive the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people * right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant * I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and will call upon the Name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people * in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.*

Second Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Please stand for the gradual hymn (REH 193) :

**The heavenly Word proceeding forth Yet leaving not his Father's side,
And going to his work on earth, Had reached at length life's eventide.**

**By false disciple to be given To foemen for his blood athirst,
Himself, the living bread from heaven, He gave to his disciples first.**

**In twofold form of sacrament, He gave his flesh, he gave his blood,
That man, of soul and body blent, Might wholly feed on mystic food.**

**In birth man's fellow-man was he, His meat while sitting at the board;
He died, our ransom to be, He reigns to be our great reward.**

**O saving Victim, opening wide The gate of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side, Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.**

**All praise and thanks to thee ascend For evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end, In our true native land with thee. Amen.**

The Gospel is announced, and all respond

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, are you going to wash my feet?' Jesus answered, 'You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand.' Peter said to him, 'You will never wash my feet.' Jesus answered, 'Unless I wash you, you have no share with me.' Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' Jesus said to him, 'One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you.' For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, 'Not all of you are clean.' After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Sermon

Washing of Feet

*In doing this, we follow Christ's command - 'If I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.' During the Washing of Feet, the choir sings **Ubi Caritas** by Maurice Duruflé and the **Lamentations (Lectio I)** by Orlando di Lasso. At the end, a prayer is said and we respond with **Amen**.*

Intercessions

After each petition the response is printed below.

Lord, hear us: **and humble us.**
 **and unite us.**
 **and renew our zeal**
 **and fill us with your love.**
 **and give us your peace.**
 **and welcome all your children into paradise.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Peace

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

On this night when Our Saviour was betrayed with a kiss we do not exchange a physical sign of the Peace of Christ. The hymn at the Preparation of the Table follows (REH 403).

**We hail thy presence glorious, O Christ our great high priest,
O'er sin and death victorious, At thy thanksgiving feast:
As thou art interceding For us in heaven above,
Thy Church on earth is pleading Thy perfect work of love.**

**Through thee in every nation Thine own their hearts upraise,
Offering one pure oblation, One sacrifice of praise:
With thee in blest communion The living and the dead
Are joined in closest union, One body with one head.**

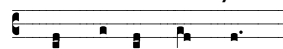
**O living Bread from heaven, Jesu, our Saviour good,
Who thine own self hast given To be our souls' true food;
For us thy body broken Hung on the cross of shame:
This bread, its hallowed token, We break in thy dear name.**

**O stream of love unending, Poured from the one true vine,
With our weak nature blending The strength of life divine;
Our thankful faith confessing In thy life-blood outpoured,
We drink this cup of blessing And praise thy name, O Lord.**

**May we, thy word believing, Thee through thy gifts receive,
That, thou within us living, We all to God may live;
Draw us from earth to heaven, Till sin and sorrow cease,
Forgiving and forgiven, In love and joy and peace.**

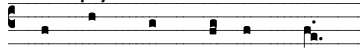
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you



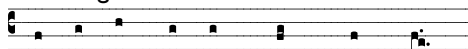
and also with you.

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 :