



GUILDFORD  
CATHEDRAL

5.30pm  
Tuesday 23 April 2024

George, Martyr,  
Patron of England

CHORAL  
EUCHARIST



# WELCOME

## GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND

George is remembered as a martyr; the details of his life have been lost in time, although fifth century records attest his existence, and the beginning of his commemoration. In all probability George was a victim of the Diocletian persecution in Lydda, in Palestine. The known facts of his life state that George, as officer in the Roman Army, gave his goods to the poor, and openly confessed Christianity before the court.

The more popular stories of the life and death of George can be traced back to the eighth century. The slaying of a dragon is not connected with his name until the twelfth century. His popularity as a saint of national identity grew with the Crusades, and he became patron saint of soldiers. Richard I called upon him for protection before the third Crusade in 1187, and a red cross with white background became the 'uniform' of his crusaders and, in time, England's national flag. He was made patron of England in preference to Edward the Confessor by Edward III in 1347. George is truly an international saint and several other countries or regions also claim him as their patron.

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*Sancti Iohannis de Deo Josef Haydn (1732-1809)*

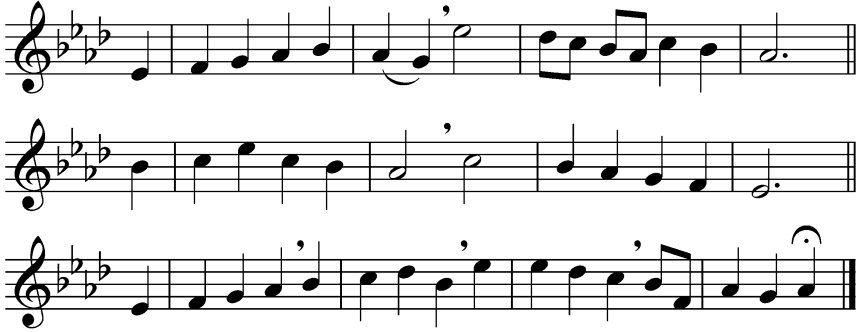
## PARTICIPATION IN THE SERVICE

We sing the hymns and the response to the psalm and say together the words in **bold** type. Although posture is suggested please do whatever is most comfortable for you.

Stand

# THE GATHERING

## HYMN



Glory to thee, O God,  
for all thy saints in light,  
who nobly strove and conquered in the well-fought fight.

    Their praises sing,  
    who life outpoured  
by fire and sword for Christ their King.

Thanks be to thee, O Lord,  
for saints thy Spirit stirred  
in humble paths to live thy life and speak thy word.

    Unnumbered they  
    whose candles shine  
to lead our footsteps after thine.

Lord God of truth and love,  
'thy kingdom come', we pray;  
give us thy grace to know thy truth and walk thy way;  
that here on earth  
    thy will be done,  
till saints in earth and heaven are one.

*Words: H.C.A. Gaunt (1902-1983)*

*Music: CP 217, Harewood, S. S. Wesley (1810-1876)*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **THE GREETING**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

## **PRAYERS OF PENITENCE**

The saints were faithful unto death  
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.  
As we celebrate their joy,  
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses  
and ask for his mercy.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus  
bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnam gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex coelestis.  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu  
Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus  
Dei, Filius Patris: qui tollis  
peccata mundi, miserere  
nobis; qui tollis peccata  
mundi, suscipe deprecationem  
nostrum; qui sedes ad  
dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus;  
tu solus Dominus;  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Jesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu,  
in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to people  
of good will.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we worship you, we glorify you.  
We give thanks to you for your  
great glory.  
Lord God, heavenly King.  
God the Father almighty.  
Only Son of the Father, Jesus  
Christ. Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father: who takes  
away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us; who takes away  
the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer; who sits at  
the right hand of the Father:  
have mercy upon us.  
For you alone are holy;  
you alone are the Lord;  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## THE COLLECT

God of hosts,  
who so kindled the flame of love  
in the heart of your servant George  
that he bore witness to the risen Lord  
by his life and by his death:

give us the same faith and power of love  
that we who rejoice in his triumphs  
may come to share with him the fullness of the resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **FIRST READING** 2 Timothy 2.3-13

A reading from Paul's first letter to Timothy.

Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David - that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful - for he cannot deny himself.

For the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

Stand **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The Gospel Acclamation is played by the organist, sung by the choir, and then sung by everybody. As the procession passes, please turn to face the proclamation of the Gospel.

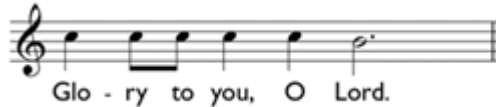


Happy the man who stands firm,  
for he has proved himself, and will win the crown of life.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

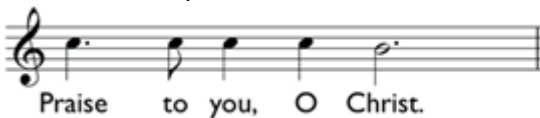
**GOSPEL READING** John 15. 18-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



tes you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world - therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'Servants are not greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Sit **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The president invites everyone to pray, saying*

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

*The bidding and response are*

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

*In conclusion*

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

Stand **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**THE 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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

## HYMN



Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
and put your armour on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies,  
through his eternal Son;

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,  
and in his mighty power:  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,  
with all his strength endued;  
and take, to arm you for the fight,  
the panoply of God.

From strength to strength go on,  
wrestle and fight and pray;  
tread all the powers of darkness down,  
and win the well-fought day;

that, having all things done,  
and all your conflicts past,  
ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,  
and stand entire at last.

*Words: from Ephesians 6.10-18, Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

*Music: CP 571, St Ethelwald, W.H. Monk (1823-1889)*

## THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

God of faithfulness,  
your servant George praised you in his death.  
Receive all we bring before you this day,  
and give us the strength of will  
to proclaim your righteousness and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The musical notation is presented in four rows. The first row shows the President's part: "The Lord be with you." and the All's part: "And also with you." The second row shows the President's part: "Lift up your hearts." and the All's part: "We lift them to the Lord." The third row shows the President's part: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The fourth row shows the All's part: "It is right to give thanks and praise." Each line of music is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

It is indeed right,  
it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places  
to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

And now we give you thanks  
that in the witness of your martyr George,  
who followed Christ even to death,  
you reveal your power made perfect in our human weakness.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,	<i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</i>
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.	<i>God of power and might.</i>
Pleni sunt caeli	<i>Heaven and earth are</i>
et terra gloria tua.	<i>full of your glory.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>
Benedictus qui venit	<i>Blessed is he who comes</i>
in nomine Domini.	<i>in the name of the Lord.</i>
Hosanna in excelsis.	<i>Hosanna in the highest.</i>

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
 we remember his offering of himself  
 made once for all upon the cross;  
 we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
 we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
 and with this bread and this cup  
 we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.



Great is the mys - te - ry of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a-gain.

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
 this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
 and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
 in the presence of your divine majesty,  
 renew us by your Spirit,  
 inspire us with your love  
 and unite us in the body of your Son,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
 we worship you, Father almighty,  
 in songs of everlasting praise:



Bless-ing and hon-our and glo - ry and pow'r be



yours for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Sit

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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**

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
**Lord, our hearts hunger for you;  
give us this bread always.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All who are communicants are welcome to receive the bread and wine. There is no obligation to drink from the common cup. However, please do not dip your wafer in the wine. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your hands at your sides. Gluten-free bread is available.*

## **AGNUS DEI**

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.*

## **MOTET**

O quam gloriosum  
est regnum in quo cum Christo  
gaudent omnes sancti!  
Amicti stolis albis  
agnum sequuntur  
quocunq; ierit.

*O how glorious is the kingdom  
wherein all the saints  
rejoice with Christ!  
Clothed in white robes  
they follow the Lamb  
whithersoever he goeth.*

*Words: Magnificat antiphon at second vespers on the Feast of All Saints  
Music: Tomás Luis de Vittoria (c. 1548-1611)*

*Stand*    **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Eternal God, who gave us this holy meal  
in which we have celebrated the glory of the cross  
and the victory of your martyr George:  
by our communion with Christ  
in his saving death and resurrection,  
give us with all your saints the courage to conquer evil  
and so to share the fruit of the tree of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## THE SENDING OUT

God give you grace to follow his saints  
in faith and love and steadfastness  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

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