

St James's Church, Piccadilly

Sunday 22nd November 2020 at 11.00am

Parish Eucharist for The Feast of St Cecilia and The Feast of Christ the King on the Sunday Next before Advent

including the commissioning of Camino Companions.

FROM ST JAMES'S CHURCH LIVE ON YOUTUBE

From 1045, instrumental music will be played for personal preparation and prayer.

At 11 o'clock the priest says

Grace, mercy and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you

The priest welcomes all to the online service and invites those attending to say where they are joining from in the YouTube chat function.

All say

Eternal God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

The deacon introduces the prayer of reconciliation

Before the God of peace, let us confess all that is broken in God's world,

remembering our own part in making it so.

Silence is kept.

**Ever-loving God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you our God.
Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

May the God of mercy and truth forgive you and set you free. May you know you are forgiven and be at peace.
Amen.

THE GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo!
(Glory to God in the highest heaven!)**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect (Prayer for the Day)

Eternal God,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King

and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for Christ lives with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God, one glory. Amen.

Please sit

THE FIRST READING

Ephesians 1.15–23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25.31–46

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into

eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

THE SERMON

The Revd Dr John Russell

Silence is kept for personal reflection.

Please stand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Iona Community)

**We believe in God, maker and sustainer
of all life.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ,
the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place
of death.**

**On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven, to be
everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy
Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of
healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

The deacon says

Let us pray for the world, for the church,
for all in need, and for those who have
asked for our prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

led by a member of the congregation

Please stand

THE PEACE

The priest says

We are fellow citizens with Cecilia and all
the saints in the household of God,
through Christ who came and preached
peace to those who were far off and those
who were near.

The deacon says

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

*Please share the peace in the chat section
of Youtube.*

*During the hymn, the deacon prepares the
altar for Communion.*

HYMN

Morning glory, starlit sky,
leaves in springtime, swallows' flight,
autumn gales, tremendous seas,
sounds and scents of summer night;

Soaring music, tow'ring word,
Art's perfection, scholar's truth,
joy supreme of human love,
mem'ry's treasure, grace of youth;

Open, Lord are these thy gifts,
gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love's agony,
love's endeavour, love's expense.

Love that gives, gives evermore,
gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
ventures all, its all expends.

Drained is love in making full;
bound in setting others free;
poor in making many rich;
weak in giving pow'r to be.

Therefore he who thee reveals
hangs O Father on that tree
helpless; and the nails and thorns
tell of what thy love must be.

Thou art God, no monarch thou,
throned in easy state to reign;
Thou art God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.

*Words WH Vanstone
Tune Orlando Gibbons*

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed upon the
hillside are now reunited on this table in
bread and wine, so Lord may your whole
Church soon be gathered together from
the corners of the earth into your
kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever!

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The priest leads the Church's Thanksgiving
for Creation and Redemption in Christ ...*

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 priest continues the Church's prayer of
thanksgiving ...*

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

All say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

All say:

**Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer of consecration continues
recalling Christ's command to his disciples
at the Last Supper, ending with: "... as
often as you drink it, in remembrance of
me"*

The deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The prayer continues. At the end of the
prayer, all say*

Amen.

Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in your own first
language.*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Bread is broken as the priest says

We break this bread to share in the body
of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The priest says:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin 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 I shall be healed.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the
fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices are given by the priest.

FINAL HYMN

*In place of a collection, please make a text
donation by texting **WREN20, WREN10 or
WREN5 to 70085** to donate £20, £10 or £5
respectively.*

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovingly be.
O who am I,
That for my sake

My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But we were strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know:
But oh, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend.

Sometimes they strew his way,
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King:
Then "Crucify!"
was all our breath,
and for his death
we thirst and cry.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

THE COMMISSIONING OF OUR CAMINO PILGRIMS

**Camino Companions runs from today, St
Cecilia's Day to St James's Day 2021.**

The deacon says

We remember the call to Abraham to
trust in God's promises and to Esther,
Ruth and Mary Magdalene to be
transformed through new hope and
expectation.

We remember the call to the apostles to
leave aside a way of life and follow a new
path.

We remember the table, set by Jesus for all to come, sit, rest and be nourished.

We recall the disciples on the road to Emmaus and their recognition, awakening, and fellowship.

As our Camino Companions begin our pilgrimage through this pandemic, let us, therefore, affirm our commitment to travel together, to grow in companionship and to foster a spirit of questioning, open heartedness and open mindedness.

Will you make time to meet fellow travellers to listen, break bread, pray and connect?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you open your hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit, seeking to deepen your relationship with God and each other?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you explore and discern through prayer new rhythms of life for yourselves?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you trust that Jesus goes before you, and prepare to breathe in and out your faith in new action?

With the help of God, we will.

Will you commit yourself to this journey, guided by grace and rooted in God's love?

With the help of God, we will.

We begin this journey together, feeding our pilgrimage with the Eucharist, silence, conversation and action. May God bless us as we journey together in faith, hope and love.

Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The priest gives the blessing

Christ give you grace to follow Cecilia and all the saints in faith and hope and love. And the blessing of God almighty; Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Please make an online donation to support the work of St James's Church
www.sjp.org.uk

A Prayer for the Feast of St Cecilia for use during the week

Blessed Cecilia, appear in visions, appear and inspire, come down and startle our embarking pilgrims with immortal fire.

Sing for your loves of heaven and of earth and coax our roughened hearts to a new birth.

Kindle the long cold winter of our intellectual will so pilgrims trust in guardian angels still.

Restore our fallen day 'til from the earth our sacred song shall rise to meet your own and praise God in the skies.

Amen.