

St James's Church, Piccadilly

The Eucharist for Bible Sunday Sunday 24th October 2021 at 11am

WITH A CONGREGATION IN THE CHURCH AND LIVE ON YOUTUBE

Welcome to St James's Church! Whether you are in the building or online, we are glad you are here.

*In response to congregational feedback, **we are returning to more singing during the service.** Our Lay Singers, music scholars and clergy, socially distanced, will lead us in singing without face coverings. If you are in the body of the congregation, please keep your face covering on while singing. All arrangements are kept under review.*

Please remember that social distancing is being observed on the Jermyn Street side of the church (on the right-hand side as you come in) both on the ground floor and at gallery level.

If you arrive late, please observe this social distance zone, and if you are sitting in these pews, please keep at least a metre away from the next person.

If you do not wish to sit distanced, then the Piccadilly side (the left-hand side as you come in) is free seating, both at ground floor and gallery level.

As we continue to evolve our arrangements, please be sensitive to those around you and please also don't hesitate to move to a distance if you are feeling uncomfortable. We are fortunate to have a large airy building and we hope that you will feel comfortable as we pray our way through these days.

OPENING HYMN

[Moscow; Words: John Marriott (1780-1825)
alt]

**Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**

OPENING RESPONSES

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 in-person and online service and invites those attending to say where they are joining from in the YouTube chat function. The presiding priest will also remind the congregation of the social distance zones in the church building.

All say

**Eternal God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
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 our Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

The deacon says

The word of God is living and active.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
trusting in Scripture's promise of forgiveness
and healing.

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.**

KYRIE (Zimbabwean)

The Cantor sings

Lord have mercy on us.

**Lord have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us.**

**Christ have mercy on us,
Christ have mercy on us.**

Lord have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us.

THE ABSOLUTION

The priest says

May the God of mercy and truth forgive
you and set you free. May you take God's
forgiveness to heart and be at peace.
Amen.

THE GLORIA (Peruvian)

Sing each phrase after the cantor

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory in the highest!**

To God be glory for ever!

Alleluia amen, alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!**

To God be glory for ever!

Alleluia amen, alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!**

To God be glory for ever!

Alleluia amen, alleluia amen, alleluia amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written
for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest
them
that, through patience, and the comfort of
your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit.

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to

the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 19

Response: *The heavens are telling the glory of God.*

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of
God's hands.

Day unto day takes up the story
and night unto night makes known the
message.

No speech, no word, no voice is heard yet
their span extends through all the earth,
their words to the utmost bounds of the
world.

At the end of the sky is the rising of the sun;
to the furthest end of the sky is its course.
There is nothing concealed from its burning
heat.

The law of our God is perfect, it revives the
soul.

The rule of our God is to be trusted, it gives
wisdom to the simple.

The fear of our God is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of our God are truth, and all of
them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold,
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

May the words of my mouth and the
thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O God, my rescuer
and my rock!

Please remain standing.

THE GOSPEL

John 5.36b-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you O Lord.

But I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent.

'You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

The Revd Lucy Winkett

A period of 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by a member of the congregation.

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.

Please kneel or sit.

THE PEACE

The priest says

Let the word of God dwell in you richly. Let
the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The deacon says

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

The priest says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please share the Peace in a socially distanced way if you are in the building, and in the YouTube chat function if you are online.

HYMN

[Tune: Hyfrydol; Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)]

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

**Alleluia, bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,**

**earth thy footstool heav'n thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Blessed be God,
by whose grace Creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our own praise
and thanksgivings.

Blessed be God for ever!

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 (Williams)

Sing each phrase after the Cantor

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

The cantor sings

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Sing after the cantor

**Hosanna,
Hosanna,
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 cantor sings

Great is the mystery of faith.

Sing after the cantor

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues. At the end of the
prayer, sing after the cantor . . .*

**Blessing and honour, glory and power,
be yours forever and ever.
Amen.**

Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in your own language.

The priest says

Let us pray in the words that Jesus gave us.

**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 and 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.**

This is the table of Christ. It has been made ready for those who love God and those who want to love more. So come: you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been for some time. You who have tried to follow Christ and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who asks us to meet him here.

Amen.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

THE COMMUNION

*During Communion, the Lay Singers and
Scholars will sing **Irish Blessing**, music by Bob
Chilcott.*

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be ever at your back,
may the sunshine warm upon your face,
and the rain fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you ever in the palm of his
hand.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

inspired by Richard of Chichester (1198-1253)

Thanks be to you, Christ Jesus,
for all the benefits you have given me
for all the pains and insults you have borne
for me.

Since I cannot now receive you
sacramentally,

I ask you to be present with me spiritually in
my heart.

O most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,

may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.

Prayers for use during Communion

Christ Jesus, you promised in your gospel
'I am with you always'. Be with me as part of
this community today in this Eucharist;
Hear my prayers for others and for myself.
May I bind myself to you, in communion with
all that lives this day, knowing that nothing
can separate me from your love.
Amen.

O God, help me to trust you,
and to know that you are with me now.
Help me to know that all are yours,
and you are ours,
in this Eucharist and for ever.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Notices are given by the priest.

FINAL HYMN

[Tune: Blaenwern; Words: Timothy Rees
(1874-1939) alt.]

**God is love: let heav'n adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.**

**God who laid the earth's foundation,
she who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
she is love, eternal love.**

**God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace;
God's unfailing grasp is holding
ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
that same sorrow, that same aching
wrings with pain the heart of God.**

**God is love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts and clouds the will,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds us fast and guides us still.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.**

THE BLESSING

The priest says

God give you the will to live each day in life
eternal; and the courage to live each day in
the present time.
And the blessing of God: Creator, Christ and
Holy Spirit be among you and remain with
you now and for ever.
Amen.

The deacon says

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

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donation points in the church.***

ALL SOULS' EUCHARIST

with Fauré Requiem

sung by our Lay Singers and Music Scholars

Tuesday 2nd November at 6.30pm

Everyone welcome to attend in person.

The service will be streamed on our

YouTube channel.

**Please send names of those to be
remembered at this service to our Parish
Secretary, David Hamilton-Peters:
secretary@sjp.org.uk**

***Rest eternal grant to them O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.***

