

St James's Church, Piccadilly

The Eucharist for the 20th Sunday after Trinity Sunday 17th 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 music scholars, Lay Singers 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.

*Before the service, Sydney Mariano, music scholar, will play **Méditation** from **Thäis** by Jules Massenet.*

OPENING HYMN

[Tune: Amazing Grace; Words: John Newton (1725-1807)]

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
God's word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.

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

Jesus says 'Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest'.
Let us confess all that lays heavy on our hearts this day, trusting in God's promise of forgiveness and peace.

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.

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Redeemer.
Amen.

Please sit.

FIRST READING
Hebrews 5.1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 104 vv.1-10

Response: In your service lies perfect freedom.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

You are clothed with majesty and honour, wrapped in light as in a garment.

You spread out the heavens like a curtain and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.

You make the clouds your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.

You laid the foundations of the earth, that it never should move at any time.

You covered it with the deep like a garment; the waters stood high above the hills.

At your rebuke they fled;

at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys beneath,

to the place which you had appointed for them.

You have set them their bounds that they should not pass, nor turn again to cover the earth.

Please remain standing.

THE GOSPEL
Mark 10.35-45

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

Glory to you O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

*Our visiting preacher today is **Rosemarie Davidson-Gotobed**, National Minority Ethnic Vocations Officer for the Church of England. Rosemarie is also founder of the annual Sam Sharpe Lectures which is in its 9th consecutive year and takes place during Black History Month.*

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

Jesus says 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God'.

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: Noël Nouvelet; Words: John L. Bell (b. 1949) & Graham Maule (1958-2019)]

Jesus Christ is waiting,
waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too:
make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals
and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too:
in the Kingdom's causes
let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil
let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet.'

Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few:
walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Blessed are you O God of all Creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to
set before you, which earth has given and
human hands have made. It will become for
us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever!

Blessed are you O God of all Creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to
set before you, fruit of the vine and work of
human hands. It will become for us the cup
of salvation.

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 **Something Inside So Strong** by Labi Siffre (b. London 1945). The congregation is invited to join in.*

The higher you build your barriers
The taller I become.
The further you take my rights away
The faster I will run.
You can deny me, you can decide
To turn your face away.
No matter 'cause there's

Something inside so strong.
I know that I can make it,
Though you're doing me wrong, so wrong.
You thought that my pride was gone, oh no.
There's something inside so strong.
Oh, something inside so strong.

The more you refuse to hear my voice
(away-a)
The louder I will sing.
You hide behind walls of Jericho (away-a)
Your lies will come tumbling.
Deny my place in time, you squander wealth
that's mine,
My light will shine so brightly it will blind
you.
Because there's

Something inside so strong, strong.
I know that I can make it,
Though you're doing me wrong, so wrong.
You thought that my pride was gone, oh no,
There's something inside so strong.
Oh, something inside so strong

Brothers and sisters
When they insist we're just not good enough,
Well we know better,
Just look 'em in the eyes and say:
"We're gonna do it anyway,
We're gonna do it anyway."
Something inside so strong
I know that I can make it,
Though you're doing me wrong, so wrong.
You thought that my pride was gone, oh no.
There's something inside so strong, oh
Something inside so strong.

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

**Holy and blessed God,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:
may we honour you,
not only with our lips
but in lives dedicated to the service
of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Notices are given by the priest.

FINAL HYMN

[Tune: Cwm Rhondda; Words: William
Williams (1717-1791)]

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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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AFTERMATH: Weeds & Wilding

As we begin to emerge from the Covid pandemic in the UK, we look back at a previous catastrophic event which occurred 81 years ago.

In October 1940, St James's church was reduced to a near ruin in the first phase of the London Blitz. The aftermath that sprang up from the ruins was a colony of 42 species of 'weeds' or 'pioneer plants' which we explore in our AFTERMATH blog pages on the website [here](#).

