

St James's Church, Piccadilly

The Eucharist with Baptism for All Saints' Day Sunday 31st 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.

We extend a special welcome to those to be baptised at this service with their friends and supporters. Please hold them in your prayers.

*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

[Tune: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams; Words: William Walsham How, based on Hebrews 12.1]

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,

through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud
of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight
and the sin that clings so closely.
Let us look to Christ in penitence and faith,
trusting in God's promise of forgiveness.

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.

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example with
boldness and joy,
through Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen.

Please sit.

FIRST READING

Revelation 21.1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth had
passed away, and the sea was no more. And I
saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming
down out of heaven from God, prepared as a
bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a
loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no
more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne
said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also
he said, 'Write this, for these words are
trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It
is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the
beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will

give water as a gift from the spring of the
water of life.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 24 vv.1-6

*Response: **They shall receive a just reward.***

The earth is God's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.
For it is God who founded it upon the seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, or who
can rise up in God's holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure
heart,

who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

'They shall receive a blessing from the Holy
One,
a just reward from the God of their
salvation.'

Such is the company of those who seek God,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Please remain standing.

THE GOSPEL

John 11.32-44

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

Glory to you O Lord.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw
him, she knelt at his feet and said to him,
'Lord, if you had been here, my brother
would not have died.' When Jesus saw her
weeping, and the Jews who came with her
also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in
spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where

have you laid him?’ They said to him, ‘Lord, come and see.’ Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, ‘See how he loved him!’ But some of them said, ‘Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?’

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, ‘Take away the stone.’ Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, ‘Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?’ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, ‘Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.’ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, ‘Lazarus, come out!’ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, ‘Unbind him, and let him go.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

The Revd Dr Ivan Khovacs

A period of silence is kept for personal reflection.

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.

BAPTISM

Please stand and turn in your seats towards the font.

As the candidates move, the chant is sung

**Bless the Lord my soul
and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul
who leads me into life.**

The priest addresses the whole congregation:

Faith is the gift of God to all people.

In baptism, Christ is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome these as friends and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION

The priest addresses the candidates, saying

Do you wish to be baptised?

The candidates say

I do.

The priest says

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

The candidates say

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate in turn saying:

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed of Christ,
to whom you belong for ever.

All say

Stand bravely with Christ against all powers of evil and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of glory and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

God's promise is kept forever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest continues:

We thank you, God of life, for the gift of water... *ending with ...* to you be all honour and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The priest addresses the whole congregation:

Sisters and brothers, I ask you to profess together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Creator,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God the Creator.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in God the Son.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.**

THE BAPTISM

The priest addresses each candidate, saying

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God who has received you by baptism into the Church, pour upon you the riches of grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by the anointing of the Holy Spirit and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

THE GIVING OF THE CANDLES

The priest gives a candle to each candidate, saying:

God receives you by baptism into the Church.
Receive this light.

This is to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Creator.

THE WELCOME

The priest address the candidates, saying

God receives you by baptism into the church.

We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are members together of the body of Christ.

We are children of the same Creator.

We welcome you!

THE PEACE

The priest says

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

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

**For all the saints who showed your love
in how they lived and where they moved,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.**

**For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.**

**For all the saints who named your will,
and saw your kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.**

**Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.**

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 from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

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 Music Scholars will sing **Memento Mori**
Words: Thomas Traherne c.1636-1674,
Music: Thomas Tallis c.1505-1585,
adapted by E.J. King*

Beneath this stone lies buried One,
Confin'd in narrow roome;
Whose vaster Mind, noe Rest could find,
Till laid within this Tombe.
Whil'st upon earth he was alive,
All was but aire and wind;
The world too narrow was to give
Contentment to his Mind.

Beneath this stone lies buried One,
Confin'd in narrow roome;
Whose vaster Mind, noe Rest could find,
Till laid within this Tombe.
Life is the shadow of a Dreame,
Which He for sleep did take;
Till Death did Jogge him from the same,
He never was awake.

But now mine Eies, (above the Skies)
Are open; and I see
Things in the Light, not in the Night,
But Cleerly shewne to Mee.
Yea Lord! though here my body lies
Confus'd with other Earth,
At thy Command my Crummes shal rise,
The same as at my birth.

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;
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to the company of angels and to saints
before and beside us.
As we have shared the food of our earthly
pilgrimage, may we come to share in the joy
of the saints in heaven.
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Notices are given by the priest.

FINAL HYMN

[Tune: Blaenwern; Words: Charles Wesley
(1707-1788)]

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

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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ALL SOULS' EUCHARIST

with Fauré's 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.***

