

St James's Church, Piccadilly

Rooted in God's earth, we envision a just society and a creative, open-hearted church

The Eucharist for the Second Sunday of Epiphany Sunday 16th January 2022 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.*

Please note that the wearing of face coverings is mandatory unless you are exempt. The congregation are asked to please keep their face coverings on while singing.

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: Heathlands; Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)]

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,**

**Sun of Righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

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 introduces the service.

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

God of miracle and wonder
for whom nothing is impossible,
you long to reveal yourself to us
that we might reach out to you
and know ourselves to be your own,
cherished and chosen.

In silence we pause before you to confess
our need for forgiveness and grace.

Silence is kept.

Forgive us if we have been too preoccupied
or distracted to notice the extraordinary in the
ordinary.

The cantor sings

Kyrie eleison, eleison.
Kyrie eleison, eleison.
(Lord, have mercy.)

The deacon says

Forgive us if we have failed to recognize you
in the faces of both friends and strangers.

The cantor sings

Christe eleison, eleison.
Christe eleison, eleison.
(Christ, have mercy.)

The deacon says

Forgive us if we have let the sound of our own
voices drown out your call.

The cantor sings

Kyrie eleison, eleison.
Kyrie eleison, eleison.

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 (*Taizé*)

*The cantor sings first then we sing once
together and then twice as a 4-part round.*

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria. Alleluia, alleluia.
(Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Let us pray.

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good
news to the poor, release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with
your Holy Spirit and set all your people free
to praise you in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please sit.

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12.1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and
sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed.
You know that when you were pagans,
you were enticed and led astray to idols that
could not speak. Therefore I want you to
understand that no one speaking by the Spirit
of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!'
and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by
the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same
Spirit; and there are varieties of services,
but the same Lord; and there are varieties of
activities, but it is the same God who
activates all of them in everyone. To each is
given the manifestation of the Spirit for the
common good. To one is given through the
Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to
another the utterance of knowledge
according to the same Spirit, to another faith
by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing
by the one Spirit, to another the working of
miracles, to another prophecy, to another the
discernment of spirits, to another various
kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation
of tongues. All these are activated by one

and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM 36 vv. 5-10

*Response: **For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.***

Your steadfast love, O Lord,
extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty
mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of
your wings.
They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your
delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.
Continue your steadfast love to those who
know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Please remain standing.

THE GOSPEL

John 2.1-11

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

Glory to you O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in
Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus
was there. Jesus and his disciples had also
been invited to the wedding. When the wine
gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him,
'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her,
'Woman, what concern is that to you and to
me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother
said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells
you.' Now standing there were six stone
water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification,

each holding twenty or thirty gallons.

Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.'
And they filled them up to the brim. He said
to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to
the chief steward.' So they took it. When the
steward tasted the water that had become
wine, and did not know where it came from
(though the servants who had drawn the
water knew), the steward called the
bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone
serves the good wine first, and then the
inferior wine after the guests have become
drunk. But you have kept the good wine until
now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs,
in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory;
and his disciples believed in him.

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.*

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

God has made us one in Christ:
we meet from north, south, east and west
to share the peace that makes us whole.

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.*

During the hymn, a collection will be taken.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Abbot's Leigh, C.V. Taylor; Words
John L. Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule
(1958-2019) alt.]

**Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where God's people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps this promise;
praise the Christ who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.**

**Jesus calls us to each other:
found in Christ are no divides.
Race and class and sex and language:
such are barriers God derides.**

**Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.**

**Jesus calls us to this table
rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, Christ's body;
share the love of which we sing;
share the feast for saints and sinners
hosted by our Lord and King.**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Gracious God, we give back to you what we
have been given; fruits of the earth,
and the hearts of your people in hope and
expectation of a world made new.
Amen.

*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

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, 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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us light and life.**

Christ is the true bread come from heaven.
The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE COMMUNION

*During Communion, the Lay Singers and Scholars will sing **O Almighty God**, the BCP Collect for Epiphany 2 set to music by George Barcroft (c.1555-1610)*

O Almighty God,
mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Redeemer.
Amen.**

Notices are given by the priest.

FINAL HYMN

[Tune: Angel Voices; Words: Marjorie
Dobson (b. 1940)]

**Lord, you call us to your service,
each in our own way.
some to caring, loving, healing;
some to preach, or pray;
some to work with quiet learning,
truth discerning,
day by day.**

**Life for us is always changing
in the work we share.
Christian love adds new dimensions
to the way we care.
For we know that you could lead us,
as you need us,
anywhere.**

**Seeing life from your perspective
makes your challenge plain,
as your heart is grieving over
those who live in pain.
Teach us how, by your compassion,
you may fashion
hope again.**

**Lord, we set our human limits
on the work we do.
Send us your directing Spirit,
pour your power through,
that we may be free in living
and in giving
all for you.**

THE BLESSING

The priest says

May God give you grace to follow the light of
Christ, wherever you are led and however
long the road.

And the blessing of God almighty:
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you on this
day and for ever.

Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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visit sjp.org.uk/donate, or use one of the
tap donation points in the church.***