



St Pancras
Euston Road



St James's
PICCADILLY

Choral Evensong for the Patronal Festival of St Pancras

According to the 1662 Book of
Common Prayer

Sunday 11th May 2025
at 3pm

The Feast of St Pancras celebrates a young saint, put to death for his belief in Christ at the age of fourteen by the Emperor Diocletian around the year 304AD. In popular devotion, Pancras is celebrated as the patron saint of children, jobs and health.

Evening Prayer according to the Book of Common Prayer was, in its time, a radical service, but one that acknowledged its debt to the past as well as creating something new for the future. It has been said or sung in churches ever since as a way of thanking God for the day that is past; and in cathedrals is sung often every day of the week. For the congregation it has evolved into a service that is a mixture of participation by speaking or singing and participation by meditation while the choir sings.

The congregation sing the hymns, and say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and some of the responses. The choir sing the canticles: Magnificat (the Song of Mary from Luke's gospel) and Nunc Dimittis (the Song of Simeon from Luke's gospel) and "in quires and places where they sing" an anthem too.

*With St James's Lay Singers and Singing Scholars,
and Singers from St Pancras*

Directed by St James's Director of Music: Michael Haslam

Organist: Ashley Chow

*Service led by The Revd Jonathan Lee, Associate Priest,
St Pancras*

*Preacher: The Revd Lucy Winkett, Priest in Charge,
St Pancras*

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT

*The choir sings **Cantate Domino**, Psalm 149 vv.1-2 (Vulgate);
Music by Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)*

Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

*O praise ye the Lord, prepare a new song,
and let all his saints in full concert join;
ye tribes all assemble the feast to prolong,
in solemn procession with music divine.*

RESPONSES:

music: Kathryn Rose

The minister sings

O Lord, open thou our lips.

The choir sings

And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

Minister

O God, make speed to save us.

Choir

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here, all standing up, the minister shall sing

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Choir

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end.

Amen.

Minister

Praise ye the Lord.

Choir

The Lord's name be praised.

Please sit.

PSALM 8

The choir sings

O Lord our Governor, how excellent is thy Name in all the
world :

thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of very babes and sucklings hast thou
ordained strength, because of thine enemies :
that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

For I will consider thy heavens, even the works of thy fingers :
the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.

What is man, that thou art mindful of him :
and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Thou madest him lower than the angels :
to crown him with glory and worship.

Thou makest him to have dominion of the works of thy hands :
and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet;

All sheep and oxen : yea, and the beasts of the field;

The fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea :
and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.

O Lord our Governor :
how excellent is thy Name in all the world!

Please stand.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end.
Amen.**

Please sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63.7-14

I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,

according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour
in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

But they rebelled
and grieved his holy spirit;
therefore he became their enemy;
he himself fought against them.

Then they remembered the days of old,
of Moses his servant.

Where is the one who brought them up out of the sea
with the shepherds of his flock?

Where is the one who put within them
his holy spirit,

who caused his glorious arm
to march at the right hand of Moses,
who divided the waters before them
to make for himself an everlasting name,
who led them through the depths?

Like a horse in the desert,
they did not stumble.

Like cattle that go down into the valley,
the spirit of the LORD gave them rest.

Thus you led your people,
to make for yourself a glorious name.

Here ends the first lesson.

Please stand.

MAGNIFICAT

Stanford in C

The choir sings

My soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded:
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end.
Amen.

Please sit.

THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 24.36-49

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Here ends the second lesson.

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS

Stanford in C

The choir sings

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen:

thy salvation,

which thou hast prepared:

before the face of all people;

to be a light to lighten the Gentiles:

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end.

Amen.

Then shall be said the Apostles' Creed, by the minister and the people standing.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

THE LESSER LITANY

The minister says

The Lord be with you.

All say

And with thy spirit.

Please sit or kneel.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Then the minister, clerks, and people shall say the Lord's Prayer
with a loud voice.*

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth**

as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Amen.

Then the minister standing up shall sing

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Choir

And grant us thy salvation.

Minister

O Lord, save the King.

Choir

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Minister

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Choir

And make thy chosen people joyful.

Minister

O Lord, save thy people.

Choir

And bless thine inheritance.

Minister

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Choir

Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.

Minister

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Choir

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Then shall follow three Collects; the first of the day; the second for Peace; the third for Aid against all Perils.

THE COLLECT FOR THE FEAST OF ST PANCRAS

Almighty God,
by whose grace and power your holy martyr Pancras
triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death:
strengthen us with your grace,
that we may endure reproach and persecution
and faithfully bear witness to the name
of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
one God now and forever.

Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works do proceed;
give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;

that both, our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments,
and also that by thee, we, being defended from the fear of our
enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

THE THIRD COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers
of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

In quires and places where they sing, here followeth the anthem:

Blessed Be The God And Father

*Words: 1 Peter 1.3-5, 15, 17b, 22b, 23a, 24, 25a; Music: Samuel
Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which
according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto
a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not
away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power
of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the
last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all
manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here
in fear.

Love one another with a pure heart fervently. See that ye love
one another.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of
incorruptible, by the word of God.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower
of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth
away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS

HYMN

[Tune: Corvedale; Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-
1863) alt.]

**There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in Heaven;
there is no place where earth's feelings
have such kindly judgement given.**

**There is grace enough for thousands
of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations
in the upper home of bliss.
For the love of God is broader
than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.**

**But we make God's love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify God's strictness
with a zeal he will not own.
If our love were but more simple
we should take God at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Lucy Winkett

*During the final hymn, a collection will be taken.
If you don't have cash, please use the tap donation machines
at the back of the church.*

HYMN

[Tune: Fulda; Words: Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)]

**We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of Christ's birth at Bethlehem,
not in a royal house or hall,
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of Christ's death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save;
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:
for all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,
empty the tomb, for Christ was free;
who broke the pow'r of death and hell
that we might share his victory.**

**Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing God's glory, tell Christ's worth.**

THE BLESSING

The minister says

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage, hold fast that which is good,
render to no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak,
help the afflicted, honour all people.

Love and serve God,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and the blessing of God;

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.