



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# Sanctuary Eucharist at St Pancras, Euston Road

Tuesday 10th June 2025  
at 6.30pm

**LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

A chance to reflect, reconnect, re-charge



*Sanctuary is a home for everyone, where you can belong and where we can be in community with each other.*

*If you are able to contribute to the running of this service, there are a couple of ways you can help. If you would like to be a reader or lead prayers during the service, please speak to Elijah.*

*If you are in a position to make a donation towards the costs of this service, please use the tap donation points at the back of the church or the QR code on page 14. We know that sometimes it's not possible to donate, and that's ok too. We deeply appreciate everyone's participation, support, and presence at Sanctuary.*

*Before the service, from 6pm, please keep silence until 6.25pm when all join in the Taizé chant ...*

**The Kingdom of God is justice and peace  
and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us  
the gates of your kingdom.**

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **Opening responses** *(led by a lay leader)*

For spaces of courage and safety to celebrate our lives.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the gift of being lovingly and wonderfully made in God's image.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the queer family of saints, known and unknown, who've gone before us.

**Thanks be to God.**

For all who stand in solidarity, striving for liberation and justice.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**

### **Welcome and Opening Prayer** *(by the presiding priest)*

Gracious God, give us time this night to make a prayer that will become the prayer of our soul. Help us to listen to the voices of longing in our hearts, and listen to our hungers.

Help us give attention to the unexpected happenings at the edges of our life. Help us listen to our memory and to the inrush of our future, to the voices of those near us and those we have lost. Help us to know we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses and give us the eyes of faith to know that we are loved, and forgiven and free.

**Prayers of Reconciliation** *(led by lay leader)*

In meeting together and reflecting on our lives and society, we acknowledge in the presence of God, our choices and habits that bring injustice and pain to the world.

My friends, I confess before you and in the presence of God that the world is broken by the wrong I have done.

**May God forgive you and give you peace.**

**Amen.**

**We confess before one another and in the presence of God, that the world is broken by the wrong we have done.**

*The priest says*

May God forgive you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**Music for reflection**

*Michael will play **Silent Noon** by Edgar Bainton.*

## Listening to the Wisdom of the World

### *The Door* by Miroslav Holub

Go and open the door.

Maybe outside there's  
a tree, or a wood,  
a garden,  
or a magic city.

Go and open the door.

Maybe there's a dog rummaging.  
Maybe you'll see a face,  
or an eye,  
or a picture  
of a picture.

Go and open the door.

If there's a fog  
it will clear.

Go and open the door.

Even if there's only  
the darkness ticking,  
even if there's only  
the hollow wind.  
even if  
nothing  
is there,

Go and open the door.

At least  
there'll be  
a draught.

*All join in singing the Taizé chant ...*

**Lord God, you love us, source of compassion.**

**The Gospel:**

**Matthew 5.13-16**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Hear the gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Reflection on Listening to the World and Listening to Scripture**

*given by a member of the St James's Sanctuary team.*

*Silence.*

**Music for reflection**

*Jennifer will sing **Love Bade Me Welcome** from Five Mystical Songs; words by George Herbert, music by Ralph Vaughan Williams.*

## **Intercessions**

Let us pray for the earth and her life, for people in trouble,  
for our city, for ourselves.

*After each line of prayer, please join the chant response ...*

**Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.**

## **The Peace**

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All share a sign of peace.*

## **Chant at the Preparation of the Table**

*All sing the Taizé chant ...*

**Holy Spirit come to us,  
kindle in us the fire of your love.**

**Holy Spirit come to us,  
Holy Spirit come to us.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*The priest sings ...*

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.**

God, we have been gathered by you, caught in your net,  
summoned to your table.

As we open ourselves to your generous hospitality,  
let your Spirit move among us  
and be present in the food we share  
so that this bread and wine  
become for us the living presence of Jesus.

That so with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we may proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing ...

### **Sanctus and Benedictus**

*Singer*

Holy.

*All sing*

**Holy.**

*Singer*

Holy.

*All*

**Holy.**

**Holy Lord of power and might.**



*Singer*  
Heaven.

*All*  
**Heaven.**

*Singer*  
Earth.

*All*  
**Earth.**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
*(in canon)* **Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Singer*  
Blessed.

*All*  
**Blessed.**

*Singer*  
Blessed.

*All*  
**Blessed.**  
**Is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*Singer*  
Blessed.

*All*  
**Blessed.**

*Singer*  
Blessed.

*All*

**Blessed.**

**Is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

*(in canon)* **Hosanna in the highest.**

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*The priest continues*

Blessed are you, O God,

and blessed are your messengers and prophets  
who have proclaimed liberty to the captives  
and good news to all who are poor.

Blessed is your son Jesus,

who came to make known your mysteries,  
to seek out and save what is lost in this life,  
and to heal and bring wholeness

by the forgiveness open to all,

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way,

after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

*Singer*

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

*All sing*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one  
bread and one cup.

Remembering the eternal self-giving of Christ,  
we proclaim the mystery of God's presence among us  
in this bread and wine.

Made one with you eternal God,  
we offer these gifts of your creation,  
and with them, ourselves, as we are,  
so that you can make us who we can be.

And now, all honour and glory be yours, eternal God,  
through all ages and in all time, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who 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 those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory.  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.

### The Communion

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.**

### Music for reflection

*During Communion, Jennifer will sing **The Call** from Five Mystical Songs; words by George Herbert (1593-1633), music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).*

### Prayer After Communion

God of celebration and glory,  
we thank you for inviting us to receive this Eucharist,  
exactly as we are.  
You embrace us and renew us so that we may bear your  
likeness in the world.  
Trusting that your lavish love enfolds us all,  
nourish, strengthen and unite us as the queer Body of Christ;  
through Jesus, Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

*Final notices are given by the service leader ...  
after which, please stand for the blessing.*

## **The Blessing**

*All say to one another ...*

**May the road rise to meet you,  
and the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And until we meet again,  
may we know that we are held in the hollow of God's hand.  
Amen.**

## **Final Hymn**

[Tune: Sparrow; Words: Civilla D. Martin (1866-1948)]

**Why should I feel discouraged?  
Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely  
and long for heav'n and home,  
when Jesus is my portion?  
My constant Friend is He:  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me;  
his eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.**

*Refrain:*

**I sing because I'm happy—  
I sing because I'm free—  
for His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.**

"Let not your heart be troubled."  
His tender word I hear,  
and resting on His goodness,  
I lose my doubt and fear.  
Though by the path He leadeth,  
but one step I may see:  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted,  
whenever clouds arise,  
when songs give place to sighing,  
when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him;  
from care He sets me free:  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
and I know He watches me.

*Everyone is welcome to stay for drinks and food.*

*The next Sanctuary Eucharist is on **Tuesday 17th June** at  
St Pancras Euston Road, starting with 30 minutes of reflection  
and prayer at 6pm, followed by the service at 6.30pm.*



DONATE ONLINE

*If you'd like to make a donation towards St James's work, cash may be left in the basket on the refreshments table.*

*Card donations may be made using the tap donation points at the back of the church or this QR code.*

## Churches Count on Nature 2025

Saturday 7th – Sunday 15th June

In June each year, church communities are encouraged to get to know the wildlife in their church grounds and record what they find in a nation-wide citizen science project.

At St James's, Piccadilly we will run a session in the garden after the service on **Sunday 15th June**. Everybody is welcome to come along and contribute, or learn, or just hang out in our beautiful garden.

For more information, please email [ecochurch@sjp.org.uk](mailto:ecochurch@sjp.org.uk)



This image shows a Marmalade Hoverfly going about its work in St James's garden. We've also recently spotted Hairy-footed Flower bees and kleptoparasitic 'cuckoo' bees who hang about at the entrance to Andrena bee nests waiting for them to be temporarily vacated, then dive in and add their own eggs to the nest.

## THE HERDS is coming to London!

The Herds is a public art and climate initiative designed to inspire action and renew our bond with the natural world.

Until August 2025, life-size puppet animals from the makers of 'Little Amal' will sweep through city centres on a 12,500 mile journey from the Congo Basin to the Arctic Circle, fleeing climate disaster.



Events and performances by world-class artists will respond as the herds move, bringing together the worlds of the arts and science in an urgent call for climate action.

For further information about this global initiative, please see:

[www.theherds.org](http://www.theherds.org)

Although the puppets won't visit Piccadilly, St James's Church welcomes THE HERDS and we will respond with our own SWARM of painted lady butterflies.



These amazing creatures complete their own 9,000 mile round trip from Africa to the UK every year.

**Please join a butterfly making workshop after the service on Sunday 15th June** to contribute to our own public art work.

This will form part of our wider **Breathe!** project <https://sjpearthjustice.github.io/pages/breathe-project.html> as the butterflies navigate ever-changing flyways.

Contact [ecochurch@sjp.org.uk](mailto:ecochurch@sjp.org.uk) for more information.