



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# Sanctuary Eucharist

Tuesday 14th November 2023  
at 6.30pm

Disability History 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 13. 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 ...*

**Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.**

*(Sing praises, all you peoples, sing praises to the Lord.)*

## **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 invitation to understand one another's differences in body and mind

**Thanks be to God.**

For people of differing abilities, visible and invisible, whose histories we honour

**Thanks be to God.**

For commitment to ongoing activism, which transforms oppression to liberation

**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.

**Amen.**

### **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 **Invention in A minor** by J.S. Bach*

### **Listening to the wisdom of the World**

***We shall not be overcome*** - Julian of Norwich

Though we are in such pain, trouble and distress, that it seems to us that we are unable to think of anything except how we are and what we feel, yet as soon as we may, we are to pass

lightly over it and count it as nothing. And why? Because God wills that we should understand that if we know him and love him and reverently fear him, we shall have rest and be at peace. And we shall rejoice in all that he does.

I understood truly that our soul may never find rest in things below, but when it looks through all created things to find its Self, it must never remain gazing on itself, but feast on the sight of God its maker who lives within.

He did not say 'You shall not be tempest-tossed, you shall not be work-weary, you shall not be discomforted.' But he said, 'You shall not be overcome.' God wants us to heed these words so that we shall always be strong in trust, both in sorrow and in joy.

*All join in singing the Taizé chant.*

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

## **Listening to the wisdom of Scripture**

### **The Gospel:**

**Luke 17.7-10**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?

So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

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**

*Will will sing **Look Over There** from **La Cage Aux Folles** by Jerry Herman*

## **Prayers for the World**

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 says...*

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.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*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.**

*During Communion, Will will sing **Home** from **The Wiz**  
by Charlie Smalls*

### **Prayer After Communion**

God of time of eternity, we thank you for the gift of this  
Eucharist, which is the Body of your Son.  
May Christ, wounded, resurrected and glorified,  
inspire us to work for justice in the world.  
Trusting that your broken-hearted, open-hearted love enfolds

**us all, nourish, strengthen and unite us as the vulnerable  
Body of Christ;  
through Jesus who sustains us.  
Amen.**

*Final notices are given ... 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: 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'ful 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.

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

*The next Sanctuary Eucharist, is on Tuesday 21st November 2023 starting with 30 minutes of reflection and prayer at 6pm, followed by the service at 6.30pm.*



*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.*

## Sanctuary is moving to St Pancras for Advent

Our Tuesday evening Sanctuary Eucharist is temporarily moving to St Pancras, St James's partner church on Euston Road, from 28th November until Christmas.

Please join us and experience Advent in these reflective, re-energising services with music, candlelight and Communion.

We will continue to gather for silence at 6pm, with the service starting at 6.30pm, followed by drinks and nibbles.

Everyone is warmly welcome.



## RoadPeace World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

Sunday 19th November at 2.30pm

All are welcome to attend this service at St James's to mark the World Day of Remembrance for road traffic victims.



The World Day of Remembrance was created by RoadPeace in 1993 to bring public recognition to the devastation experienced by the friends and families of those killed on our roads, whilst honouring and remembering the roughly 1.3 million lives lost in crashes around the world.

The service is also a chance to pay our respects to frontline emergency service workers who carry out vital work in the aftermath of a crash.

## Advent Service for Churches Together in Westminster

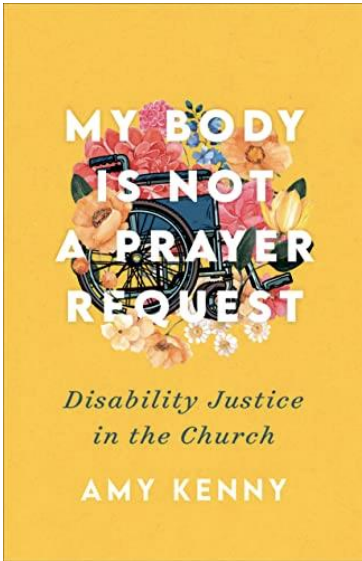
Sunday 3rd December at 6pm

Advent readings and carols, candlelight, mulled wine and mince pies, in celebration of the work of building community and of growing friendship between churches in Westminster.



## Disability History Month Book Group

Monday 27th November, 7.30-8.30pm on Zoom



The Christian disability activist Amy Kenny recently published a celebrated and influential book titled *My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability, Justice and the Church*. Disabled members of St James's congregation have selected this book for discussion as a part of Disability History Month. Copies are available to borrow from Ayla's study in the Rectory.

The Zoom link for the discussion will be available in the coming weeks.



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