



St James's
PICCADILLY

Sanctuary Eucharist

Tuesday 15th July 2025
at 6.30pm

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 ...

**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 sacred space to dream and ponder.

Thanks be to God.

For small things that give life richness.

Thanks be to God.

For the freshness of the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

For the Spirit that enfolds us.

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 **A New Ground** by Henry Purcell.*

Listening to the Wisdom of the World

*from **Heart of Darkness** by Joseph Conrad*

Anything approaching the change that came over his features I have never seen before, and hope never to see again. Oh, I wasn't touched. I was fascinated. It was as though a veil had been rent. I saw on that ivory face the expression of sombre

pride, of ruthless power, of craven terror—of an intense and hopeless despair. Did he live his life again in every detail of desire, temptation, and surrender during that supreme moment of complete knowledge? He cried in a whisper at some image, at some vision—he cried out twice, a cry that was no more than a breath:

‘The horror! The horror!’

All join in singing the Taizé chant ...

Lord God, you love us, source of compassion.

The Gospel:

Matthew 11.20-24

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done, because they did not repent.

‘Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

And you, Capernaum,
will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgement it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.’

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

*Talia will sing **Non T'Accostar All'Urna**, words by Jacopo Vittorelli, music by Franz Schubert D 688 No.1*

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.**
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.**

Music for reflection

*During Communion, Talia will sing **You'll Never Walk Alone**
by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II.*

Prayer After Communion

**All praise to God our Creator,
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and quenched our thirst with the cup of salvation:
hear our prayer that, being one with Christ,
we may grow together in unity and feast with you in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
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: Assurance; Words: Fanny Crosby (1820-1915)]

**Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

**Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Saviour am happy and bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Everyone is welcome to stay for drinks and food.

*The next Sanctuary Eucharist is on **Tuesday 22nd July**
at St Pancras Euston Road, 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.*

St James's Day Patronal Festival and Lunch

Sunday 20th July in the courtyard

A joyful celebration of our life together on St James's Day.



Our 11am Eucharist on Sunday will be held in the courtyard.

Please remember to wear something red!

After the service, we will have a big open table welcoming all to a shared lunch in the churchyard.

We are providing baked potatoes and a delicious selection of fillings to cater for all and are asking the congregation to provide dessert - if you can make/bring cakes/biscuits that would be wonderful. We will also need teams of helpers for setting up/serving/clearing away.

We are grateful for any financial contributions towards the lunch.

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Debbie O'Brien at springlering@hotmail.com or Joanna Kelly at outreachmanager@sjp.org.uk



London Trans Pride

Saturday 26th July at 1pm

Join us on Saturday 26th July as we share our love and support for London Trans Pride. The trans community needs support and care this year more than ever – your presence makes a difference.

Marchers will gather in front of All Souls, Langham Place from 1pm, before setting off down Regent Street towards Piccadilly



Circus and then on to Green Park and Wellington Arch for community speeches at 4pm.

How you can help:

- Come and hold signs of welcome as marchers pass by St James's.
- Bring cake and help us to offer hospitality (tea, cordial and cake)
- Spread the word and invite others to join.

All are welcome!

St James's Parish Retreat

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th October 2025

After the great success of the retreat last year, we are planning to return to Wychcroft House, in the Surrey countryside, for our 2025 Parish Retreat from 17th to 19th October. In this beautiful and peaceful setting, you will get to meet other St James's folk, both socially and spiritually. It's both restful and enjoyable.



Since applications opened last week, we've experienced heavy demand for places on the retreat.

Bookings to include accommodation are now full, but we are accepting

applications to add to a waiting list as cancellations do sometimes happen. There are still spaces available for daytime participants (i.e. without overnight stay).

Please register as soon as possible. The online registration form can be found at:

<https://sjp.churchsuite.com/-/forms/c5029m1a>

Paper copies of the form are available from Sarah Gillett or Trevor Lines after the service on Sunday.

We would like to ensure that financial circumstances are not a barrier to attendance, so if you need support to come, in the first instance, please contact Trevor Lines at:

trevord986@gmail.com

If you would like to make a donation towards supporting others on retreat, this would be very gratefully received.