



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# Sanctuary Eucharist at St Pancras, Euston Road

Tuesday 17th June 2025  
at 6.30pm

Refugee Week

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 to remember, to breathe, and to hope.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the communities we form together.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the promise of Christ's liberation and justice.

**Thanks be to God.**

For love and solidarity without borders.

**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 **Comptine d'Un Autre Été: L'Après-Midi**  
from *Amélie* by Yann Tiersen.*

### **Listening to the Wisdom of the World**

**Home** by Warsan Shire *(abridged)*

No one leaves home unless  
home is the mouth of a shark  
you only run for the border  
when you see the whole city running as well

your neighbours running faster than you  
breath bloody in their throats  
the boy you went to school with  
who kissed you dizzy behind the old tin factory  
is holding a gun bigger than his body  
you only leave home  
when home won't let you stay.

no one leaves home unless home chases you  
fire under feet  
hot blood in your belly  
it's not something you ever thought of doing  
until the blade burnt threats into  
your neck and even then you carried the anthem under  
your breath  
only tearing up your passport in an airport toilets  
sobbing as each mouthful of paper  
made it clear that you wouldn't be going back.

you have to understand,  
that no one puts their children in a boat  
unless the water is safer than the land  
no one burns their palms  
under trains  
beneath carriages  
no one spends days and nights in the stomach of a truck  
feeding on newspaper unless the miles travelled  
means something more than journey.  
no one crawls under fences  
no one wants to be beaten  
pitied

no one chooses refugee camps  
or strip searches where your  
body is left aching  
or prison,  
because prison is safer  
than a city of fire  
and one prison guard  
in the night  
is better than a truckload  
of men who look like your father  
no one could take it  
no one could stomach it  
no one skin would be tough enough

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no one leaves home until home is a sweaty voice in your ear  
saying -  
leave,  
run away from me now  
i don't know what i've become  
but i know that anywhere  
is safer than here

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

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

**The Gospel:**

**Matthew 5.43-48**

*The Gospels: A New Translation, Sarah Ruden*

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

"You have heard what was said: 'You are to love the one next to you,' and you are to hate your enemy. But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who hound you and make cases against you, so that you become sons of your father in the skies, because he causes his sun to rise over the malicious and the upstanding alike, and he sends rain to the lawful and the unlawful. If you simply love those who love you, what reward will you get? Don't even the tax-collectors do the same thing? And if you welcome only your brothers, what's extraordinary in what you're doing? Don't those in the other nations do the same thing? So be what you were meant to be, be complete, as your father in the sky is complete!"

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 **Anthem** from Chess, by Benny Andersson, Tim Rice, Björn Ulvaeus.*

## **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.**  
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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, Will will sing **Celebrate Me Home**, music by Kenny Loggins and Bob James, words by Kenny Loggins.*

## Prayer After Communion

Source of all life, in this Eucharist you have united us with Christ the Prince of Peace.

May the One who was born for us all,  
a refugee fleeing from violence,  
guide our darkness to the light of resurrection,  
through the same Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**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: Amazing Grace; Words: John Newton (1725-1807)]

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found;  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
God's word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

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

*The next Sanctuary Eucharist is on **Tuesday 24th 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.*

## **Pride dinner at St James's**

**Wednesday 9th July at 6.30pm**

Everyone is warmly invited to celebrate Pride month at a dinner hosted by Lucy and the Pride of St James's team. Please join other congregation members over a delicious meal in the rectory flat.



Register your interest and any dietary requirements by emailing Kate at [prideofstjames@sjp.org.uk](mailto:prideofstjames@sjp.org.uk) by no later than Wednesday 2nd July.

A note on accessibility: there are stairs to the flat and no lift. For those who haven't been to

the rectory flat before, the address is 2 Church Place (the dark green door on Church Place opposite Notto Pasta Bar).

## THE HERDS is coming to London!

Friday 27th – Sunday 29th June

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.



Whilst in London, The Herds will visit Tower Bridge, Somerset House, St James's Park, Coram's Fields, Camden High Street, Westfield Stratford City, and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

For further information about this global initiative, please see: [www.theherds.org](http://www.theherds.org)

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