

Sanctuary Eucharist

Tuesday 19th August 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 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.

For more details of how to get involved at St Pancras and St James's go to:

www.stpancraschurch.org www.sjp.org.uk 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

Listening to the Wisdom of the World

somewhere i have never travelled, by e. e. Cummings

somewhere i have never travelled, gladly beyond any experience, your eyes have their silence: in your most frail gesture are things which enclose me, or which i cannot touch because they are too near your slightest look easily will unclose me though i have closed myself as fingers, you open always petal by petal myself as Spring opens (touching skilfully, mysteriously)her first rose

or if your wish be to close me, i and my life will shut very beautifully, suddenly, as when the heart of this flower imagines the snow carefully everywhere descending;

nothing which we are to perceive in this world equals the power of your intense fragility: whose texture compels me with the color of its countries, rendering death and forever with each breathing

(i do not know what it is about you that closes and opens; only something in me understands the voice of your eyes is deeper than all roses) nobody, not even the rain, has such small hands

All join in singing the Taizé chant ...

Lord God, you love us, source of compassion.

The Gospel: Matthew 19.23-end

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible." Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

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

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.

ΑII

Holy.

Holy Lord of power and might.

Singer

Heaven.

ΑII

Heaven.

Singer

Earth.

ΑII

Earth.

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

Singer

Blessed.

ΑII

Blessed.

Singer

Blessed.

ΑII

Blessed.

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

Singer

Blessed.

ΑII

Blessed.

Singer

Blessed.

ΑII

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

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: Converse: Words: Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1866)]

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge-take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Everyone is welcome to stay for drinks and food.

The next Sanctuary Eucharist is on **Tuesday 26th August** 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.

Weekly Services and Events at St Pancras, Euston Road

Monday at 12.45pm Psalm Prayers: 20 minutes of reflection around a psalm

Tuesday at 1.10pm

Wednesday at 12 noon

Wednesday at 1.15pm

Lunchtime Concert

Community Coffee

Lunchtime Eucharist

Sunday at 11am

Parish Eucharist

Bring and Share Lunch at St Pancras

THIS SUNDAY - 24th August

All are welcome to join us for a Bring & Share lunch on Sunday 24th August, after the 11am Parish Eucharist.

Please let Miriam in the parish office know if you are able to come at <u>office@stpancraschurch.org</u>. Please let us know If you have any special dietary requirements and what you will bring



to the lunch. You will be very welcome, even if you are unable to bring a contribution.

Supporting The Wren Project - come and join St Pancras congregation on Sundays!

If The Wren Project goes ahead on schedule, the St James's congregation will move to St Pancras in early 2027 for the Sunday Eucharist. Our partnership is developing, but It will be a big change for both congregations, and that will feel more natural if we get to know each other better first.

The Sanctuary Eucharist on a Tuesday evening has started the process and will be staying at St Pancras until 2027.

Attendance at the Sunday Eucharist at SJP is much larger and there is potential to overwhelm. In the first instance we are looking for volunteers from SJP to join 4 or 5 small groups of people who would commit to attending the 11am service at St Pancras approximately once a month.

If you would like to join one of the groups or talk further, please contact Jo Hines and Claire Wright at: churchwardens@sjp.org.uk



Sanctuary Eucharist on Tuesdays at 6.30pm

The team who run the Sanctuary Eucharist on Tuesdays have decided, with the support of St Pancras and St James's clergy, that the weekly service will remain at St Pancras until 2027.

As part of the partnership between the two churches, the Sanctuary congregation is an important element of our getting to know each other, and praying together. If the Wren Project is able to go ahead on schedule, St James's congregation would move to St Pancras in early 2027.

The Sanctuary Eucharist will therefore stay at St Pancras until that time. It is our privilege to worship together and we hope that this stability of venue will ensure that the congregation can grow and build on what is already there.

Everyone is welcome to join Sanctuary for silent prayer at 6pm and the Eucharist at 6.30pm every Tuesday. Refreshments are served after the service too.



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