



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# Sanctuary Eucharist

Tuesday 1st 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 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 the beauty of the earth.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the gift of this day, this place, these people.

**Thanks be to God.**

Seal our hearts O God.

**With a passion stronger than death.**

Let us know within our souls.

**The fire of life that is inextinguishable.**

Draw us after you.

**To places of joy and struggle in your world.**

Grace, mercy and peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

**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 **Première Sarabande** by Erik Satie*

## Listening to the Wisdom of the World

***Vocation: the call to be yourself*** by Rowan Williams (adapted)

The trouble with the idea of vocation is that most of us, if we're honest, have a rather dramatic idea of it. I don't mean dramatic just in the sense of self-dramatising, but dramatic in the sense of theatrical. 'Vocation as casting' you might say.

It goes like this ...

God has a Purpose for the world (capital P), a very long and very good play ... with plenty of juicy parts in it. The nuisance is that God draws up the cast list without doing any auditions. Each of finds ourselves called to fulfil a definite role; but we haven't actually seen the script, and as time goes on we may suspect we should do better in another part. We think we could play Hamlet very effectively if only our talents weren't so successfully concealed by the fact that we have a 2-minute appearance as Second Gravedigger. This way of talking about vocation as God 'finding us a part to play' is problematic. There will always be the danger of a suspicion that we are not really being used properly, stretched and so on, and a flicker of resentment at being consigned to undue prominence or unjust obscurity.

But, actually, God does not first 'create' and then differentiate a great multitude of roles within creation. In one act, God creates a multiple, noisy, jostling and diverse reality ... The crisis comes when we put the question 'What am I denying, what am I refusing to see in myself? What am I trying to avoid? This is where we have to begin really to attend - to ourselves and the world around us to find out what is true and what is false in us. Not just introspection - but as part of society.

Vocation is, you could say, what is left when all the games have stopped.

None of us can discover the truth from the perspective of an isolated individual existence. Our hearts are infinitely cunning in self-deceit; we need others to let the cold light of accuracy shine on our evasions and posturing. All of us have to ask one another at times 'Tell me who you think I am' and all of us are obliged to answer that with as much candour and as much charity as we can. Someone's life depends on it.

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

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

**The Gospel:**

**Matthew 8.23-27**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

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**

*Martha will sing **Ár nAthair** (The Lord's Prayer in Irish), set by Sean Ò Riada.*

### **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, Martha will sing **Vouchsafe, O Lord**, from the *Te Deum in D*, set by Henry Purcell.*

## 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 or 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: Traditional Irish melody; Words: June Boyce-Tillman]

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection.  
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on.  
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dream of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;  
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;  
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,**

expressive love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping,  
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,  
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story  
including all within the circles of God's love.

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

*The next Sanctuary Eucharist is on **Tuesday 8th July**  
at St Pancras Euston Road, starting with 30 minutes of  
reflection and prayer at 6pm, followed by the service at  
6.30pm.*



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*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 Party at St James's

Saturday 5th July, 11am onwards

Last year, over 6,000 people walked through our gates for a day full of joy and welcome – and we're doing it all again on Saturday 5th July.



Expect drag, dancing, arts & crafts, food, drink, and joyful community along the parade route.

All are welcome – bring your friends and chosen family!

## We need your help!

To make this happen, we'll need a big team of volunteers to assist with:

- Set-up and tear-down
- Arts & crafts and face painting stations (all you need to do is hold a stencil and a sponge!)
- Parade-side cheering and welcoming guests

If you're able to help, please email us at:

[prideofstjames@sjp.org.uk](mailto:prideofstjames@sjp.org.uk) to get involved.

## Hymns and Pimm's

Sunday 13th July at 3pm in the Southwood Garden

Join St James's Piccadilly Music Scholars for a summer afternoon of music and refreshment as they raise essential funds for their annual summer tour.

Your ticket includes two drinks – soft or alcohol (18 years+ only) – and a strip of raffle tickets. If your number is called, you'll get to choose your favourite hymn from a list of beloved classics and St James's favourites.

The scholars will also perform some of their favourite choral showstoppers throughout the afternoon.



Bring a picnic, something comfy to sit on, and enjoy a joyful afternoon of music, community, and a touch of summer spirit.

Book your tickets today at:

<https://www.sjp.org.uk/whats-on/hymns-and-pimms/>

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