



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13th July 2025
at 11am

With a congregation in the church
and live on YouTube



Welcome to St James's Church. Whether you are with us in person or joining us online, you are very welcome.

Everyone is warmly invited to receive communion or a blessing so please do come forward at the appropriate time.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

[Tune: Woodlands; Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)]

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his Word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name;
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.**

**Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by:
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.**

**Tell out, my soul, the glories of his Word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.**

OPENING RESPONSES

The priest says

Grace, mercy and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

And also with you.

The priest welcomes everyone and introduces the service.

**Eternal God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

The deacon says

Let us call to mind the fractured relationships and injustices of
our world;

Let us remember our own part in this and make our confession
in penitence and faith.

KYRIE (*Ukrainian*)

The cantor sings

Kyrie Eleison.

Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison
Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison

Silence is kept.

**Ever-loving God,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you our God.
Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

The priest says

May the God who is both power and love forgive you
and free you from your sin;
give you healing and strength,
and raise you to new life in Christ.
Amen.

THE GLORIA (*Jean Paul Lecôt*)

The cantor sings

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!
(*Glory to God in the highest!*)

All sing

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God Creator,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of God,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of Majesty:
receive our prayer.

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, Eternal God for Christ's sake.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Colossians 1.1-14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and
Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and
sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from
God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ
Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because
of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this
hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come
to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole
world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the

day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

During the psalm, the Gospel is carried in procession down the central aisle of the church where it is read among the people. Please turn and face the Gospel as it passes.

CANTICLE

The Song of Ruth

Words and music by David Ogden

Wherever you go, I will go.
Wherever you stay, I will stay with you.
Your people will be my people, your God will be my God,
And by your side I'll walk with you until our journey ends.

*We will run and not grow weary,
We will walk and not grow weak.
In times of trouble, times of fear, God will be our strength.
We will fly like the eagle, we will rise like the sun,
And we will be together, together as one.*

Wherever you live, I will live.
Wherever you laugh, I will laugh with you.
Your pleasures will be my pleasures, your joys will be my joys,
And you alone will share with me the ecstasy of life.

Wherever you die, I will die.
Wherever you rest, I will rest with you.
Your visions will be my visions, your hopes will be my hopes,
And you alone will share with me the ecstasy of life.

THE GOSPEL

The cantor sings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All sing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(repeat as a round)

The reader says

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

The cantor sings

Glory to you O Lord

Glory to you O Lord.

Luke 10.25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

He said, "The one who showed him mercy."
Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The cantor sings

Praise to you O Christ
Praise to you O Christ.

The cantor sings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All sing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Please sit.

SERMON

The Revd Dr Ayla Lepine

A period of silence is kept for personal reflection.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from the Iona Community)*

**We believe in God,
maker and sustainer of all life.
We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ,
the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.**

On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The deacon says

Let us pray for the world, for the church,
for all in need and for those who have asked for our prayers.

Please kneel or sit for prayers led by a member of the congregation.

THE PEACE

The priest says

Peace to you from God, eternal Creator:
Peace to you from Christ, who is our peace:
Peace to you from the Holy Spirit,
the giver and sustainer of all life.

The deacon says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The priest says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please share the Peace in a socially distanced way if you are in the building, and in the YouTube chat box if you are online.

*During the offertory hymn, a collection will be taken.
If you have cash, please fill in the Gift Aid envelopes in the pews with the pens available.*

If you don't have cash, please use the tap donate device in the collection plate, which is set to £5, or the QR code on page 21.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Blaenwern; Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939) alt.]

**God is love: let heav'n adore him;
God is love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
she who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
she is love, eternal love.**

**God is love, and is enfolding
all the world in one embrace;
God's unfailing grasp is holding
ev'ry child of ev'ry race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
that same sorrow, that same aching
wrings with pain the heart of God.**

**God is love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts and clouds the will,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds us fast and guides us still.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal.
Give us the bread of everlasting life,
and make us branches of the true vine.
Amen.

GATHERING

*All are invited to gather round the altar. Should you need to sit,
please use any of the benches or seats around the altar at the
front of the church.*

While moving to the altar, please join in singing (as a round) ...

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures here below,
praise God above you heavenly host.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

The priest leads the Church's Thanksgiving for Creation and Redemption in Christ ...

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.

The priest continues the Church's prayer of thanksgiving ...

SANCTUS (*Wetherick*)

The cantor sings

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

The cantor sings

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All sing

Holy, holy,* holy, ...

*(repeat as a round, 2nd part starting at *)*

The prayer of consecration continues recalling Christ's command to his disciples at the Last Supper, ending with:

"...as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me"

The cantor sings

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer continues. At the end of the prayer, sing after the cantor

**Blessing and honour, glory and power,
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Silence is kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in your own language.

The priest says

Let us pray in the words that Jesus gave us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Bread is broken and the priest says

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The priest says

This is the table of Christ.

It has been made ready for those who love God,
and those who want to love more.

So come; you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been to this sacrament often
and you who have not been for some time.

You who have tried to follow Christ and you who have failed.

Come. It is Christ who asks us to meet him here.

THE COMMUNION

*During Communion, the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars will
sing **My Journey To The Sky**, written by Sister Rosetta Tharpe,
transcribed by Amanda Ballard, choral arrangement by Harrison
Knights.*

There's only one thing that I long for
When I reach that heavenly land
To see my saviour in all his glory
As I go from land to land.

There's only one thing that I long for
When I reach that heavenly land
And I know, I know I'll see Him
In that sweet and peaceful rest.

Without a mother, without a father
We got to make this journey by ourselves,
Heart-breaking pain, soul-burning shame
But our journey, there's alone.

COMMUNION HYMN

[Tune: Divine Mysteries; Words: Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)]

**Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease
and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,**

save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away:
sweet Sacrament divine.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

inspired by Richard of Chichester (1198-1253)

*Thanks be to you, Christ Jesus,
for all the benefits you have given me for all the pains and
insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to be present with me spiritually in my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.*

Prayers for use during Communion

*Christ Jesus, you promised in your gospel
'I am with you always'. Be with me as part of
this community today in this Eucharist;
Hear my prayers for others and for myself.
May I bind myself to you,
in communion with all that lives this day,
knowing that nothing can separate me from your love.
Amen.*

*O God, help me to trust you,
and to know that you are with me now.
Help me to know that all are yours,
and you are ours, in this Eucharist and for ever.
Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of life and love,
we thank you for feeding us with the bread of heaven.
Hear our prayer for all your hurting world,
that we may grow together in unity and go out with joy,
as witnesses to your generosity and love.
Amen.**

Notices are given by the congregation, wardens and clergy.

HYMN

[Tune: Old 100th; Music: melody from *Genevan Psalter*; Words:
William Kethe (d. 1594)]

**All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**

For why the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from earth and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.

*Remain standing as a blessing is given for Chris Davies as he
leaves St James's.*

THE BLESSING

The priest says

May God give you grace to follow the light of Christ,
wherever you are led and however long the road.
And the blessing of God almighty;
Creator, Christ, and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you now and always.
Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



In addition to the physical collection, if you do not have cash with you, please scan this QR code with your smartphone to make a one-off or regular donation.

Alternatively, please visit sjp.org.uk/donate, or us one of the tap donation points in the church.

Farewell to our Head Verger, Chris Davies

TODAY - Sunday 13th July

After the service on Sunday 13th July we will say goodbye to Chris and send him, with Hannah, James and William to theological college with our love and prayers.



Please stay after the service for refreshments and a chance to thank Chris for 13 years at St James's, 10 of them as our Head Verger.

Everyone welcome!

Hymns and Pimm's

TODAY - 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/>

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 next 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!

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (The Essence of Joy)

Artwork by Ariel Collier in the Side Chapel until 27th July

For Pride this year, St James's will exhibit new work by the artist Ariel Collier (she/they/we/our) in the Side Chapel.

Collier is a London based conceptual artist, writer, researcher and curator originally from South Florida.

Titled *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made (The Essence of Joy)*, the work references Psalm 139. Collier writes: 'Western portrayals of trans women often rely on narrow images. This piece re-orientates, towards the domestic and intimate—just as God sees the heart.'



My friend, radiant inside and out, reintroduced me to the House of God and continues to nourish my spirit from near and far.'

Collier's work challenges alienation, estrangement and polarisation using multiple mediums and collective organizing to shift global understandings of black queer culture towards our inner worlds, reflections and interconnections.

Collier is also the founder of Home Studio, a nomadic space dedicated to the promotion, empowerment and development of queer and trans global majority artists by hosting workshops, making sessions and exhibitions.

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.



Space is limited, so places will be allocated in the order of registrations received. Participation can be for all or part of the weekend.

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.

The online registration form can be found at: <https://sjp.churchsuite.com/-/forms/c5029m1a>

Paper copies of the form will also be available to pick up after this morning's service.

Supporting St James's Piccadilly

Every day, we welcome thousands of people through our gates for services, private prayer, music, community meals, conversation and events or simply for peace in the heart of the city. It costs £5,000 each day to keep our doors open and our ministries flourishing.

Many people give regularly of their time, energy, skill, wisdom to build community in this place. Thank you.

For our congregation, financial giving is not simply about contributing to an institution to keep it going, but is a heartfelt response to what we have been given by God. For others, it's important that places like St James's flourish, strengthening and embedding values of inclusion, creativity, and the search for social and earth justice. Especially now.



We'd love to chat about regular giving if you've been thinking about it. Even a small monthly donation makes such a difference to our work and helps the PCC to plan ahead.

And if you're considering leaving a gift in your will to St James's, do have a chat with Sarah Boud, our Head of Fundraising, at sarah.boud@sjp.org.uk. There's no pressure at all – just a friendly conversation about how your legacy might help generations yet to come in the future. For any questions about giving, drop us a line at giving@sjp.org.uk

Thank you so much for everything you give to keep our community thriving.

For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Our partnership with St Pancras Euston Road.

For Chris as he leaves our community and begins his path towards ordination.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart

Those who are ill

Steve, Luke, Heather.

As part of the Anglican Communion, and the Diocese of London Prayer Cycle, we pray today for:

The Church of North India (United):

Bijay Nayak (Moderator, and Bishop of Agra).

Møre (Norway): Ingeborg Midttømme (Bishop).

Sea Sunday: for seafarers, their families, and for the 950 Port Ministries around the world; give thanks for the Mission to Seafarers (Anglican) and its kindred societies.

Confident Disciples: for those working in engineering.

The work of St Mellitus College: Russell Winfield (Dean).

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