



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 24th August 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: Lobe den Herren; Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680), trans. C. Winkworth. alt.]

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the Source of creation.
O my soul, praise him,
for God is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near;
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
bears thee on eagle's wings
and through all troubles sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what God ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely God's goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me be joyful.
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises eternal.
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again,
gladly for ay we adore him.**

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

Jesus said, 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged.
Forgive, and you will be forgiven'.

KYRIE (*Greek Orthodox*)

The cantor sings

Kyrie eleison.

(*Lord, have mercy.*)

All sing

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison,
Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison,
Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, 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

God of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Hebrews 12.18-end

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched,
a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,
and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made
the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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.

PSALM 71 vv.1-6

Response: O God, be not far from me.

In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.

Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort;
send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence, even from my youth.
Upon you have I leaned from my birth, when you drew me
from my mother's womb;
my praise shall be always of you.

THE GOSPEL

The cantor sings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All sing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 13.10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 Lucy Winkett

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

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you.
My peace I give you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you'.

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 20.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: How great thou art; Words: Karl Boberg (1859-1940) trans. Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)]

**O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:**

Refrain:

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art.***

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

**When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, 'my God, how great thou art!'**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Here In This Place* (Marty Haugen)

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 ...

**Here in this place new light is shining,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in and hold us for ever.
Gather us in and make us your own.
Gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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 and BENEDICTUS (*Iona*)

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 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.

All sing after the cantor

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

*Everyone is welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
You may receive the bread and wine or the bread or the wine.
If you would like to receive a blessing, please place your hand
across your shoulder to indicate this.*

*Gluten free wafers are available. When you have received
communion or a blessing, please return to your seat.*

During the distribution of communion, music will be played.

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: 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.

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.



DONATE ONLINE

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 use one of the tap donation points in the church.

Two more Kitchen Lead volunteers needed at FEAST!

What does the Kitchen Lead role involve?

The shift begins at 3.30pm and finishes at 7.30pm on Mondays. A two-course meal is served to approximately 50 people including guests and volunteers. Every Monday we receive food donations from City Harvest, a food surplus distribution agency. The fresh produce and ingredients supplied are different every week, and Kitchen Leads need to be able to think creatively and come up with dishes in a relatively short space of time. Think Ready Steady Cook!



Some kitchen experience is essential. Professional experience is not required as you will learn on your feet with support and supervision from Robin. We ask that volunteers commit to one Monday a

month. You will first be invited to come for a 'taster shift' to discover whether this role is for you.

To express an interest, or for more information, please email Robin Campbell, foodoutreach@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 the first quarter of 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.



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



PCC vacancy

Due to the resignation of one of our PCC members there is now a vacancy to be filled up to the next APCM (May 2026) when it will be subject to re-election. The decision will be taken by a vote of the existing PCC members at their meeting on 5th September.

Nominations (form available to download from the website at: www.sjp.org.uk/governance or available from the PCC Secretary) with proposers and seconders must be returned



either to the pigeonhole of the PCC Secretary in the Rectory or in person or by scanning and emailing to pcc@sjp.org.uk by no later than 5pm on Friday 5th September.

Lecture by The Revd Lucy Winkett at Kew Gardens Thursday 28th October at 6.30pm



Kew Theology and Gardening presents a lecture given by Lucy Winkett in the Lady Lisa Sainsbury Lecture Theatre, Kew Gardens, on Thursday 28th October.

The title of Lucy's lecture is ***Eternity in a Grain of Sand?***
The attention economy and climate breakdown.

Tickets: Standard £16, Supported £8, available at: www.kewtheologyandgardening.org.uk/events-schedule

For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

The Wren Project

Alice and Will whose marriage blessing is today (24th August).

Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart

Those who are ill

Ella, Anne and family, Heather, Alastair, Mark and Ruth, Amy, Geoffrey, Beth-Ann.

Recently departed

Maureen, whose funeral was on Monday (18th August) and for Julian who mourns her.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

The Church of the Province of South East Asia:

Titus Boon (Primate, and Bishop of Singapore).

Espoo (Finland): Kaisamara Hintikka (Bishop).

Confident Disciples: for the firefighters in our city.

Camden Deanery: Carol Barrett Ford (Area Dean),

Jamie Haith, Michael Thomas and Sally Jones (Sub-Deans).

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