



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for Pentecost

**Sunday 8th June 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

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles 50 days after Christ rose from the dead at Easter.

INTROIT *sung by the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars*

Cantate Domino

Psalm 149 vv.1-2 (Vulgate)

Music by Giuseppe Pitoni (1657-1743)

Cantate Domino canticum novum;
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.

*O praise ye the Lord, prepare a new song,
And let all his saints in full concert join;
Ye tribes all assemble the feast to prolong,
In solemn procession with music divine.*

OPENING HYMN

[Tune: Angel Voices; Words: David Mowbray (b. 1938)]

**Come to us, creative Spirit,
in our Father's house,
every natural talent foster,
hidden skills arouse,
that within your earthly temple**

wise and simple
may rejoice.

Poet, painter, music-maker,
all your treasures bring;
artist, actor, graceful dancer,
make your offering;
join your hands in celebration!
Let creation
shout and sing!

Word from God eternal springing,
fill our minds, we pray,
and in all artistic vision
give integrity.
May the flame, within us burning,
kindle yearning
day by day.

In all places and for ever
glory be expressed
to the Son, with God Creator,
and the Spirit blest.
In our worship and our living,
keep us striving
towards the best.

OPENING RESPONSES

The priest says

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Be with us, Spirit of God.

Nothing can separate us from your creative presence.

Breathe on us breath of God.

Empower us to live in love and peace.

Speak in us, wisdom of God.

Help us acknowledge the brokenness of the world and our part in making it so.

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 (*Chris O'Hara*)

Sing refrain after the cantor

**Glory, sing glory to God!
Sing glory to God in the highest!
And peace to all people on the earth.**

Lord God, ruler of all, your love renews creation;
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Glory, sing glory to God! ...

Lord Jesus Christ, only child of the Creator,
Lord God, lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Glory, sing glory to God! ...

You are seated in your kingdom, in your kingdom of glory,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
Glory, sing glory to God! ...

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

Glory, sing glory to God!
Sing glory to God in the highest!
And peace to all people on the earth.
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Holy Spirit, sent by God,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 2.1-21

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together
in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound

like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and

smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

A Song Of Ezekiel

Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b

*Response: **Put a new spirit within me.***

I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses.

A new heart I will give you,
and put a new spirit within you,
And I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.

You shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

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 John.

The cantor sings

Glory to you O Lord

Glory to you O Lord.

John 14.8-17

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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 Daniel Norris

A period of silence is kept for personal reflection.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
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

God has promised to place a new Spirit within us,
To turn our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh.
Alleluia!

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 hymns, 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 22.

FIRST OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Thainaky; Words: John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)]

**She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters,
hovering on the chaos of the world's first day;
she sighs and she sings, mothering creation,
waiting to give birth to all the Word will say.**

**She wings over earth, resting where she wishes,
lighting close at hand or soaring through the skies;
she nests in the womb, welcoming each wonder,
nourishing potential hidden to our eyes.**

**She dances in fire, startling her spectators,
waking tongues of ecstasy where dumbness reigned;
she weans and inspires all whose hearts are open,
nor can she be captured, silenced, or restrained.**

**For she is the Spirit, one with God in essence,
gifted by the Saviour in eternal love;
and she is the key opening the scriptures,
enemy of apathy and heavenly dove.**

SECOND OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Carlisle; Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)]

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Risen Christ Jesus,
in this bread soon to be broken
and this wine soon to be poured out,
may we know you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

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 ...

Veni Sancte Spiritus, Veni Sancte Spiritus

(Come Holy Spirit)

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 *(Williams)*

Sing each phrase after the cantor

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna,

Hosanna,

Hosanna in the highest.

The cantor sings

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

All sing after the cantor

**Hosanna,
Hosanna,
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

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

*During Communion, the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars will sing **I Will Sing With The Spirit**. 1 Corinthians 14 v.15; music by John Rutter.*

I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia
And I will sing with the understanding also: Alleluia

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 body
and blood of Jesus Christ.
As we have received these gifts of your creation,
may we go out with joy and gratitude to live as witnesses
to your hope and justice for the whole earth.
Amen.**

Notices are given by the congregation, wardens and clergy.

*During the final hymn, we process outside into the courtyard
and gather around the fire.*

HYMN

[Tune: Lux Eoi; Words: Michael Saward (b. 1932)]

**Wind of God, dynamic Spirit,
breathe upon our hearts today;
that we may your power inherit,
hear us, Spirit, as we pray:
fill the vacuum that enslaves us -
emptiness of heart and soul;
and, through Jesus Christ who saves us,
give us life and make us whole.**

Voice of God, prophetic Spirit,
speak to every heart today
to encourage or prohibit,
urging action or delay:
clear the vagueness which impedes us -
come, enlighten mind and soul;
and, through Jesus Christ who leads us,
teach the truth that makes us whole.

Fire of God, volcanic Spirit,
burn within our hearts today;
cleanse our sin - may we exhibit
holiness in every way:
purge the squalidness that shames us,
soils the body, taints the soul;
and through Jesus Christ who claims us,
purify us, make us whole.

Once we are gathered in the courtyard ...

The deacon says

Blessed are you, sovereign God, overflowing in love.
With Pentecost dawns the age of the Spirit.
Now the flame of heaven rests on every believer.
Strong and weak, all people tell out your word.
The young receive visions, the old receive dreams.
With the new wine of the Spirit they proclaim your reign of
love. Amid the birth pangs of the new creation the way of light
is made known.

Source of freedom, giver of life, blessed are you,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God forever.

CHANT (*during which our candles are lit.*)

**Holy Spirit, come to us,
kindle in us the fire of your love.**

**Holy Spirit, come to us,
Holy Spirit, come to us.**

The priest says

For fifty days we have celebrated the transformation of death into life by the resurrection of Christ.

We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have prayed that the power that was at work when God raised Jesus from the dead might be at work in us today.

As part of God's church here in London,
let us pledge to live out what we proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
will we dare to walk into God's future,
trusting God to be our guide?

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will we dare to embrace each other
and grow together in love?

We will.

Will we dare to share our riches in common
and minister to each other in need?

We will.

Will we dare to pray for each other
until our hearts beat with the longings of God?

We will.

Will we dare to carry the light of Christ
into a world of suffering?

We will.

The Easter candle is extinguished.

The priest says

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us into the wild places of the world.

THE BLESSING

The priest says

God the Creator;
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son;
who in bursting from the grave has overcome
the forces of death and hell,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit;
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Christ
empower you and fill you with peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty:
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
be with you this Pentecost and for ever.

Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



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.



DONATE ONLINE

Choral Evensong

TODAY - Sunday 8th June at 3pm

Celebrate Pentecost and LGBTQ+ Pride Month with a special Choral Evensong at 3pm, sung by the Singing Scholars and Lay Singers of St James's.



Directed by Harrison Knights, with organist Ashley Chow, the service features music by Paul Leddington-Wright, John Ireland, Harrison Knights, Elaine Hagenberg, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, and Nico Muhly.

All are warmly welcome.

Churches Count on Nature 2025

Saturday 7th - Sunday 15th June

In June each year, church communities are encouraged to get to know the wildlife in their church grounds and record what they find in a nation-wide citizen science project.

Here at St James's, we will run a session in the garden after the service on **Sunday 15th June**. Everybody is welcome to come along and contribute, or learn, or just hang out in our beautiful garden.

For more information, please email ecochurch@sjp.org.uk



This image shows a marmalade hoverfly going about its work in St James's garden. We've also recently spotted hairy-footed flower bees and kleptoparasitic 'cuckoo' bees who hang about at the entrance to Andrena bee nests waiting for them to be temporarily vacated, then dive in and add their own eggs to the nest.

THE HERDS is coming to London!

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.

For further information about this global initiative, please see:

www.theherds.org

Although the puppets won't visit Piccadilly, St James's Church welcomes THE HERDS and we will respond with our own SWARM of painted lady butterflies.



These amazing creatures complete their own 9,000 mile round trip from Africa to the UK every year.

Please join a butterfly making workshop after the service on Sunday 15th June to contribute to our own public artwork.

This will form part of our wider **Breathe!** project <https://sjpearthjustice.github.io/pages/breathe-project.html> as the butterflies navigate ever-changing flyways.

Contact ecochurch@sjp.org.uk for more information.

Walking Boots - a Walk through the Garden of England

Saturday 21st June

This beautiful circular walk of 10.5 miles visits two unique churches - the amazing Marc Chagall stained glass windows in the tiny hamlet of Tudeley and a set of 13th century wall paintings in the village of Capel.

The route from Tonbridge takes us through fields and meadows, to All Saints Tudeley, the only church to have all its windows designed by Russian artist Marc Chagall. From there we cross farmland to St Thomas a Beckett church in Capel.

During restoration in 1927 the builders uncovered 800 year old wall paintings featuring classic biblical scenes. Lunch is at the nearby George and Dragon pub. The walk continues through orchards and on country lanes, eventually joining the Medway River Walk back to Tonbridge.

You will need to be able to walk the full distance as, once out of Tonbridge, there are no buses to cut the route short. The fields could be muddy, so robust footwear is advised.



Meet at Charing Cross station under the departure board at 9am to catch the 9.15am train to Hastings. You will need a super off-peak day return to Tonbridge. Some may choose to join at Waterloo East or London Bridge.

Freedom Pass holders can buy a ticket from Orpington.

Please contact Mimi if you are planning to come, by June 11th at the latest, so we can be sure of a table for lunch at the pub: mimifagan@gmail.com

Interested in being an Assistant Church Warden?

We are looking for one or two new Assistant Church Wardens to join the Wardening Team, and to help build community at St James's Piccadilly.

Typically, the average weekly commitment is about 1 – 2 hours, in addition to regular Sunday attendance. You would be part of the Warden on Duty rota and have the opportunity



to lead on an agreed area of congregational life that fits your skills and interests.

If you are interested in becoming an Assistant Church Warden at SJP, please talk to Claire, Dee, Jen, or Sarah or email churchwardens@sjp.org.uk to find out more.

Closing date for expressions of interest: 15th June 2025.

London Festival of Architecture 2025

We are so pleased to be included in the London Festival of Architecture that opened this week focussing on inviting the public to discover the new South Door, the collection of conversations curated by Ayla reflecting on this milestone in



the history of St James's, and a special lunchtime concert programmed by Michael Haslam and Harrison Knights.

For full details, please go to:

<https://www.sjp.org.uk/london-festival-of-architecture-2025/>

Pride dinner

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 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).

For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Our social outreach programmes: guests and volunteers at FEAST and Sunday Breakfast, and all involved with our International Group.

The RA Service for Artists here tomorrow (Monday 9th June).

Lia Shimada who is being ordained on 14th June, and those being ordained this Petertide, especially Ben Bloom and Simon Perfect, all from this parish.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart

Those who are ill

Kelly, Margie, Fereshteh and her family, Dyan.

Recently departed

Jaycee, and for all who mourn him.

William, whose memorial service is on Tuesday (10th June), and for Karen who mourns him.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Global Week of Prayer from Ascension to Pentecost
'Thy Kingdom Come' concludes.

The Province of Melanesia: Leonard Dawea
(Archbishop, and Bishop of Central Melanesia).

The Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Iceland: Gudrun Karls-Helgudóttir (Bishop of Iceland), Gisli Gunnarsson (Bishop of Hólar), Kristjan Björnsson (Bishop of Skálholt).

Confident Disciples: for all those in our churches who are in full time education.

The work of the Archdeacon of Middlesex, The Venerable Richard Frank, and for his Personal Assistant, Victoria O'Neill