



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# Requiem Eucharist for All Souls'

The Requiem Mass by Gabriel Fauré  
is sung by St James's Lay Singers  
and Music Scholars directed by  
Harrison Knights

**Thursday 30th October 2025  
at 6.30pm**

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 welcome to receive communion or a blessing so please do come forward at the appropriate time.*

*At 6.30pm, the ministers enter as the choir sings **Introit** and **Kyrie** from Fauré's Requiem.*

## **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.*

## **HYMN**

[Tune: Repton; Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92)]

**Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind:  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise,  
in deeper reverence, praise.**

**In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.**

O sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love,  
interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm,  
O still small voice of calm.

## PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

*The deacon says*

God has shone in our hearts to show us the light of glory  
in the face of Christ.

We have this treasure in earthen vessels,  
knowing that transcendence is God's alone.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,  
we do so in faith and trust,  
confident in God's promises of forgiveness and peace.

*All say*

**Eternal God, you bring pardon and peace  
to all whose hearts are broken.**

**Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins  
and give us hope for the new life you give  
to all who trust in you.**

**Amen.**

*The priest gives*

## **THE ABSOLUTION**

May God who is both power and love forgive you and set you free. Take hold of this forgiveness and be at peace.

**Amen.**

## **COLLECT FOR ALL SOULS' DAY**

*The priest says*

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer,  
all things living are in your embrace in this  
world and the next.

We remember in your presence  
those we have known and loved who have died.

May this prayer minister to their peace.

We pray through Jesus Christ who broke the  
forces of death and is alive now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **FIRST READING**

### **Lamentations 3.17-26, 31-33**

My soul is bereft of peace;  
I have forgotten what happiness is;  
so I say, 'Gone is my glory,  
and all that I had hoped for from the Lord.'

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness  
is wormwood and gall!  
My soul continually thinks of it  
and is bowed down within me.  
But this I call to mind,  
and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul,  
'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul that seeks him.  
It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the Lord.  
For the Lord will not  
reject for ever.  
Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
for he does not willingly afflict  
or grieve anyone.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **John 6.37-40**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## **ADDRESS**

The Revd Daniel Norris

## **COMMEMORATION OF THE DEPARTED**

*The priest says*

God, creator of all,  
you have made us creatures of this earth  
and have also promised us a share in life eternal.  
Help us to trust you not for ourselves alone,  
but also for those whom we love and who are hidden from us  
by the shadow of death.  
May we trust your promises and know that love itself can never die.

*The names of those to be remembered are read aloud.*

*The priest says*

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord.

**And let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Silence is kept.*

***Pie Jesu*** from the Fauré's Requiem is sung.

## THE PEACE

*The priest says*

Jesus says 'my peace I leave with you;

my peace I give you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,

neither let them be afraid.'

*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 function if you are online.*

***Offertory*** from Fauré's Requiem is sung by the choir as the altar is censed.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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** from Fauré's *Requiem* is sung by the choir.

*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"*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues. At the end of the prayer ...*

**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 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*  
Jesus says "I am the bread of life:  
whoever comes to me will never hunger;  
whoever believes in me will never thirst.  
"I am the vine: you are the branches".

**May we dwell in God as God dwells in us.**

*If you would like to receive Communion, or a blessing,  
please come forward now.*

## **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.

*During the distribution of Communion, the choir sings*  
***Agnus Dei and Libera Me.***

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of love,  
may the death and resurrection of Christ  
which we have celebrated in this eucharist  
bring us, with the faithful departed,  
into the peace of your eternal home.  
May we know that all are yours  
and you are ours,  
and that your love is for every soul  
living and departed.  
We ask this in the name of Christ,  
our rock and our salvation,  
now and in eternity.  
**Amen.**

*During the final hymn, a collection will be taken.  
If you don't have cash, please use the QR code on page 13,  
or use the tap donation plates which are set to £5.*

## HYMN

[Tune: Eventide; Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)]

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;  
where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## THE BLESSING

*The priest says*

May God give you comfort and peace,  
light and joy, in this world and the next.  
And the blessing of God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*The priest says*

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus.

*The deacon says*

Let us go in peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The ministers depart as the choir sings **In Paradisum** from Fauré's Requiem.*

Organ: Angelina Ding and Michael Haslam



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*Rest eternal grant to them O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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