St James's
PICCADILLY

Requiem Eucharist for All Souls

Thursday 5th November 2026 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 Bob Chilcott's Requiem, and the altar is censed.*

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 Dr Ayla Lepine

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 Bob Chilcott's Requiem is sung by the choir.*

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 if you are in the building, and in the YouTube chat function if you are online.

***Offertorio** from Bob Chilcott'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 Bob Chilcott'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.

During the distribution of Communion, ***Agnus Dei*** *from Bob Chilcott's Requiem is sung by the choir.*

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.
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or use the tap donation plates which are set to £10.

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 Bob Chilcott's Requiem.

Requiem by Bob Chilcott is sung by the St James's Lay Singers and Music Scholars directed by **Harrison Knights.**

Soprano solo
Angelina Lee

Tenor Solo
Sam Gillett

Flute
Daniel Morgan

Bassoon
Clara Graham

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Michael Haslam



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

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