



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for Easter Day

Sunday 5th April 2026
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

INTROIT

Sung by the St James's Lay Singers and Scholars (with trumpets and organ).

Resurrexi Et Adhuc Tecum Sum

music by Michael Haslam

Resurrexi, et adhuc tecum sum, alleluia:
Posuisti super me manum tuam, alleluia:
Mirabilis facta est scientia tua, alleluia, alleluia.
Domine, probasti me, et cognovisti me;
tu cognovisti sessionem meam, et resurrectionem meam.
Resurrexi...

I arose, and am still with Thee, alleluia:
Thou hast laid thine hand upon me, alleluia:
Thy knowledge is become wonderful, alleluia, alleluia.
Lord, Thou hast searched me and known me;
Thou knowest my sitting down and my rising up.

I arose...

OPENING HYMN

[Tune: Easter Hymn; Words: 14th Cent. Latin, Trans. New Century Hymnal]

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, alleluia!
Who did once, upon the Cross, alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save, alleluia!**

**Christ appears in full array, alleluia!
Sing with joy this paschal day, alleluia!
Christ now from the dead is raised, alleluia!
Holy Trinity be praised, alleluia!**

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

The risen Christ appeared to the disciples
behind the doors they had locked out of fear.
Let us make our confession to God,
acknowledging all that separates us from Christ
risen from the dead today.

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 (*St Augustine*)

The cantor sings

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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Glory to God in the highest.

Peace to God's people on earth.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Holy One, Heavenly God, our Sovereign and Creator.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Jesus Christ, God's only begotten.

Miserere nobis.

Miserere nobis.

Lord God, Lamb of God.

Miserere nobis.

You take away the sin of the world.

Miserere nobis.

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.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

You alone are the Lord.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

You alone are the Most High.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of the Triune God.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in saecula saeculorum. Amen.
Gloria in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death
and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

During the hymn, 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.

HYMN

[Tune: Noël Nouvelet; Words: J.M. Campbell Crum (1872-1958) alt.]

**Now the green blade riseth
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth
many days has lain;
Love lives again,
that with the dead has been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid him,
Love by hatred slain,
thinking that never
he would wake again,
laid in the earth
like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth he came at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he that for three days
in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead
my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.**

**When our hearts are wintry,
grieving or in pain,
thy touch can call us
back to life again,**

**fields of our hearts,
that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again,
like wheat that springeth green.**

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 20.1-18

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and

reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." 'Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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.

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said
'Peace be with you'.
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

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 with your neighbours 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: Ellacombe; Words: St John of Damascus (c.750), trans. John
Mason Neale (1811-1866)]

**The day of resurrection,
earth, tell it out abroad!
The passover of gladness,
the passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail!' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen,**

**their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that has no end.**

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.

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

Communion will be distributed from three stations at the front of the church.

*During Communion, the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars will sing **Easter, No. 1 from Five Mystical Songs**, words by George Herbert (1593-1633). music by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); and **Christians, to the Paschal Victim**, Gregorian chant.*

EASTER

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him may'st rise;
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound his name
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or since all music is but three parts vied,

And multiplied;
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises!
A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:
Christ, who only is sinless, reconcileth sinners to the Father;
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:
The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal.
Speak Mary, declaring what thou sawest wayfaring:
'The Tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesu's
Resurrection:
Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.
Yea, Christ my hope is arisen: to Galilee he goes before you.'
Happy they who hear the witness, Mary's word believing.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

Hallelujah, music by Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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.

HYMN

[Tune: Maccabaeus; Words: E.L. Budry (1854-1932) trans R.B. Hoyle (1875-1939)]

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victr'y thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay:**

Refrain:

***Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victr'y thou o'er death has won.***

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting:**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:**

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:
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you this Easter and for ever.

Amen.

All join in singing

Hallelujah Chorus (from Handel's ***Messiah***)

Hallelujah!

**For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,
the Kingdom of this world is become the
Kingdom of our God and of his Christ
and he shall reign for ever and ever
King of Kings and Lord of Lords ...**

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Trumpet: Willie Hicks, Dave Hilton
Organ: Ashley Chow
Associate Choral Director: Harry Knights
Director of Music: Michael Haslam*



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For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Congregation members of St James's who have been baptised and confirmed this Easter.

Our Prayer Group as they hold members of our community in prayer.

We give thanks for the opportunity to proceed with the Wren Project.

Those who are ill

[Alison](#), [Lavinia](#), [Sam](#), [Catherine](#).

Recently departed

[Christie](#), and for Warren, Cutler, and all who mourn her.

[Marguerite](#), and for Thembi and Jelani who mourn her.

[Bridget](#), and for Jane and her family who mourn her.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

In Memoriam

The names of those being commemorated with Easter lilies today include:

Margaret Anibaba
Arthur Ayres
Fatemeh Azizollahi
Miranda Bertram
Eddie Bradley
Jessie Bradley
Dick Butler
Barbara Chalkley
David Chalkley
Ann Clapp
David Clark
Tom Cook
Imogen Curnew
Alistair Delves
Colin Lucien Dobranski
Margaret Dobson
Paul Dobson
Marjorie Durand
Alan Edwards
Nick Fane
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Anna Lind
Betty Loyn
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Robin Miller
Tim Miller
Bob Mulhall
Stacy Mwangi
Banubain Najmudin
Manurbhai Najmudin
Patrick Nolen
Jim Notman
Winnie Notman
Christopher Ohlson
Antonio Pacitti
Mercédès Pavlicevic
Dorothy Polley
Olive Redfern

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The Revd Donald Reeves

Margaret Rogers

Theodore Rogers

Margaret Ross

William Ross

Ryszarda

Anna Saldhana

Rowan Shimada-Mead

Fred Sebatindira

Sam Sebatindira

Eirlys Smith

Diana Thomas

Deryck Turton

Margaret Turton

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