



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# The Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 14th April 2024  
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 welcome to receive Communion or a blessing, so please do come forward when invited.*

*Before the service, Susannah will play **Pastorale** by Ian Venables (b.1955) Op.11 No.1*

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **OPENING HYMN**

[Tune: Bunesan; Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)]

**Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall,  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew-fall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light**

**Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise ev'ry morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!**

## **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** (*Peruvian*)

*Sing after the cantor*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
To God be glory for ever!  
Alleluia amen, alleluia amen, alleluia amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!  
To God be glory for ever!  
Alleluia amen, alleluia amen, alleluia amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!  
To God be glory for ever!  
Alleluia amen, alleluia amen, alleluia amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The Collect**

*The priest says*

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Acts 3.12-19**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 4**

*Response: Answer me when I call, O my defender*

You set me at liberty when I was in trouble;  
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.  
How long will you nobles dishonour my glory;  
how long will you love vain things and seek after falsehood?

But know that God does wonders for the faithful;  
when I call upon the Lord, God will hear me.  
Stand in awe, and sin not;  
speak to your heart in stillness upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
There are many that say, 'Who will show us any good?'  
Lift the light of your countenance upon us.

You have put gladness in my heart,  
more than when grain, wine and oil increase.  
In peace I will lie down and sleep,  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

## **THE GOSPEL**

### **Luke 24.36b-48**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you O Lord.**

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

The Revd Daniel Norris

*A period of silence is kept for personal reflection.*

**APOSTLES' CREED** (*3<sup>rd</sup> century creed used during Eastertide*)

**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 in a socially distanced way if you are in the building, and in the YouTube chat function if you are online.*

*During the offertory hymn, a collection will be taken. If you don't have cash, please use the tap donate device in the collection plate or the QR code on page 18.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

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

**Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know,  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you, and you in me?**

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind,  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you, and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside,  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you, and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you,  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go,  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you, and you in me.

## **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*

**Halle- halle- halle- lujah!**

**Halle- halle- halle- lujah!**

**Halle- halle- halle- lujah!**

**Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

*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 **My Journey To The Sky**, written by Sister Rosetta Tharpe, transcribed by Amanda Ballard, vocal arrangement by Harrison Knights.*

There's only one thing that I long for  
When I reach that heavenly land  
To see my saviour in all his glory  
As I go from land to land

There's only one thing that I long for  
When I reach that heavenly land  
And I know, I know I'll see Him  
In that sweet and peaceful rest

Without a mother, without a father  
We got to make this journey by ourselves,  
Heart-breaking pain, soul-burning shame  
But our journey, there's alone.

### ***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.*

## **HYMN**

[Tune: Abbot's Leigh; Words: Hugh Sherlock (1905-1998)]

**Lord, your Church on earth is seeking  
your renewal from above;  
teach us all the art of speaking  
with the accent of your love.**

**We would heed your great commission:  
sending us to every place -  
preach, baptise, fulfil my mission,  
serve with love and share my grace.**

**Freedom give to those in bondage,  
lift the burdens caused by sin.  
Give new hope, new strength and courage,  
grant release from fears within:  
light for darkness; joy for sorrow;  
love for hatred; peace for strife.  
These and countless blessings follow  
as the Spirit gives new life.**

**In the streets of every city  
where the bruised and lonely dwell,  
let us show the Saviour's pity,  
let us of his mercy tell.  
In all lands and with all races  
let us serve, and seek to bring  
all the world to render praises,  
Christ, to you, Redeemer, King.**



## 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.**

*The deacon says*

Go in the peace of Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*After the service, Susannah will play the last movement  
(Allegro Piacevole) from **Violin Sonata in A** by Ludwig van  
Beethoven (1770-1827) Op.12 No.2*



*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](https://sjp.org.uk/donate), or use one of the tap donation points in the church.*



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## Newcomers Lunch

TODAY - Sunday 14th April 1pm -2.30pm



If you're new or relatively new to St James's, and haven't yet been to one of our newcomers lunches, you're warmly invited to come and meet people over a delicious meal.

The lunch is co-hosted by Lucy, Ayla, the Wardening Team (Dee, Claire, Jen, Sarah and Tchansia), congregation members, and Mac our Volunteer Projects Co-ordinator, and takes place in Lucy's flat in the Rectory which

has no step free access. Lunches later in the year will be accessible to wheelchair users.

Sign up on ChurchSuite at:

<https://sjp.churchsuite.com/events/dyngjonz>

or speak to the wardening team after the service.

## Choral Evensong

TODAY - Sunday 14th April at 3pm

Our Choral Evensong on Sunday will be a celebration of Easter featuring music by Joanna Forbes L'Estrange, Charles Stanford and Joseph Haydn sung by a choir of St James's Lay Singers, St James's Singing Scholars and friends of Choral Evensong at St James's.

Lucy is officiating and Ayla is preaching.



Organist:  
Ashley Chow

Director of Music:  
Michael Haslam

## Changing Our Minds: Sandy Bigtree & Prof. Philip P. Arnold

TODAY - Sunday 14th April at 6pm on Zoom

In this time of polycrisis, we are increasingly aware that profound changes in our understanding and behaviour are needed if we are to build a world fit for future generations.



What sources of wisdom will shape such far-reaching change?

Join us for the third in this 4-part series of online conversations with indigenous thinkers and

contemporary theologians to explore how we might go about 'Changing our Minds'.

For more information and to register, please go to:

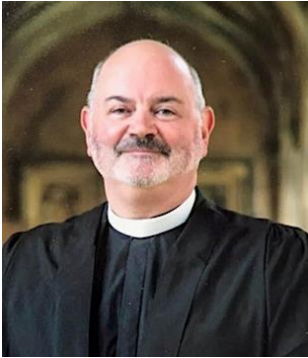
<https://www.sjp.org.uk/earth-justice/changing-our-minds/>

## A Snowfall of Words

Reflections on the soul language of poetry with poet Diane Pacitti and The Very Revd Dr Mark Oakley, Dean of Southwark.  
Wednesday 17th April at 6.30 pm

*What is the point of poetry in such a precarious world, at a time when so much we value is being threatened?*

*Is poetry something difficult that most people leave others to enjoy, or is it something more vital and urgent, a 'soul language' for a time when religious language often doesn't resonate?*



Our speakers will approach these questions through the experience of particular poems. Mark Oakley's books include *The Splash of Words: Believing in Poetry* described by the former Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy as 'this beautiful and wise meditation centred around the soul language of poetry'.



Diane Pacitti's recent poems seek to deepen our vision of reality through a precise response to the natural world. Collaborating with a scientist and an artist, she writes for Earth Justice projects at St James's Piccadilly. After gaining the Brontë Poetry Prize, she produced the collection *Dark Angelic Mills* during a Poetry Residency in Bradford.

Tickets at: [www.sjp.org.uk/whats-on/a-snowfall-of-words/](http://www.sjp.org.uk/whats-on/a-snowfall-of-words/)

## Walking Boots - South Downs 4: Seaford to Berwick via Seven Sisters

Saturday 27th April 8.45am

Our April walk sees us returning to the South Downs to blow away the cobwebs over an extremely scenic 10-mile route guided by Nick. We'll be heading further eastwards along Sussex's white chalk cliff tops to Seven Sisters and the stunning river mouth views at Cuckmere Haven.

From there we will traverse wooded trails to Littlington where we'll stop at the traditional and welcoming Plough & Harrow Pub for lunch. Afterwards we will ease back into our walk along the riverbank before heading cross country towards Berwick, passing through Alfriston, one of Sussex's prettiest villages, on route.



Some parts of this route are steep if you're not used to hill walking. We'll take things steadily but please consider this before joining us.

The ground is rugged and can be slippery in parts so please wear sturdy footwear and bring sufficient water and snacks.

Full details of the route, where to meet, lunch and train fares can be found on our website at:

<https://www.sjp.org.uk/whats-on/walking-boots/>

Please let Rob know in advance if you are coming so we can manage things at the pub: [rob@hullonline.org](mailto:rob@hullonline.org)

If you have any questions in the meantime, please email Nick: [operationsdirector@sjp.org.uk](mailto:operationsdirector@sjp.org.uk).

## St James's memorial event for Lisa Barrott

Sunday 28th April at 1.30pm

Lisa died suddenly and unexpectedly on 30th January this year. We will be remembering her life and the special contribution she made to St James's on Sunday 28th April at 1.30pm in the church. This will be followed by tea and cake.

Everyone is very welcome to join us - please RSVP to [ecochurch@sjp.org.uk](mailto:ecochurch@sjp.org.uk) as soon as you can for catering purposes.

As part of the event we will go outside into the courtyard and Southwood Garden which Lisa loved. The garden presents accessibility challenges as there are 12 steps.



We want to ensure that everyone can participate as fully as possible, so the same opportunity to engage with some of Lisa's photography and writing will be provided in both the courtyard (which is fully accessible) and the garden.

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Sunday 12th May at 1pm

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM will take place on Sunday 12th May after the Eucharist.

Apart from receiving the audited annual accounts and report, there will be a presentation of the work of SJP during the past year and an opportunity for you to ask questions. There will also be elections of the two Churchwardens and vacancies for the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which is the governing body of SJP.

To find out more and to get a nomination form, please email the Churchwardens at: [churchwardens@sjp.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@sjp.org.uk) or the PCC Secretary (Keith Best) at [pcc@sjp.org.uk](mailto:pcc@sjp.org.uk)

In order to vote in the elections, **you must be on the electoral roll and attend the meeting in person.**

### Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

If you're not already on the Church Electoral Roll, please complete an application in advance of the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Sunday 12th May.



Membership of the Electoral Roll enables you to vote in the election for Churchwardens and PCC members.

**Electoral Roll registration forms may be found on**

**the table at the back of the church or downloaded at**

<https://www.sjp.org.uk/governance/>. Once completed, please hand to one of the Churchwardens or Vergers, or return to the Parish Office **before Sunday 28th April.**

## For your prayers this week

### Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

St James's growing relationship with St Pancras, Euston Road.

Our partnership with St Bart's New York.

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

Soho Parish School Easter service here on Thursday (18 April).

### Those who have asked for our prayers

Clare

### Those who are ill

David, Tainy, Annie, Margaret, Puck, Imogen, Robert, Fiona, Milly.

### Recently departed

Amy, and for Leo and Michael who mourn her.

Shaun, and for all who mourn him.

Barrie, and for all who mourn 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:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia: Don Tamihere (Bishop of Tairāwhiti and Aotearora, and joint Primate and Archbishop), Sione Uluilakepa (Bishop of Polynesia, and joint Primate and Archbishop), Senior Bishop of New Zealand and joint Primate and Archbishop to be chosen.

Aalborg (Denmark): Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen (Bishop)  
Capital Vision Confident Disciples: for those working in finance.

The Venerable Peter Farley-Moore, the Archdeacon of Hackney, and for his personal assistant Lucy Johnson.