



St James's
PICCADILLY

Sanctuary Eucharist at St Pancras, Euston Road

**Tuesday 6th May 2025
at 6.30pm**

Hosted by our LGBTQ+ group, Pride of St James's,
celebrating our diverse community and welcoming new
friends.



A chance to reflect, reconnect, re-charge



Sanctuary is a home for everyone, where you can belong and where we can be in community with each other.

If you are able to contribute to the running of this service, there are a couple of ways you can help. If you would like to be a reader or lead prayers during the service, please speak to Elijah.

If you are in a position to make a donation towards the costs of this service, please use the tap donation points at the back of the church or the QR code on page 13. We know that sometimes it's not possible to donate, and that's ok too. We deeply appreciate everyone's participation, support, and presence at Sanctuary.

Before the service, from 6pm, please keep silence until 6.25pm when all join in the Taizé chant ...

Ubi caritas et amor.

Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

(Where there is charity and love, God is to be found.)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening responses *(led by a lay leader)*

For spaces of courage and safety to celebrate our lives.

Thanks be to God.

For the gift of being lovingly and wonderfully made in God's image.

Thanks be to God.

For the queer family of saints, known and unknown, who've gone before us.

Thanks be to God.

For all who stand in solidarity, striving for liberation and justice.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer *(by the presiding priest)*

Gracious God, give us time this night to make a prayer that will become the prayer of our soul. Help us to listen to the voices of longing in our hearts, and listen to our hungers. Help us give attention to the unexpected happenings at the edges of our life. Help us listen to our memory and to the inrush of our future, to the voices of those near us and those

Prayers of Reconciliation *(led by lay leader)*

In meeting together and reflecting on our lives and society, we acknowledge in the presence of God, our choices and habits that bring injustice and pain to the world.

My friends, I confess before you and in the presence of God that the world is broken by the wrong I have done.

May God forgive you and give you peace.
Amen.

We confess before one another and in the presence of God, that the world is broken by the wrong we have done.

The priest says

May God forgive you and give you peace.
Amen.

Music for reflection

*Michael will play **She's A Woman** from Kiss of the Spiderwoman by John Kander (b. 1927), & Fred Ebb (1928-2004)*

Listening to the Wisdom of the World

by Robert Kiely (untitled)

The weight of history always converges on a knife-edge. It is not all-pervading but discrete, it is not subtle but taut. It is pain, cuts ties. Look, in the beginning were the minutes of the previous meeting. In the end there were resolutions. Implementation is up to another universe.

All join in singing the Taizé chant ...

Alleluia.

(sung four times in each repetition of the chant.)

The Gospel:

John 6.30-35

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

Glory to you O Lord.

So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

'Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Hear the gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection on Listening to the World and Listening to Scripture

given by a member of the St James's Sanctuary team.

Silence.

Music for reflection

*Jennifer will sing **Sunset**, words by Arthur Symons (1865-1945)
and music by Ethel Smyth (1858-1944)*

Intercessions

Let us pray for the earth and her life, for people in trouble,
for our city, for ourselves.

After each line of prayer, please join the chant response ...

Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

The Peace

Jesus says "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be
called children of God."

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a sign of peace.

Chant at the Preparation of the Table

All sing the Taizé chant ...

Jubilate Deo! Alleluia.

(Rejoice in God!)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest sings ...

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.

God, we have been gathered by you, caught in your net,
summoned to your table.

As we open ourselves to your generous hospitality,
let your Spirit move among us
and be present in the food we share
so that this bread and wine
become for us the living presence of Jesus.

That so with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we may proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing ...

Sanctus and Benedictus

Singer

Holy.

All sing

Holy.

Singer

Holy.

All

Holy.

Holy Lord of power and might.

Singer

Heaven.

All
Heaven.

Singer
Earth.

All
Earth.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
(in canon) **Hosanna in the highest.**
Hosanna in the highest.

Singer
Blessed.

All
Blessed.

Singer
Blessed.

All
Blessed.
Is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Singer
Blessed.

All
Blessed.

Singer
Blessed.

All

Blessed.

Is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

(in canon) **Hosanna in the highest.**

Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues

Blessed are you, O God,

and blessed are your messengers and prophets
who have proclaimed liberty to the captives
and good news to all who are poor.

Blessed is your son Jesus,

who came to make known your mysteries,
to seek out and save what is lost in this life,
and to heal and bring wholeness

by the forgiveness open to all,

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way,

after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;

he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you;

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Singer

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

All sing

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one
bread and one cup.

Remembering the eternal self-giving of Christ,
we proclaim the mystery of God's presence among us
in this bread and wine.

Made one with you eternal God,
we offer these gifts of your creation,
and with them, ourselves, as we are,
so that you can make us who we can be.

And now, all honour and glory be yours, eternal God,
through all ages and in all time, for ever and ever.

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 Communion

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.

Music for reflection

*During Communion, Jennifer will sing **Possession**, words by
Ethel Carnie (1886-1962) and music by Ethel Smyth (1858-
1944)*

Prayer After Communion

God of celebration and glory,
we thank you for inviting us to receive this Eucharist,
exactly as we are.
You embrace us and renew us so that we may bear your
likeness in the world.
Trusting that your lavish love enfolds us all,
nourish, strengthen and unite us as the queer Body of Christ;
through Jesus, Prince of Peace.
Amen.

*Final notices are given by the service leader ...
after which, please stand for the blessing.*

The Blessing

All say to one another ...

**May the road rise to meet you,
and the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may we know that we are held in the hollow of God's hand.
Amen.**

Final Hymn

[Tune: Seek Ye First; Music and Words: Karen Lafferty
(b. 1948) based on Matthew 6.33, 7.7]

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

**Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

**We shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word**

that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
Allelu, alleluia:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Everyone is welcome to stay for drinks and food.

*The next Sanctuary Eucharist is on **Tuesday 13th May** at St Pancras Euston Road, starting with 30 minutes of reflection and prayer at 6pm, followed by the service at 6.30pm.*



If you'd like to make a donation towards St James's work, cash may be left in the basket on the refreshments table.



DONATE ONLINE

Card donations may be made using the tap donation points at the back of the church or this QR code.

Join the Pilgrimage for the Feast of St Pancras

THIS SUNDAY - 11th May - assemble in the courtyard at St James's at 12.45pm

After the service on Sunday 11th May, do join us for the St James's pilgrimage to St Pancras, Euston Road.

The 'Walking Boots' team will lead those of us on foot (50 minutes and step free), and our Churchwardens will accompany whoever wishes to travel on the tube or bus, and St Pancras are welcoming us for lunch.

Every St James's group will be sending representatives and this is a good chance to get to know St Pancras if you haven't been before, as this will be our home for a year during the Wren Project construction.

Meet in the courtyard at St James's at 12.45pm on the day.



Choral Evensong, sung by the combined St Pancras and St James's musicians is at 3pm at St Pancras for those who would like to stay.

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of The Revd Donald Reeves

Tuesday 20th May at 12noon in church and online

All are welcome to celebrate the life and ministry of former Rector of St James's, The Revd Donald Reeves.

The service will be led by the current Rector, The Revd Lucy Winkett, and the preacher is Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury.



The service will include music by Jonathan Dove, commissioned by Donald whilst he was at St James's.

A reception will be held after the service in the church, and the service itself will be online too.

Contemplative Space

Third Friday of the month from 8pm-9pm on Zoom

A space for prayer, readings and silence.



We will meet on Zoom on Fridays 16th May, 20th June, 18th July, 15th August, 19th September, 17th October, and 21st November 8pm-9pm.

Each session will be facilitated by a member of St James's community and will include a welcome, reading from Scripture, a second reading (usually a poem or quotation), guided silence with opportunities to reflect in whatever way is meaningful for you, time to share reflections, and a closing prayer.

Everybody is welcome to attend for all or part of each session.

The resources and Zoom link are available at:

www.sjp.org.uk/whats-on/contemplative-space/



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