



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for Trinity Sunday

Sunday 26th May 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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

INTROIT *sung by the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars*

Hymn of St Patrick

*Text from **The Hymn of St Patrick**, translated by C.F. Alexander; music by Margaret Rizza.*

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me;
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

OPENING HYMN

[Tune: Nicaea; Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)]

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
blessèd Trinity!**

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art,
and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
blessèd Trinity!

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.

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

Let us call to mind the fractured relationships and injustices of our world;
Let us remember our own part in this and make our confession in penitence and faith.

KYRIE (*Ukrainian*)

The cantor sings

Kyrie Eleison.

Kyrie Eleison (x3)

Christe Eleison (X3)

Kyrie Eleison (X3)

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 (*Chris O'Hara*)

Sing refrain after the cantor

**Glory, sing glory to God!
Sing glory to God in the highest!
And peace to all people on the earth.**

Lord God, ruler of all, your love renews creation;
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory, sing glory to God! ...

Lord Jesus Christ, only child of the Creator,
Lord God, lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Glory, sing glory to God! ...

You are seated in your kingdom, in your kingdom of glory,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

Glory, sing glory to God! ...

For you alone are the Holy One;
for you alone, you alone are the Lord;
for you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God;
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God;
Creator, Amen;
Creator, Amen.

Glory, sing glory to God!
Sing glory to God in the highest!
And peace to all people on the earth.
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Holy God
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge
of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery
of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING
Romans 8.12-17

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Response: You give your people the blessing of peace.

Ascribe to God you heavenly powers:

Ascribe to God all glory and might.

Ascribe due honour to God's holy name:

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

It is the glorious God who makes the thunder
upon the great waters.

The voice of God is power:

The voice of God is full of majesty.

The voice of God breaks the cedar-trees:
The Lord splinters the cedars of Lebanon.
The voice of God divides the lightning:
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness,
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

God sits enthroned above the waters:
God sits enthroned as King for ever.
You, Lord, will give strength to your people:
You will give your people the blessing of peace.

THE GOSPEL

John 3.1-17

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him,

'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Iona Community*)

**We believe in God,
maker and sustainer of all life.
We believe in God beside us,**

**Jesus Christ,
the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life.
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

Peace to you from God, eternal Creator:
Peace to you from Christ, who is our peace:
Peace to you from the Holy Spirit,
the giver and sustainer of all life.

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 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 20.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Ode to Joy; Words: Alan Gaunt (b. 1935)]

**God with us: Creator, Father,
bringing everything to birth;
Mother of the whole creation,
fire of stars and life of earth:
down the countless years composing,
from the earth's evolving night,
love's response to love, and forming
mind and soul to seek your light.**

**God with us: Redeemer, Brother,
Friend for ever at our side,
here, in flesh, you walked among us,
taking up your cross, you died.**

Crucified, despised, rejected,
Perfect Love, who shared our shame,
streaming from the cross, your judgement,
full of mercy, clears our name.

God with us: Unwearied Spirit,
from the birth of time and space,
surging through unconscious being,
joyful, Life-Creating Grace:
through the centuries you find us;
you, as God, inspire our prayer;
Life and Power at work within us,
Love for ever, everywhere.

God, Transcendent, far beyond us,
closest Friend, unfailing Guide:
through the ages, wronged, affronted,
in your poor, still crucified.
God with us: convict, forgive us;
by your holy love destroy
all that hinders peace and justice:
fill this aching world with joy.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal,
Give us the bread of everlasting life,
And make us branches of the true vine.
Amen.

GATHERING (*Tallis*)

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 (as a round) ...

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures here below,
praise God above you heavenly host.
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

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.

SANCTUS (*Wetherick*)

The priest continues the Church's prayer of thanksgiving ...

The cantor sings

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**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 and 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

This is the table of Christ.

It has been made ready for those who love God,
and those who want to love more.

So come; you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been to this sacrament often
and you who have not been for some time.
You who have tried to follow Christ and you who have failed.
Come. It is Christ who asks us to meet him here.

THE COMMUNION

*During Communion, the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars will
sing **O Lux Beata Trinitas**, words: attr. Ambrose of Milan;
translation by John Mason Neale; music: Emma Brow.*

O lux beata Trinitas,
Et principalis unitas,
Iam sol recedit igneus,
Infunde lumen cordibus.

Te mane laudum carmine,
Te deprecemur vespere:
Te nostra supplex gloria
Per cuncta laudet sæcula.

Deo Patri sit gloria,
Eiusque soli Filio,
Cum Spiritu paraclito,
Et nunc, et in perpetuum. Amen.

*O Trinity of blessed light,
O Unity of princely might,
The fiery sun now goes his way;
Shed Thou within our hearts Thy ray.*

*To Thee our morning song of praise,
To Thee our evening prayer we raise;
Thy glory suppliant we adore
Forever and forevermore.*

*All laud to God the Father be;
All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete.*

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

**Eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons, yet one God,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Notices are given by the congregation, wardens, and clergy.

HYMN

[Tune: Moscow; Words: John Marriot (1780-1825)]

**God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**

**Christ, you have come to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O to all humankind
let there be light!**

Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

Blessèd and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

THE BLESSING

The priest says

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love.
Defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace.
And the blessing of God almighty;
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you now and always.
Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



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, or us one of the tap donation points in the church.



DONATE ONLINE

Young St James's!

TODAY - Sunday 26th May at 12.30pm, location will be accessible to all

Calling all under 40s folks - the Young St James's group (formerly known as Circus Spirit) is relaunching! Join us for lunch every Sunday after the 11am service - we'll grab some



food nearby or head out to a park depending on what people fancy.

We also have some events lined up (film nights, drinks, picnics etc) so stay tuned!

Choral Evensong

TODAY - Sunday 26th May at 3pm in the church and on YouTube

This traditional-language service, using the Book of Common Prayer, will include music for lower voices (alto, tenor and bass) by Carlotta Ferrari, John Bertalot, Charles Wood,



and Ernest Walker sung by the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars of St James's Church.

Wren Project update

Sunday 9th June at 12.45pm, in the church

All are invited to a further Wren Project update to hear the latest news. This time we will focus our conversation on the fund raising campaigns, how they're going, how the PCC



monitors progress and the ever-important issues around ethics and due diligence. Everyone welcome!

Telling the Story of St James's

Until Sunday 9th June in the Church

Congregation members are all invited to become Advocates for St James's to tie in with our **Gold medal award-winning garden** at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. which closed yesterday.

Lots of new visitors have been coming to the church following the attention that our 'Imagine the World to Be Different' garden has generated.

We aspire to greet our visitors with warm hospitality and to share St James's unique story with them.

If you'd like to be a volunteer Advocate for St James's and have a few hours to spare any day of the week until Sunday 9th June, please email Ayla for further information at associaterector@sjp.org.uk



Souk el Salam

Sunday 9th June from 12pm

Some of the UK's top chefs and food writers will come together to host the second Souk el Salam (Peace Market), this time in St James's courtyard, to raise money for aid to Gaza.



Tickets £20, include two food items from any of the stalls on a first-come, first-served basis. Further tokens can be purchased on the day which can be redeemed for items at the chef's stalls.

In partnership with the Amos

Trust emergency appeal for Gaza. Further information:

<https://www.amostrust.org/diary/souk-el-salam/>

Walking Boots: a stroll in the Cotswolds led by Ros with afternoon tea hosted by Jackie

Saturday 15th June

The next Walking Boots outing is a visit to the picturesque rolling hills and villages of the Cotswolds. The route is just over 5 miles long and mostly flat with one moderately steep ascent on a quiet road and a steep descent over fields, both



towards the end of the walk.

Mud is a distinct possibility,

so sturdy, waterproof

footwear is recommended.

You may also wish to bring

walking poles if you have

them. Full details are

available from Ros at

ros.fane@gmail.com

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.

The Wren Project.

The work of Ska-Nonh, the Great Law of Peace Centre on

Onondaga Lake whose representatives are visiting us today.

Those who are ill

David, Imogen, Denise, Meg Stewart.

As part of the Anglican Communion, and the Diocese of London Prayer Cycle, we pray today for:

The Church of the Province of Central Africa: Albert Chama (Archbishop, and Bishop of Lusaka).

Anglican Communion Sunday: for the Archbishop of Canterbury, all primates and bishops, the Anglican Consultative Council, the Secretary General and Anglican Communion Office staff in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York.

The work of the Anglican Centre in Rome:

Archbishop Ian Ernest (Director).

Nord-Hålogaland (Norway): Olav Øygaard (Bishop).

Confident Disciples: help us fruitfully to share the journey of our faith with others through courses and small groups.

Hampton Deanery: Ben Lovell (Area Dean).

Deanery Synod: Anne-Marie Philp (Secretary).

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