



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 28th July 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

OPENING HYMN

[Tune: Deus Tuorum Militum; Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971)]

**Awake, awake: fling off the night,
for God has sent us glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.**

**Let in the light; our souls expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross for guidance kneel;
Christ's light will judge and, judging, heal.**

**Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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 *(Zimbabwean)*

The cantor sings

Lord have mercy on us.

**Lord have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us.**

**Christ have mercy on us,
Christ have mercy on us.**

**Lord have mercy on us,
Lord have mercy on us.**

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 (*Argentinian*)

The Cantor sings

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.
Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well
pleased.

**And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well
pleased.**

**Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.
And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well
pleased.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Ephesians 3.14-end

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or

imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 14

*Response: **The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.***

The foolish have said in their hearts, "There is no God."
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
There is no one that does good.

The Holy One looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad;
there is none that does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, those evildoers
who eat up my people as if they ate bread
and do not call upon God?

See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the
company of the righteous.
Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
yet God shall be their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!
When God restores the fortunes of the people,
then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

THE GOSPEL

John 6.1-21

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

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

The Revd Dr Mariama Ifode-Blease

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 17.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Repton; Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)]

**Dear Lord and Father of us all,
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 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) ...

Amen siakudumisa.

Amen siakudumisa.

**Amen bawo, amen bawo,
Amen siakudumisa.**
(Praise the name of the Lord.)

*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 AND BENEDICTUS *(HEW)*

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

The cantor sings

Holy, holy, holy,

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

The cantor sings

Blessed is the one.

**Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
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
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

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 bread of heaven.
Hear our prayer for all your hurting world,
that we may grow together in unity and go out with joy,
as witnesses to your generosity and love.
Amen.**

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

HYMN

[Tune: Dim Ond Jesu; Words: Martin Leckebusch (b. 1962)
adpt.]

**Show me how to stand for justice:
how to work for what is right,
how to challenge false assumptions,
how to walk within the light.
May I learn to share more freely
in a world so full of greed,
showing your immense compassion
by the life I choose to lead.**

**Teach my heart to treasure mercy,
whether given or received -
for my need has not diminished
since the day I first believed:
let me seek no satisfaction
boasting of what I have done,
but rejoice that I am pardoned
and accepted in your Son.**

**Let us find a way of living
modelled on your holy word,
in humility submitting
to the truth which we have heard.
Make me conscious of your presence
every day in all I do:
by your Spirit's gracious prompting
may I learn to walk with you.**

THE BLESSING

The priest says

May God give you grace to follow the light of Christ,
wherever you are led and however long the road.
And the blessing of God almighty;
Creator, Christ and 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.



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if you do not have cash with you, please
scan this QR code with your smartphone to
make a one-off or regular donation.*

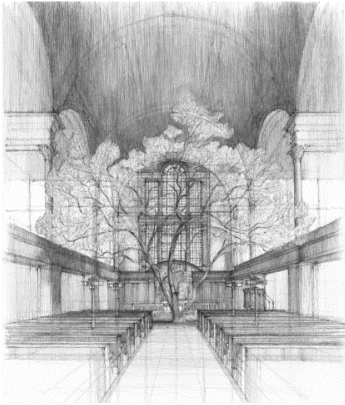
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or us one of the tap donation points in the
church.*



Rooted in God's Earth: Trees in Scripture

Mondays 6.30-7.30pm until 2nd December on Zoom

Everyone is welcome to join Revd Lucy Winkett and Revd Dr Ayla Lepine for a new weekly drop-in Bible study series, focusing on trees in the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. This is part of the *Imagine the World to be Different* Chelsea Flower Show-inspired series of events at St James's, titled *Conversations Under Trees*.



Further details and Zoom link at: www.sjp.org.uk/whats-on/rooted-in-gods-earth-trees-in-scripture/

Congregational meeting

Sunday 4th August at 12.45pm

Join us after the Eucharist next Sunday to hear the latest PCC news, ask questions, make suggestions and bring challenges!

An update on Wren Project progress will be given too.

Everyone is welcome!



Soul at Saint James

Sunday 4th August 2-5pm in the courtyard

Next Sunday, our theme for Soul at Saint James is Peace. What it means to live our lives in a way that promotes inner peace as well as peace in our communities and beyond.



We will be joined by spoken word artist Tom Evans and the director of the charity Salusbury World, Sarah Reynolds.

Donations are essential to supporting this exciting monthly experience, and you can make a donation towards Soul event at www.sjp.org.uk/whats-on/soul-at-saint-james/

PCC elected officers 2024-25

At its first meeting after the APCM, the PCC elected Ros Fane Lay Vice Chair and Audrey Sebatindira Honorary Treasurer.



We are hugely grateful to them for offering to serve in this way.

Our Churchwardens Dee Hetherington and Claire Wright are being sworn into their roles shortly. Great thanks to all of them for their time, dedication and leadership for 2024-25.

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.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart

Those who are ill

David, Betty and Roly

Recently departed

John, and for Suan and all who mourn him.

Rupert, and for Penn and the family who mourn him.

David whose funeral was on Friday (27th July), and for Diane and Helen-Claire 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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East:
Hosam Naoum (President Bishop, and Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem).

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania:
Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis.

Confident Disciples: for all working in manual labour.

Spelthorne Deanery: Carole George (Area Dean).

Deanery Synod: Norman Head (Lay Chairman),
Samantha Dowden (Secretary).

Pray for the work of Mary Spredbury, Area Finance Adviser.

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