



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# The Eucharist for the Third Sunday before Lent

Student Sunday

Sunday 16th February 2025  
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**

### **OPENING HYMN**

[Tune: Luckington; Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)]

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
my God and King!  
The heav'ns are not too high,  
his praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low,  
his praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!**

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,  
my God and King!  
The church with psalms must shout,  
no door can keep them out;  
but, above all, the heart  
must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing,  
my God and King!**

## 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.**

*The deacon says*

The word of God is living and active.  
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
trusting in Christ's promise of forgiveness and healing.

## PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

*The deacon says*

God of miracle and wonder, for whom nothing is impossible,  
you long to reveal yourself to us that we might reach out to  
you and know ourselves to be your own, cherished and  
chosen.

In silence we pause before you to confess our need for forgiveness and grace.

*Silence is kept.*

Forgive us if we have been too preoccupied or distracted to notice the extraordinary in the ordinary.

**KYRIE** (*Greek Orthodox*)

*The cantor sings*

Kyrie eleison.

(*Lord, have mercy.*)

*All sing*

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison,  
Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.**

**THE ABSOLUTION**

*The priest says*

May the God of mercy and truth forgive you and set you free.  
May you take God's forgiveness to heart and be at peace.

**Amen.**

## **THE GLORIA** (*Jean Paul Lecôt*)

*The cantor sings*

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
(*Glory to God in the highest!*)

*All sing*

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God Creator,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of God,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
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,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The Collect**

*The priest says*

Let us pray.

Loving God,  
who knows all we will ever learn  
and holds all we will ever forget.  
Bless, inspire and encourage all students.  
In times of discovery give them joy  
and in times of suffering give them peace.  
Where learning is restricted by poverty, race, gender or age,  
we pray for your justice to come,  
that all might have access to inspiration and education.  
Teach us all to be students of your astounding grace,  
and disciples on your way of truth,  
that we may see your Kingdom come on earth.  
Through Jesus Christ we pray.

**Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## **FIRST READING**

### **1 Corinthians 15.12-20**

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in

vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 1**

*Response: The Lord knows the way of the righteous*

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful. Their delight is in the law of the Holy One, and they meditate on that law day and night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, whatever they do, it shall prosper. As for the wicked, it is not so with them; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Holy One knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

*Please remain standing.*

## **THE GOSPEL**

### **Luke 6.17-26**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.



'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.  
'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their  
ancestors did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## **SERMON**

The Revd Naomi Nixon, CEO of the Student Christian  
Movement.

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

*Please stand.*

## **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*

Christ is our peace.  
If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.  
The old has passed away:  
Behold, everything has become new.

*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 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 22.*

### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

[Tune: Here I am; Words: Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947) based on Isaiah 6.]

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain:*

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.***

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,**

give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

## **PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

*The priest says*

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

## **GATHERING SONG *Here In This Place* (Marty Haugen)**

*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 ...*

**Here in this place new light is shining,  
now is the darkness vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in and hold us for ever.  
Gather us in and make us your own.  
Gather us in all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

*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 and BENEDICTUS** (*Iona*)

*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 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 the 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 **When We Get To Where We're Going**, music and lyrics  
by George Bacon.*



When we get to where we're going we'll be there.  
When we get to where we're going we'll be there.  
No more doubt, and no more worry;  
We'll take our time, no more hurry.  
When we get to where we're going we'll be there.

When we get a little further, we'll be nearer.  
Down the road a little further we'll see clearer.  
With our conscience as our guide,  
On and on, side by side,  
When we get to where we're going we'll be there.

With you Lord, to protect me, I will prevail.  
If I stumble you pick me up without fail.  
With your love in our hearts  
We've already made a start;  
When we get to where we're going we'll be there.

There's a welcome where we're going for everyone.  
Friend and foe all together we're going home.  
Peace and love, joy and laughter,  
In that sweet, sweet hereafter;  
When we get to where we're going we'll be there.

When we get to where we're going we'll be there.  
When we get to where we're going we'll be there.  
No more pain, no more sorrow,  
Our time done, no more tomorrow;  
When we get to where we're going we'll be there.

## COMMUNION HYMN

[Words and Music: Paul Field (b. 1954)]

Go peaceful, in gentleness,  
through the violence of these days.  
Give freely, show tenderness  
in all your ways.

Through darkness, in troubled times,  
let holiness be your aim.  
Seek wisdom, let faithfulness  
burn like a flame.

God speed you, God lead you,  
and keep you wrapp'd around his heart:  
may you be known by love.

Be righteous, speak truthfully,  
in a world of greed and lies.  
Show kindness, see ev'ryone  
through heaven's eyes.

God hold you, enfold you,  
and keep you wrapp'd around his heart:  
may you be known by love,  
may you be known by love.

## **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 glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
Amen.**

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

## **HYMN**

[Irish Tune from County Derry; Words: June Boyce-Tillman  
(b. 1943)]

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection.  
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on.  
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,  
Tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our song  
of wrongs that can be righted.  
We'll dream our dreams  
of hurts that can be healed.  
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
Within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken.  
We'll find the words  
for those whose lips are sealed.  
We'll make the tunes  
for those who sing no longer,**

Vibrating love alive in every heart.  
We'll share our joy  
with those who are still weeping.  
Chant hymns of strength  
for hearts that break in grief.  
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story  
Including all within the circles of our love.

## 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 on this day and for ever.  
**Amen.**

*The deacon says*

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



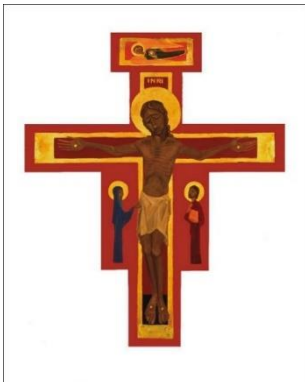
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*Alternatively, please visit [sjp.org.uk/donate](http://sjp.org.uk/donate), or us one of the tap donation points in the church.*

### **Taizé Prayer Service**

**TODAY - Sunday 16th February at 5pm**

An hour of peaceful reflection with prayers, readings, and chants in the Taizé tradition.



Taizé Prayer services are held at St James's on the third Sunday of the month.

All are welcome.

**Lunchtime Concert at St Pancras, Euston Road, featuring  
former Singing Scholars from St James's Piccadilly**

Tuesday 25th February at 1.10pm

AVA is a newly established high voices trio with Anna Cooper, Vicki Stilwell and António Sá-Dantas.

Having met as singing scholars at St James's, they soon started working regularly to explore music from the Renaissance to contemporary works.

Their debut concert, on 25th February, is an exploration into pieces across the ages on differing themes of love, featuring works by Orlando di Lasso, John Dowland, Maria Hester Park, Gustav Holst, and Thomas Weelkes.

The concert is free of charge, although there will be a retiring collection. Suggested donation £5.



## Pride LGBTQ+ Sanctuary

Tuesday 25th February at 6pm, at St Pancras, Euston Road and streamed on YouTube

During our quarterly Pride Sanctuary service, we celebrate LGBTQIA+ pride and faith together as a community.



This is an opportunity to find inspiration, share stories, and build fellowship.

After the service there will be drinks and nibbles. All are very welcome!

Discover more about our Pride of St James's group on the website at:

[www.sjp.org.uk/groups/pride-of-st-jamess/](http://www.sjp.org.uk/groups/pride-of-st-jamess/)

## St Pancras Euston Road - new website!

Our partner church, St Pancras Euston Road, has recently launched a new website.

Please take a look at the site at: [www.stpancraschurch.org](http://www.stpancraschurch.org)





## Newcomers Lunch at St James's, Piccadilly

Sunday 2nd March from 1pm-2.30pm in the Rector's flat

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



The lunch is co-hosted by Lucy, Ayla, Joanna (Outreach Projects and Partnerships Manager), the Wardening Team (Dee, Claire, Jen, and Sarah), and congregation members. There are a number of steps up to Lucy's flat in the Rectory, so please let us know if access might be an issue.

Sign up at <https://sjp.churchsuite.com/events/kfpzyqac> or contact the Wardening Team at [churchwardens@sjp.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@sjp.org.uk) and please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

## Would you like to be baptised or confirmed in 2025?

The Revd Dr Ivan Khovacs will be meeting with and preparing all those who would like to take this step.

This will involve meetings during Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday, 5th March), leading up to Easter Eve (Saturday 19th April) when he will accompany you to St Paul's Cathedral for the baptism and confirmation service led by the Bishop of London. You can bring family and friends to this service at St Paul's if you'd like to.

If you're not sure and would like to talk it through, please get in touch with Ivan or any of the clergy. The key promise you make is a commitment to 'turn to Christ'. It's a wonderful way of taking a step forward in your journey, if you haven't been baptised or confirmed already.

If you'd like to join the group this year, please email David in the Parish Office at [administrator@sjp.org.uk](mailto:administrator@sjp.org.uk)



## Walking Boots - a walk in Sevenoaks ... from Knole House Estate, to Ightham Mote, and One Tree Hill

Saturday 22nd March

Our first SJP Walking Boots walk for this year will take place on Saturday 22nd March, led by Ruth and Justin. The walk is just under 10 miles through a tranquil haven of wildlife in the middle of Sevenoaks, going out through the deer park of the Knole House Estate and on to Ightham Mote, returning along the Greensand Way and is within easy reach from London Bridge on a fast train, taking just 25 minutes.



This circular route is a mixture of footpaths, bridleways, fields and woodland. Paths climb and descend throughout the walk with only one short, steep climb to One Tree Hill and the escarpment of the Kent

Downs with a superb view of the Weald to the south.

We will stop halfway at the café at Ightham Mote (National Trust) for lunch and there's the option of a coffee/tea stop at Brewhouse Café at Knole House at the end of the walk. (It's a further 25 minute walk from there back to the train station.)

We will meet at 9am at London Bridge station ready to take the 9.24am Hastings train. You will need to buy an off-peak day return to Sevenoaks. (Freedom Pass and Oyster 60+ cardholders need only a return from Orpington to Sevenoaks)

Please register your interest for this walk by dropping Ruth an email at [ruthiedmiller@gmail.com](mailto:ruthiedmiller@gmail.com) and further details will follow nearer the date of the walk.

## For your prayers this week

### Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Our staff and volunteers

Student Sunday today.

United Society Partners in the Gospel Founder's Day Service  
on Monday (17th February)

### Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart

### Those who are ill

Mark, Susannah, Jean and Ron

### Recently departed

Stephen, and for Polly, Matty and Sam who mourn him

Simon, and for Ingrid and all the family 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 United Church of Bangladesh: Samuel Mankin  
(Moderator, and Bishop of Kushtia).

Roskilde (Denmark): Ulla Thorbjörn Hansen (Bishop).

Confident Disciples: that we may find God's loving presence  
amid our everyday lives.

Westminster Abbey and St Margaret, Westminster: for The  
Very Revd Dr David Hoyle (Dean), Dr James Hawkey,  
David Stanton, The Rt Revd Anthony Ball, Mark Birch (Canons),  
Robert Latham and Helena Bickley-Percival (Minor Canons),  
for the Priests Vicar; for Paul Baumann (Receiver General and  
Chapter Clerk) and all other Abbey staff.

The work of the Westminster Abbey Institute.

Westminster Abbey Choir School.

Westminster School: Daniel Warnke (Chaplain).