



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 11th May 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: St Helen; Words: Iona Community]

**Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of greatness without cease.
Celebrate the Maker's glory -
power to rescue and release.**

**Praise the Christ who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets religion,
fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence -
Friend and Stranger, Guest and Host.**

**Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race or gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
foolishness none dare deride.**

**Praise the Maker, Christ and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody**

oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.

OPENING RESPONSE

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 (*St Augustine*)

The cantor sings

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
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Glory to God in the highest.
Peace to God's people on earth.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Holy One, Heavenly God, our Sovereign and Creator.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Jesus Christ, God's only begotten.
Miserere nobis.

Miserere nobis.

Lord God, Lamb of God.

Miserere nobis.

You take away the sin of the world.

Miserere nobis.

You are seated at the right hand of Majesty:
receive our prayer.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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For you alone are the Holy One.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

You alone are the Lord.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

You alone are the Most High.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of the Triune God.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Gloria in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Holy God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection
and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 9.36-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down

and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

During the canticle, the Gospel is carried in procession down the central aisle of the church where it is read among the people. Please turn and face the Gospel as it passes.

CANTICLE

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

[Words and music by Stuart Townend, based on Psalm 23]

Cantor:

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

**And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

Cantor:

He guides my ways in righteousness.
And He anoints my head with oil,

And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

**And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

Cantor:

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

**And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

THE GOSPEL

The cantor sings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All sing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(repeat as a round)

The reader says

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

The cantor sings

Glory to you O Lord

Glory to you O Lord.

John 10.22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The cantor sings

Praise to you O Christ

Praise to you O Christ.

The cantor sings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All sing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Please sit.

SERMON

The Revd Dr Ivan Khovacs

A period of silence is kept for personal reflection.

APOSTLES' CREED (*3rd 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 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 19.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Alleluia, Alleluia, Donald Fishel (b. 1950) arr. Norman Warren (b. 1934); Words: Donald Fishel alt.]

Refrain:

***Alleluia, alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord,
alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to God's name.***

**Jesus is Christ in all the earth;
he is our rock and salvation:**

**Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen:**

**We have been crucified with Christ;
now we shall live for ever:**

**Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour:**

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

*During Communion, Lay Singers and Singing Scholars
will sing **Subdue Us By Your Goodness**, music: J.S. Bach from
Cantata 'Jesus nahm zu sich die Zwölfe' BWV 22;
words: Elisabeth Cruciger (c.1500-1535), translated by
Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878).*

Subdue us by your goodness,
Awake us by your grace;
That we whose hearts are weary,
May life anew embrace.
And though earth's woes be near us,
Thy Spirit still shall cheer us.
All praise and thanks to Thee!

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: Thornbury; Words: Edward Hayes Plumtre (1821-1891)]

**Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our forebears owned your goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.**

**Your heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they summoned all to hasten**

and share the great King's feast;
their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, right restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Your mercy will not fail us,
nor leave your work undone;
with your right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
your name shall be adored,
and this shall be our anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord

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:
Creator, Christ 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!



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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.*

*Alternatively, please visit sjp.org.uk/donate,
or us one of the tap donation points in the
church.*



Join the Pilgrimage for the Feast of St Pancras

TODAY - 11th May - assemble in the courtyard at 12.45pm

After the service this morning, 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), 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 TODAY at 12.45pm.



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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

NEXT SUNDAY - 18th May at 1pm

Our Annual Meeting of Parishioners and APCM will take place on Sunday 18th May after the 11am 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.

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, our churchwardens are re-elected.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, one PCC member's three year term comes to an end: David Loyn is standing for re- election.

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

The papers for the meeting will be on the SJP website at www.sjp.org.uk/governance/



Walking Boots - Nine miles of country walking from Sunningdale to Woking

Saturday 17th May 2025

We set out through 1400 acres of impressive Surrey heathland at Chobham Common Nature Reserve. After lunch at Fair Oaks Airport, we skirt round the runway and pass McLaren's F1 HQ to cross the Martian Landing Site. Finally we arrive at Woking, the only town to celebrate its own (fictional) annihilation.

The walking is fairly easy with no steep gradients, but you will need the stamina to walk seven miles before we are near a bus stop where you could make your escape. Depending on the weather, some mud is possible so you'll need robust footwear. Wearing shorts may expose you to occasional stinging nettles and brambles.

Meet around the entrance to Platform 8 at Waterloo station on Saturday 17th May at 9.15am having bought a single ticket to Sunningdale, to catch the 9.30am train towards Reading. You will need to buy another ticket from Woking to Waterloo for the journey back.

Please email Rob - rob@hullonline.org - to let him know if you're coming.



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.

For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Our partnership with St Pancras Euston Road, and our pilgrimage to St Pancras today.

Christian Aid Week.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart, Jessica, Lucille

Those who are ill

Peter

Recently departed

Simon, whose memorial service was on Tuesday (6th May), and for Ingrid and all who mourn him.

John, whose memorial service was on Thursday (8th May), and for Denise and all who mourn him.

Jason, whose memorial service was on Friday (9th May), and for Robert and Maggie, and Susan and Sheila 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 Church of Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan): David Uehara (Archbishop, and Bishop of Okinawa).

Västerås (Sweden): Mikael Mogren (Bishop).

Confident Disciples: those in low paid or temporary jobs.

Hammersmith & Fulham Deanery: Denis Adide (Area Dean).

Deanery Synod: Fraser Steel (Lay Chairman), Caroline Grieve (Secretary).

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