

The Eucharist for the First Sunday after Trinity marking Refugee Week 2025

Sunday 22nd June 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: Woodlands; Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)]

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord: unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice; Tender to me the promise of his Word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's name; make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age to age the same; his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of God's might: pow'rs and dominions lay their glory by: proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of God's Word: firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore.

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. And peace to all people on the earth. And peace to all people on the earth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD The Collect

The priest says

Holy God, you are our souls' shelter.

You are our refuge and our eternal resting place.

In all our wanderings you bring us to your door, invite us to be with you, and nourish us.

Give us the courage and faith to welcome one another as you have welcomed us.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

FIRST READING Galatians 3.23-end

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

During the psalm, 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.

PSALM 43

Refrain: I will give thanks to you, O God, my God.

Give judgement for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked. For you are the God of my refuge; why have you cast me from you, and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresses me?

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling, That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; and on the lyre I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? O put your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

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 Luke.

The cantor sings

Glory to you O Lord

Glory to you O Lord.

Luke 8.26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a

large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Members of St James's International Group in conversation with The Revd Lucy Winkett.

A period of silence is kept for personal reflection.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the lona 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 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 20.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Noël Nouvelet; Words: John L. Bell (b. 1949) & Graham Maule (1958-2019)]

Jesus Christ is waiting, waiting in the streets; no one is his neighbour, all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too: make me, friend or stranger, fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging, raging in the streets, where injustice spirals and real hope retreats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I am angry too: in the Kingdom's causes let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is dancing, dancing in the streets, where each sign of hatred he, with love, defeats. Listen, Lord Jesus, I should triumph too: where good conquers evil let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling, calling in the streets, 'Who will join my journey? I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few:
walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

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

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.

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

SANCTUS (Wetherick)

The cantor sings

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 who comes in the name of the Lord.

All sing

Holy, holy,* holy, ... (repeat as a round, 2nd part starting at *)

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

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 Brown (b. 1985).

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

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: Siyahamba, South African traditional; Words: v.1 Anders Nyberg (b. 1955), vv.2,3 Andrew Maries (b. 1949)]

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, oh, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, oh, we are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God, we are living in the love of God. We are living in the love of God, we are living in the love of God. We are living, living, we are living, oh, we are living in the love of God, We are living, living, we are living, oh, we are living, oh, we are living in the love of God.

We are moving in the power of God, we are moving in the power of God. We are moving in the power of God, we are moving in the power of God. We are moving, moving, we are moving, oh, we are moving in the power of God, We are moving, moving, we are moving, oh, we are moving in the power of God.

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 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 <u>sip.org.uk/donate</u>, or us one of the tap donation points in the church.

Refugee Week Celebration Party

TODAY - Sunday 22nd June in church after the Eucharist

We invite everyone to join us in celebrating the strength, resilience and success of every member of our International Community.

We will be joined by **Rainbows Across Borders**, a voluntary self-help group for LGBTQ+ asylum seekers who are fleeing harm and persecution.

Their choir has been active for many years and has performed at London Pride events and regularly at Croydon Unitarian Church, which provides support to the group.



Expect lots of uplifting, toe-tapping tunes, sung in different languages!

London Festival of Architecture 2025

We are so pleased to be included in the London Festival of Architecture as we focus on inviting the public to discover the new South Door, the collection of conversations curated by



Ayla reflecting on this milestone in the history of St James's, and a special lunchtime recital performed by Talia Lieberman, one of our Singing

Scholars, and Michael Haslam, Director of Music. This took place on Friday (20th June) and can be viewed on our YouTube channel.

For full details, please go to:

https://www.sip.org.uk/london-festival-of-architecture-2025/

Season of Listening - feedback and next steps Sunday 29th June from 1pm- 2pm

All are welcome to come and hear the voice of our community, from the *Season of Listening* focus groups and other sources, on Sunday 29th June in the church.



There will be a presentation by Steven Overman who facilitated the groups, and an opportunity for reflection and discussion about next steps

THE HERDS is coming to London!

Friday 27th - Sunday 29th June

The Herds is a public art and climate initiative designed to inspire action and renew our bond with the natural world.



Until August 2025, life-size puppet animals from the makers of 'Little Amal' will sweep through city centres on a 12,500 mile journey from the Congo Basin to the Arctic Circle, fleeing climate disaster.

Events and performances by world-class artists will respond as the herds move, bringing together the worlds of the arts and science in an urgent call for climate action.



Whilst in London, The Herds will visit Tower Bridge, Somerset House, St James's Park, Coram's Fields, Camden High Street, Westfield Stratford City, and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

For further information about this global initiative, please see: www.theherds.org

Hold in your prayers

Please pray for Ben Bloom, Simon Perfect and Revd Lia Dong Shimada, former members of the St James's community.

Ben and Simon will be ordained deacon at St Paul's Cathedral on 28th June. Lia was ordained priest in Seattle on 14th June and will serve as priest at St Alban's Episcopal Church, Tillamook, in the Diocese of Western Oregon USA.

We hold them and their families and friends in our prayers as they prepare to begin this new phase of life. Ben will be assistant curate at Pinner Parish Church, Simon will be assistant curate at All Saints Fulham.



Pride Party at St James's

Saturday 5th July, 11am onwards

Last year, over 6,000 people walked through our gates for a day full of joy and welcome – and we're doing it all again on Saturday 5th July.



Expect drag, dancing, arts & crafts, food, drink, and joyful community along the parade route.

All are welcome – bring your friends and chosen family!

We need your help!

To make this happen, we'll need a big team of volunteers to assist with:

- Set-up and tear-down
- Arts & crafts and face painting stations (all you need to do is hold a stencil and a sponge!)
- Parade-side cheering and welcoming guests

If you're able to help, please email us at: prideofstjames@sjp.org.uk to get involved.

Pride dinner

Wednesday 9th July at 6.30pm

Everyone is warmly invited to celebrate Pride month at a dinner hosted by Lucy and the Pride of St James's team. Please join other congregation members over a delicious meal in the rectory flat.



Register your interest and any dietary requirements by emailing Kate at prideofstjames@sjp.org.uk by no later than Wednesday 2nd July.

A note on accessibility: there are stairs to the flat and no lift. For those who haven't been to the rectory flat before, the address is 2 Church Place (the dark green door on Church Place opposite Notto Pasta Bar).

Hymns and Pimm's

Sunday 13th July at 3pm in the Southwood Garden

Join St James's Piccadilly Music Scholars for a summer afternoon of music and refreshment as they raise essential funds for their annual summer tour.

Your ticket includes two drinks – soft or alcohol (18 years+ only) – and a strip of raffle tickets. If your number is called, you'll get to choose your favourite hymn from a list of beloved classics and St James's favourites.

The scholars will also perform some of their favourite choral showstoppers throughout the afternoon.



Bring a picnic, something comfy to sit on, and enjoy a joyful afternoon of music, community, and a touch of summer spirit.

Book your tickets today at:

https://www.sjp.org.uk/whats-on/hymns-and-pimms/

For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

The Wren Project.

Refugee Week being marked here today.

Lia Shimada who was ordained on 14th June, and those being ordained this Petertide, especially Ben Bloom and Simon Perfect, all from this parish.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart

Those who are ill

Dyan, Ella, Anne and family, Fiona, Steve

Recently departed

Fereshteh, and for Elaheh who mourns her.

May she 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 Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola (Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola): Vicente Msosa (Presiding Bishop, and Bishop of Zambezia Missionary Diocese).

Visby (Sweden): Erik Eckerdal (Bishop).

Copenhagen (Denmark): Peter Skov-Jakobsen (Bishop).

Confident Disciples: for our clergy in London.

Today we pray for racial justice in the Diocese of London.

Pray for the work of retired clergy in the Kensington Area.

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