



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 27th July 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: Rhuddlan; Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969) alt.]

**God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour.**

**Heal your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**

**Lo, the hosts of evil round us
scorn your Christ, assail his ways.
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days.**

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 (*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.**

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 (*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

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

FIRST READING
Colossians 2.6-15

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord,
continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him
and established in the faith, just as you were taught,
abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy
and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to
the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to
Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily,
and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every
ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a
spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in
the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in
baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the
power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you

were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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 138

*Response: **The grace of God is with me.***

I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart;
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your
name, because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all
things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me;
you put new strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O God,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of God,
that great is the glory of God.

The Lord is high, but watches over the lowly;
and regards the proud from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me;
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies; your right hand will save me.
God shall make good his purpose for me;
your loving-kindness, O God, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

THE GOSPEL

The cantor sings

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All sing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 11.1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished,
one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as
John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray,
say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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

The Revd Dr Ayla Lepine

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 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 21.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Two Oaks; Words: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)]

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

Refrain:

***All are welcome,
All are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.***

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**

**Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground**

where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

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 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 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, Robert will sing **Be Thou My Vision**;
words: Old Irish trans. Byrne, Hull; music: Old Irish melody
arranged by Sally DeFord.*

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: Woodlands; Words: J. Boyce-Tillman (b. 1943)]

**We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear.
Come, living love, live in our hearts today.**

**We sing a love that seeks another's good,
that longs to serve and not to count the cost,
a love that, yielding, finds itself made new.
Come, caring love, live in our hearts today.**

**We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid
to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed.
Come, strength'ning love, live in our hearts today.**

**We sing a love that, wand'ring, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed.
Come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.**

**We seek a burning, fiery, Holy One,
that seeks out shades of ancient bitterness.
Transfigure these as Christ in every heart,
come, joyful love, live in our hearts today.**

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.



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

Holding the Silence at St James's

TODAY - Sunday 27th July at 1pm in the church

All are welcome to this monthly gathering in the church at 1pm for a short introduction followed by 20 minutes of silence, ending with an opportunity to share reflections.



Each session will end at approximately 1.30pm.

St James's Parish Retreat Waiting List!

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th October 2025

After the great success of the retreat last year, we are planning to return to Wychcroft House, in the Surrey countryside, for our 2025 Parish Retreat from 17th to 19th October. In this beautiful and peaceful setting, you will get to meet other St James's folk, both socially and spiritually. It's both restful and enjoyable.

All bookings (both with or without accommodation) are now fully subscribed, but we are still accepting bookings to add



to a waiting list, as cancellations do sometimes happen.

If you wish to be added to the waiting list, please register as soon as possible. The online registration form can be found at: <https://sjp.churchsuite.com/-/forms/c5029m1a>

Paper copies of the form are available from Sarah Gillett or Trevor Lines after the service on Sunday. If you have any questions, please ask Sarah or Trevor.

St James's Day

A huge and heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make St James's day a joyful, welcoming space with wonderful food and chat - being community.

It was great to see everyone pitching in - from the cake makers, the chilli and potato bakers to those who cleared up and cleaned, especially in the kitchen, and all who generously donated, time, money, talents.

So many were welcomed to come and sit and eat and be.

Thank You!



For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart

Those who are ill

Ella, Anne and family, Luke, Heather, Alastair, Mark and Ruth.

Recently departed

Bibi, and for Misko, Katrina, Lena and all who mourn her.

Andrew, and for all who mourn him.

Rosa, and for Mia and family who mourn her.

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea: Nathan Ingen (Acting Archbishop, and Bishop of Aipo Rongo).

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania:

Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis.

Confident Disciples: for all working in manual labour.

Spelthorne Deanery: Carole George (Area Dean),

Simon Douglas Lane (Chapter Clerk).

Deanery Synod: Norman Head (Lay Chairman),

Samantha Dowden (Secretary).

The work of Mary Spredbury, Area Finance Adviser.

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