



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# The Eucharist with Baptism for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 17th August 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.*

***Today we especially welcome Rosalind Syrah Cree, and those who have come to support her, as she is being baptised today.***

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **OPENING HYMN**

[Tune: Kilmarnock; Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941)]

**In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord,  
close-binding humankind.**

**Join hands then all the human race,  
whate'er your nation be;  
all children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christlike souls are one in love,  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

## 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*

Jesus said, 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged.  
Forgive, and you will be forgiven'.

**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*

Holy God, who gathers us here around the table of Christ to share this meal with the whole household of God.

In that new world, where you reveal the fulness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of your Son Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Hebrews 11.29-12.2**

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war,

put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 85 vv 7-end**

*Response: **Show us your mercy, O God.***

Show us your mercy, O God,  
and grant us your salvation.  
I will listen to what you will say,  
for you speak peace to your faithful people ...

... and to those who turn their heart to you.  
Truly, your salvation is near  
to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together,  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;  
Truth shall spring up from the earth  
and righteousness look down from heaven.

You, O God, will indeed give all that is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.  
Righteousness shall go before you  
and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

## **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 12.49-56**

"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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.*

## **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.*

## **BAPTISM**

*Parents and godparents move to the font,  
and the congregation turns to face them, singing ...*

**Bless the Lord my soul  
and bless God's holy name.**

**Bless the Lord my soul  
who leads me into life.**

*The priest addresses the whole congregation.*

Faith is the gift of God to all people.  
In baptism, Christ is adding to our number those whom he is  
calling.

People of God, will you welcome Rosalind and uphold her in her new life in Christ?

**We will.**

## **THE DECISION**

*The priest addresses Rosalind through her parents and godparents.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil.**

*The priest makes the sign of the cross on Rosalind's forehead.*

Christ claims you for his own.

Receive the sign of the cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of glory  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Praise God who made heaven and earth.

**God's promise is kept forever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The priest continues:*

We thank you, God of life, for the gift of water  
to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through water you led the children of Israel  
from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John  
and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ,  
to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life.

We thank you, Eternal God, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son,  
we baptize into Christ's fellowship those who come to him  
in faith.

Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
they may be cleansed from sin and born again.

Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The priest addresses the whole congregation:*

Friends, I ask you to profess  
together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Creator,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in God the Creator.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in God the Son.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.**

## THE BAPTISM

*The priest says*

Rosalind Joanna,  
I baptise you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

May God who has received you by baptism into the Church, pour upon you the riches of grace, that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by the anointing of the Holy Spirit and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

## **THE GIVING OF THE CANDLE**

*The priest gives a candle to the parents, saying:*

God receives Rosalind by baptism into the Church.

Receive this light.

This is to show that Rosalind has passed from darkness to light.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Creator.**

## **THE WELCOME**

*The priest says*

Rosalind, God receives you by baptism into the church.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are members together of the body of Christ.**

**We are children of the same Creator.**

**We welcome you!**

## **THE PEACE**

*The priest says*

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you.

My peace I give you.

Not as the world gives do I give to you'.

*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 24.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

[Tune: Angel voices; Music: Edwin George Monk (1819-1900);

Words: Francis Pott (1832-1090)]

**Angel-voices ever singing  
round thy throne of light,  
angel-harps for ever ringing,  
rest not day nor night;  
thousands only live to bless thee,  
and confess thee Lord of might.**

**Yea, we know that thou rejoicest  
o'er each work of thine;  
thou didst ears and hands and voices  
for thy praise design;  
craftsman's art and music's measure  
for thy pleasure all combine.**

In thy house, great God, we offer  
of thine own to thee;  
and for thine acceptance proffer,  
all unworthily,  
hearts and minds and hands and voices  
in our choicest psalmody.

Honour, glory, might and merit,  
thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
blessèd Trinity.  
Of the best that thou hast given  
earth and heaven render thee.

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

*The priest says*

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.

**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, Ali Beck and Lucy Winkett will sing  
**Where no one stands alone**, lyrics by Mosie Lister (1955).*

*Please join in the chorus ...*

**Hold my hand all the way  
Every hour every day  
From here to the great Unknown  
Take my hand  
Let me stand where no one stands alone.**

### **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: Fulda; Words: Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938)]

**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of Christ's birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall,  
but in a stable dark and dim,  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.**

Tell of Christ's death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suff'ring on the cross:  
for all he loved, his life he gave.

Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
empty the tomb, for Christ was free;  
who broke the pow'r of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing God's glory, tell Christ's worth.

## 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.**

*At the end of the service, Ali Beck and Lucy Winkett will sing*  
***Dance me to the end of love***, lyrics and music by Leonard  
Cohen.



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## **Report to the SJP Congregation on recent PCC meetings**

The PCC has been actively progressing the Wren Project, advancing fundraising efforts, strengthening international partnerships, addressing clergy and capacity needs, and



managing financial challenges while continuing to improve communication and engagement with the SJP congregation.

Read the full report at:

[www.sjp.org.uk/governance](http://www.sjp.org.uk/governance)



## Sanctuary Eucharist on Tuesdays at 6.30pm

The team who run the Sanctuary Eucharist on Tuesdays have decided, with the support of St Pancras and St James's clergy, that the weekly service will remain at St Pancras until 2027.

As part of the partnership between the two churches, the Sanctuary congregation is an important element of our getting to know each other, and praying together. If the Wren Project is able to go ahead on schedule, St James's congregation would move to St Pancras in the first quarter of 2027.

The Sanctuary Eucharist will therefore stay at St Pancras until that time. It is our privilege to worship together and we hope that this stability of venue will ensure that the congregation can grow and build on what is already there.

Everyone is welcome to join Sanctuary for silent prayer at 6pm and the Eucharist at 6.30pm every Tuesday. Refreshments are served after the service too.



## Supporting The Wren Project - come and join St Pancras congregation on Sundays!

If The Wren Project goes ahead on schedule, **the St James's congregation will move to St Pancras in the first quarter of 2027** for the Sunday Eucharist. Our partnership is developing, but It will be a big change for both congregations, and that will feel more natural if we get to know each other better first.

The Sanctuary Eucharist on a Tuesday evening has started the process and will be staying at St Pancras until 2027.

Attendance at the Sunday Eucharist at SJP is much larger and there is potential to overwhelm. In the first instance we are looking for volunteers from SJP to join 4/5 small groups of people who would commit to attending the 11am service at St Pancras once a month (approx).

If you would like to join one of the groups or talk further, please contact Jo Hines and Claire Wright at:  
[churchwardens@sjp.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@sjp.org.uk)



## PCC vacancy

Due to the resignation of one of our PCC members there is now a vacancy to be filled up to the next APCM (May 2026) when it will be subject to re-election. The decision will be taken by a vote of the existing PCC members at their meeting on 5th September.

Nominations (form available to download from the website at: [www.sjp.org.uk/governance](http://www.sjp.org.uk/governance) or available from the PCC Secretary) with proposers and seconders must be returned



either to the pigeonhole of the PCC Secretary in the Rectory or in person or by scanning and emailing to [pcc@sjp.org.uk](mailto:pcc@sjp.org.uk) by no later than 5pm on Friday 5th September.

## Lecture by The Revd Lucy Winkett at Kew Gardens Thursday 28th October at 6.30pm



Kew Theology and Gardening presents a lecture given by Lucy Winkett in the Lady Lisa Sainsbury Lecture Theatre, Kew Gardens, on Thursday 28th October.

The title of Lucy's lecture is ***Eternity in a Grain of Sand?***  
***The attention economy and climate breakdown.***

Tickets: Standard £16, Supported £8, available at: [www.kewtheologyandgardening.org.uk/events-schedule](http://www.kewtheologyandgardening.org.uk/events-schedule)

## For your prayers this week

### Parish life and events

All members of our online community.  
Our staff and volunteers.

### Those who have asked for our prayers

Meg Stewart

### Those who are ill

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

### Recently departed

Naïm, and for Karin and Kamal who mourn him.

*May he 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 Scottish Episcopal Church: Mark Strange,  
(Primus, and Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness).

Aarhus (Denmark): Henrik Wigh-Poulsen (Bishop).

Confident Disciples: we pray that we may all be ambassadors  
for Christ in our daily lives.

Barnet Deanery Synod: Catherine Okafo-Smart,  
(Lay Chairman), Glynis Rudge and Sonia Singham (Treasurers).

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