



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 12th October 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: Amazing Grace; Words: John Newton (1725-1807)]

**Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
God's word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we first begun.**

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 (*Ghanaian*)

The cantor sings

Kyrie eleison.
(*Lord, have mercy.*)

All sing

Kyrie Eleison (x4)

Christe Eleison (x4)

Kyrie Eleison (x4)

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 (*Argentinian*)

The cantor sings

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Eternal God,

You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:

Pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at the last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Timothy 2.8-15

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God* that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 66 vv.1-11

Response: ***All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.***

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 17.11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus* was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers* approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus'* feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

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

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 16.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: St Peter; Words: John Newton (1725-1807)]

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away our fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary, rest.**

**Dear name - the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury, filled
with boundless stores of grace!**

**Jesus! My Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**'Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

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

*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 ...

**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 and BENEDICTUS (Iona)

Please sing each phrase after the cantor

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
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

Come to this table,
not because you must but because you may,

not because you are strong, but because you are weak.
Come, not because your own goodness gives you the right,
but because you know you need mercy and help.
Come, because you love God and want to love more.
Come and meet Christ, for we are one Body, united with God.

THE COMMUNION

*Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a blessing.
When you have received Communion or a blessing, please
return to your seat.*

*During Communion, the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars
will sing **My Journey To The Sky**, by Sister Rosetta Tharp,
arr. Harrison Knights.*

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: Monks Gate; Words: John Bunyan (1628-1688)]

**Who would true valour see,
let him come hither;
one here will constant be,
come wind, come weather;**

there's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.

Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories
do but themselves confound;
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright;
he'll with a giant fight;
but he will have a right
to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit;
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies flee away,
he'll fear not what men say;
he'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.

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 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 sjp.org.uk/donate, or use one of the tap donation points in the church.

For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Our social outreach programmes: guests and volunteers at FEAST and Sunday Breakfast, and all involved with our International Group.

Black History Month and racial justice.

Those who have asked for our prayers

[Meg Stewart](#), [Ellen and Mike](#), [Miriam](#).

Those who are ill

[Robert](#), [Charles](#).

Recently departed

[Matthew](#), and for Diane and Helen-Claire who mourn him.

[Eirlys](#), and for Felix, Rachel and family who mourn her.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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