



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# The Eucharist for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity: Bible Sunday

Sunday 26th 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: Buessan; Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)]

**Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall,  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew-fall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,**

**praise ev'ry morning,  
God's re-creation  
of the new day!**

## **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*

Blessed God, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life which you have given us in our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

Romans 15.1-6

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our

neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 119 vv.129-136**

*Response: **Your word goes forth and gives light.***

## **THE GOSPEL**

Luke 4.16-24

*The cantor sings and all repeat*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*The reader says*

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

*The cantor sings and all repeat*

Glory to you O Lord. **Glory to you O Lord.**

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." '

And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*The cantor sings and all repeat*

Praise to you O Christ. **Praise to you O Christ.**

*The cantor sings and all repeat*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **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 15.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: St Denio; Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)]

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest—to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish—but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth 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

*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 in the Eucharistic Prayer ...*

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** (*lona*)

*Please follow the lead of 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.  
Afterwards, please return to your seat. During Communion,  
the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars will sing **A Prayer**, music  
by Ken Burton.*

## 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: Hyfrydol; Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)]

God has spoken by the prophets,  
spoken the unchanging Word;  
each from age to age proclaiming  
God the one, the righteous Lord!  
In the world's despair and turmoil  
one firm anchor still holds fast,  
God eternal reigns for ever,  
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
Christ the everlasting Son,  
brightness of the Father's glory,  
with the Spirit, ever one:  
spoken by the Word incarnate,  
God of God 'ere time was born,  
light of light, to Earth descending,  
Christ as God in human form.

God is speaking by the Spirit  
speaking to our hearts again;

in the age-long Word expounding  
God's own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
one sure faith is standing fast:  
God still speaks, the Word unchanging,  
God the first and God the last.

## 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.**



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## For your prayers this week

### Parish life and events

All members of our online community

The Wren Project

Bible Sunday today

The All Souls service on Thursday (30 October)

Black History Month and racial justice.

### Those who have asked for our prayers

Ellen and Mike, Fran, her family, and Steven, Charles

### Recently departed

Matthew, whose funeral was on Wednesday (22 Oct) and for Diane, and Helen-Claire who mourn him.

Keelan, and for Karl, Sylvia, Lorelle, and all who mourn him.

Ray, and for Sandra, Michael, David and all the family who mourn him.

Margaret and for Keith, Sheila, Colin and her grandchildren and great grandchildren who mourn her.

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*



*St James's Piccadilly, October 1940. Photo: Lee Miller*