



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 17th May 2026
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: Gwalchmai; Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)]

**King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.**

**Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol thee.**

OPENING RESPONSES

The priest says

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

The risen Christ appeared to the disciples
behind the doors they had locked out of fear.
Let us make our confession to God,
acknowledging all that separates us from Christ
risen from the dead today.

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 (*St Augustine*)

The cantor sings

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.
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Glory to God in the highest.
Peace to God's people on earth.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Holy One, Heavenly God, our Sovereign and Creator.
Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Jesus Christ, God's only begotten.

Miserere nobis.

Miserere nobis.

Lord God, Lamb of God.

Miserere nobis.

You take away the sin of the world.

Miserere nobis.

You are seated at the right hand of Majesty:
receive our prayer.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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For you alone are the Holy One.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

You alone are the Lord.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

You alone are the Most High.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of the Triune God.

Gloria, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Gloria in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power
and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1.6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 68 vv1-10

Response: We sing praises to your holy Name.

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 John.

The cantor sings

Glory to you O Lord.

Glory to you O Lord.

John 17.1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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 Lucy Winkett

A period of silence is kept for personal reflection.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said
'Peace be with you'.
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

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 with your neighbours 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 19.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: On Eagles' Wings; Words: Michael Joncas (b. 1951)]

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"**

Refrain:

***And God will raise you up on eagles' wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.***

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.**

And God will raise you up on eagles' wings ...

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come.**

And God will raise you up on eagles' wings ...

**For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways,
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

And God will raise you up on eagles' wings ...

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

The priest says

Risen Christ Jesus,
in this bread soon to be broken
and this wine soon to be poured out,
may we know you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

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 ...

Halle- halle- halle- lujah!

Halle- halle- halle- lujah!

Halle- halle- halle- lujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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 (*Williams*)

Sing each phrase after the cantor

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

The cantor sings

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All sing after the cantor

**Hosanna,
Hosanna,
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

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

*During Communion, the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars will
sing **Ave Verum Corpus**, Eucharistic hymn from the 14th
Century. Music by W.A. Mozart (1756-1791) K618; composed
on June 17th, 1791.*

Ave, ave verum corpus,
natum de María vírgine,
vere passum immolátum
in cruce pro hómine.
Cujus latus perforátum
unda fluxit et ságuine,
esto nobis prægustátum
in mortis exámine,
in mortis exámine.

*Hail the true body,
born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of humanity
From whose pierced side
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us
in the trial of death.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of life and love,
we thank you for feeding us with the body
and blood of Jesus Christ.
As we have received these gifts of your creation,
may we go out with joy and gratitude to live as witnesses
to your hope and justice for the whole earth.
Amen.**

Notices are given by the congregation, wardens and clergy.

HYMN

[Tune: Rustington; Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)]

**For the music of creation,
for the song your Spirit sings,
for your sound's divine expression,
burst of joy in living things,
God, our God, the world's composer,
hear us, echoes of your voice -
music is your art, your glory,
let the human heart rejoice!**

**Psalms and symphonies exalt you,
drum and trumpet, string and reed,
simple melodies acclaim you,
tunes that rise from deepest need,
hymns of longing and belonging,
carols from a cheerful throat,
lilt of lullaby and love song
catching heaven in a note.**

**All the voices of the ages
in transcendent chorus meet,
worship lifting up the senses,
hands that praise, and dancing feet;
over discord and division
music speaks your joy of peace,
harmony of earth and heaven,
song of God that cannot cease!**

THE BLESSING

The priest says

God the Creator;
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son;
who in bursting from the grave has overcome
the forces of death and hell,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit;
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Christ
empower you and fill you with peace.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty:
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
be with you this Eastertide and for ever.

Amen.

The deacon says

Go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia!



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For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Our partnership with St Bart's New York

The dedication of a memorial plaque for Gillian on Tuesday (19th May).

Mark and Chalotte whose wedding is here on Saturday (23rd May).

Those who are ill

[Catherine Gregory](#), [Yuneka](#), [Amanda](#), [Babak](#).

Recently departed

[Humphrey](#) (known as Harry), and for Pat and Barbara, Robert and Maggie who mourn him.

[Pauline](#), and for Tony, Anne, Jean, Tracy and Joanne who mourn her.

[Norman](#) and [Lois](#), and for Jeremy who mourns them.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Review of the Church Electoral Roll

Ahead of the APCM on Sunday 31st May, we must complete a review of the Church Electoral Roll. This is not a full review, as last year, so if you renewed or joined for the first time in 2025, you don't need to sign-up again this year.



We encourage members of our congregation to join, as being a member of the Electoral Roll serves as a sign of belonging to our community.

Membership of the Electoral Roll also entitles you to vote in the election for Churchwardens and PCC members at the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on Sunday 31st May.

The number on our electoral roll also determines the number of representatives we are entitled to send to the Deanery Synod. Extra representation in the wider church means that the voice of SJP becomes more influential.

Electoral Roll registration forms will be available after this morning's service and may also be downloaded at:

www.sjp.org.uk/governance

Once completed, please hand to one of the Churchwardens or Vergers, or return to the Parish Office **by Sunday 17th May**.

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