



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for Trinity Sunday

**Sunday 31st 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: Nicaea; Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826)]

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
blessèd Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim
falling down before thee,
which wert, and art,
and evermore shall be.**

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea;**

**Holy, holy, holy,
merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
blessèd Trinity!**

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.

Silence is kept.

KYRIE (*Ukrainian*)

The cantor sings

Kyrie Eleison.

Kyrie Eleison (x3)

Christe Eleison (X3)

Kyrie Eleison (X3)

**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 *(Chris O'Hara)*

Sing refrain after the cantor

**Glory, sing glory to God!
Sing glory to God in the highest!
And peace to all people on the earth.**

Lord God, ruler of all, your love renews creation;
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Glory, sing glory to God! ...

Lord Jesus Christ, only child of the Creator,
Lord God, lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.

Glory, sing glory to God! ...

You are seated in your kingdom, in your kingdom of glory,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.

Glory, sing glory to God! ...

For you alone are the Holy One;
for you alone, you alone are the Lord;
for you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God;
in the glory, the glory, the glory of God;
Creator, Amen;
Creator, Amen.

**Glory, sing glory to God!
Sing glory to God in the highest!
And peace to all people on the earth.**

**And peace to all people on the earth.
And peace to all people on the earth.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Holy God
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge
of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery
of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 13.11-end

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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 8

*Response: **How great is your name O Lord our God in all the earth.***

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 Matthew.

The cantor sings

Glory to you O Lord.

Glory to you O Lord.

Matthew 28.16-end

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been

given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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 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 18.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Ode to Joy; Words: Alan Gaunt (b. 1935)]

**God with us: Creator, Father,
bringing everything to birth;
Mother of the whole creation,
fire of stars and life of earth:
down the countless years composing,
from the earth's evolving night,
love's response to love, and forming
mind and soul to seek your light.**

**God with us: Redeemer, Brother,
Friend for ever at our side,
here, in flesh, you walked among us,
taking up your cross, you died.**

Crucified, despised, rejected,
Perfect Love, who shared our shame,
streaming from the cross, your judgement,
full of mercy, clears our name.

God with us: Unwearied Spirit,
from the birth of time and space,
surging through unconscious being,
joyful, Life-Creating Grace:
through the centuries you find us;
you, as God, inspire our prayer;
Life and Power at work within us,
Love for ever, everywhere.

God, Transcendent, far beyond us,
closest Friend, unfailing Guide:
through the ages, wronged, affronted,
in your poor, still crucified.
God with us: convict, forgive us;
by your holy love destroy
all that hinders peace and justice:
fill this aching world with joy.

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 (as a round) ...

**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 (*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

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, the Lay Singers and Singing Scholars will sing **The Hymn Of St Patrick**, translated by C.F. Alexander; music by Margaret Rizza.*

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me;
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons, yet one God,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Notices are given by the congregation, wardens and clergy.

HYMN

[Tune: Moscow; Words: John Marriott, 1780-1825 alt]

**God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.**

**Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**Holy and blessèd Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.**

THE BLESSING

The priest says

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love.
Defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace.
And the blessing of God almighty;
the Father, the Son 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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For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Our Annual Parish Meeting here today (31st May)

The renewal of marriage vows by Brian and Nicole here today (31st May)

The renewal of marriage vows by Chris and Ewa here on Saturday (6th June)

Those who have asked for our prayers

Laura

Those who are ill

Amanda, Babak, Christopher

Recently departed

Cris, and for Rebecca and all who mourn her.

Yuneka, and for Maki and Yuka who mourn her.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Pilgrimage to St Pancras

During the construction phase of the Wren Project, St James's church building will be temporarily unavailable for Sunday worship. From the first part of 2027 into 2028, St James's congregation will be worshipping on a Sunday morning at St Pancras Euston Road.



Every Sunday at 11am from the first months of 2027 (precise date tbc), the St James's community will gather, as it does here, in a different building for a time.

There is a programme of events and gatherings to prepare us for this pilgrimage, and as part of this, you are warmly invited to go to a service at St Pancras from time to time over the coming months so that it is a place we know before we go.

Please do join the Sunday morning service at 11am or the Sanctuary Eucharist at 6.30pm on Tuesdays. Closest tube stations are Euston and Kings Cross/St Pancras.



Pilgrimage and Purpose: Building Community with Scripture

Monday 1st June - Monday 27th July, 6.30-7.30pm on Zoom

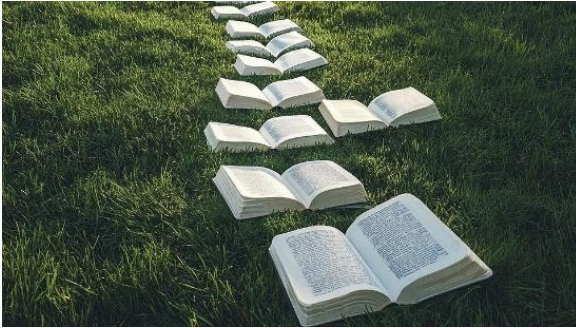
A new online weekly Bible series co-hosted by The Revd Lucy Winkett and The Revd Dr Ayla Lepine will explore stories of pilgrimage throughout Scripture. These sacred texts hold deep wisdom about people on the move - physically, spiritually, and always in community with God and each other.

All are welcome to join these conversations at any time, there's no need to sign up in advance, and the conversations will be open-minded and open-hearted. You can watch an introduction to the new series at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Gun_QljdTI

featuring congregation members reflecting on images of God and the power of journeying together.

See www.sjp.org/whats-on/ for the Zoom link to the series.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

TODAY - Sunday 31st May at 1pm in the church and
livestreamed on YouTube

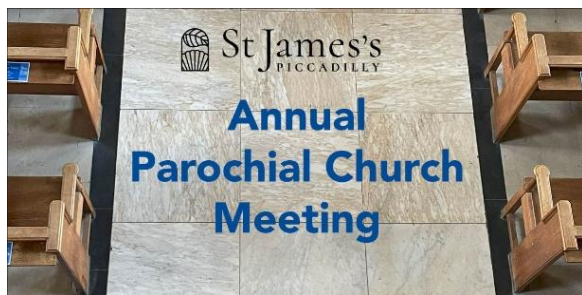
All are welcome to join us in person or online for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting after the 11am Eucharist today.

The meeting will include a review of the past year, the approval of our Annual Report & Accounts for 2025, and elections to vacancies for our PCC and Deanery Synod Representatives.

We look forward to seeing you for this major event in our year when you can ask questions about all that we do and, hopefully, come away more enthusiastic and wanting to participate in the future.

PCC member Steven Overman says, *The APCM is coming up! This is always one of the most critical moments of our year, and we strongly encourage everyone to attend.*

We have some time-sensitive opportunities and challenges to share that everyone can be a part of. If you're ever going to come to an APCM, this is the one.



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