



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# The Eucharist for the First Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 7th June 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: Life of the World; Words: Kathy Galloway (b. 1952)]

**Oh the life of the world is a joy and a treasure,  
unfolding in beauty the green-growing tree,  
the changing of seasons in mountain and valley,  
the stars and the bright restless sea.**

**Oh the life of the world is a fountain of goodness  
overflowing in labour and passion and pain,  
in the sound of the city and the silence of wisdom,  
in the birth of a child once again.**

**Oh the life of the world is the source of our healing.  
It rises in laughter and wells up in song;  
it springs from the care of the poor and the broken  
and refreshes where justice is strong.**

**So give thanks for the life and give love to the maker,  
and rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son,  
and walk in the peace and the power of the Spirit  
till the days of our living are done.**

## 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  
Kyrie Eleison  
Kyrie Eleison

Christe Eleison  
Christe Eleison  
Christe Eleison

Kyrie Eleison  
Kyrie 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** (*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*

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Romans 4.13-end**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") –in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things

that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.”

Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 33 vv1-12**

*Response: The earth is full of God’s loving-kindness.*

## 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 9.9-13, 18-26**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on

her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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.*

## **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: 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 naught 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*

Holy God,  
Holy and strong,  
Holy and immortal,  
Give us the bread of everlasting life,  
And make us branches of the true vine.

**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** (*Wetherick*)

*The cantor sings*

Holy, holy, holy,

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

*The cantor sings*

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

*All sing*

**Holy, holy,\* holy, ...**

*(repeat as a round, 2nd part starting at \*)*

*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.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

**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 **Tantum ergo sacramentum**, words from the hymn *Pange Lingua Gloriosi Corporis Mysterium* attr. Thomas Aquinas; music by Déodat de Séverac (1872-1921)*

Tantum ergo sacramentum  
veneremur cernui,  
et antiquum documentum  
novo cedat ritui;  
praestet fides supplementum  
sensuum defectui.

Genitori Genitoque  
laus et iubilatio,  
salus, honor, virtus quoque  
sit et benedictio;  
procedenti ab utroque  
compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

*Down in adoration falling,  
This great Sacrament we hail,  
O'er ancient forms of worship  
Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith will tell us Christ is present,  
When our human senses fail.*

*To the Everlasting Father,  
And the Son who made us free  
And the Spirit, God proceeding  
From them Each eternally,  
Be salvation, honour, blessing,  
Might and endless majesty.  
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: Sing Hosanna; Words: unknow adpt. by A. Servison]

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
keep me praising till the end of day.

*Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the king of kings!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!  
Sing hosanna to the king!*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting,  
keep me resting till the end of day.

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Give me love in my heart, I pray.  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving till the end of day.

**Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning  
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.  
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
keep me burning till the end of day.**

## **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.**



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## **Pilgrimage and Purpose: Building Community with Scripture**

Mondays until 27th July, 6.30-7.30pm on Zoom

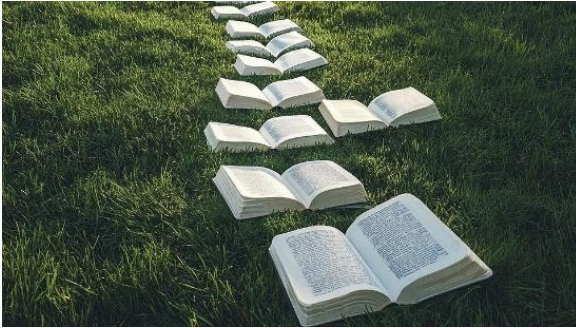
A new online weekly Bible series co-hosted by The Revd Lucy Winkett and The Revd Dr Ayla Lepine will explore stories of pilgrimage throughout Scripture. These sacred texts hold deep wisdom about people on the move - physically, spiritually, and always in community with God and each other.

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](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/](http://www.sjp.org/whats-on/) for the Zoom link to the series.



## 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.



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