



St James's
PICCADILLY

PRIDE EUCHARIST

Saturday 4th July 2026 at 6.30pm



Welcome to St James's Piccadilly

We are so delighted you are here on this day of the London Pride march! The parade route goes right past our church door and it's our privilege to welcome everyone on the march to find here a place for reflection, a moment to sit and think or to pray.

St James's is a Church of England parish church, and for decades, our congregation has been clear that everyone, without exception, is made in God's image and is mysterious and precious just as you are. We are so glad that our congregation reflects the diversity of humanity, including gender identity and sexuality.

However you identify, whatever your life or church experience, you are welcome just as you are.

The Revd Lucy Winkett, Rector of St James's

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Procession

*Bryony sings **True Colours** – by Cyndi Lauper*

Opening Responses *(led by a lay leader)*

For spaces of courage and safety to celebrate our lives.

Thanks be to God.

For the gift of being lovingly and wonderfully made
in God's image.

Thanks be to God.

For the queer family of saints, known and unknown,
who've gone before us.

Thanks be to God.

For all who stand in solidarity, striving for liberation and
justice.

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Hymn – *Shine, Jesus Shine*

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining,
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine

Fill this land with the Father's glory

*Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth your word
Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance,
By the blood I may enter your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Welcome and Opening Prayer *(by the presiding priest)*

Gracious God, give us time this night to make a prayer
that will become the prayer of our soul.

Help us to listen to the voices of longing in our hearts,
and listen to our hungers.

Help us give attention to the unexpected happenings
at the edges of our life.

Help us listen to our memory and to the inrush of our future,
to the voices of those near us and those we have lost.

Help us to know we are surrounded by so great a cloud of
witnesses and give us the eyes of faith to know that we are
loved, and forgiven and free.

Amen.

Prayers of Reconciliation *(led by lay leader)*

In meeting together and reflecting on our lives and society, we acknowledge in the presence of God, our choices and habits that bring injustice and pain to the world.

My friends, I confess before you and in the presence of God that the world is broken by the wrong I have done.

May God forgive you and give you peace.

Amen.

We confess before one another and in the presence of God, that the world is broken by the wrong we have done.

The priest says

May God forgive you, as you forgive others. May you take God's forgiveness to heart, know that you are loved, and be at peace.

Amen.

Reading - *Jesus at the Gay Bar* - by Jay Hulme

Read by Kevin Hipgrave

He's here in the midst of it –
right at the centre of the dance floor,
robes hitched up to His knees
to make it easy to spin.

At some point in the evening
a boy will touch the hem of His robe
and beg to be healed, beg to be
anything other than this;

and He will reach His arms out,
sweat-dampened, and weary from dance.
He'll cup the boy's face in His hand
and say,

*'my beautiful child
there is nothing in this heart of yours
that ever needs to be healed.'*

Music for reflection

*Cameron Goon plays - **Good Luck Babe** - by Chappell Roan*

The Gospel: Matthew 9.14-17

Read by Kate Finlay

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you O Lord.

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, 'Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?' And Jesus said to them, 'The wedding-guests cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.'

Hear the gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection - by Audrey Sebatindira

Music for reflection

*Will sings **Somewhere over the Rainbow** - music by Harold Arlen, and lyrics by Yip Harburg*

Prayers - by Barbara

Let us pray for the earth and her life, for people in trouble,
for our city, for ourselves.

The Peace

We are the body of Christ. Christ has no hands on earth but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the hands with which God blesses the world. Yours are the feet that bring the gospel of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a sign of peace by shaking hands or acknowledging one another.

Hymn - Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was bound, but now I'm free.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;**

How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest says

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.

God, we have been gathered by you, caught in your net,
summoned to your table.
As we open ourselves to your generous hospitality,
let your Spirit move among us and be present in the food we
share so that this bread and wine become for us the living
presence of Jesus.
That so with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,

we may proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing ...

Sanctus and Benedictus

Singer
Holy.

All sing
Holy.

Singer
Holy.

All
Holy.
Holy Lord of power and might.

Singer
Heaven.

All
Heaven.

Singer
Earth.

All
Earth.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
(in canon) **Hosanna in the highest.**
Hosanna in the highest.

Singer
Blessed.

All
Blessed.

Singer
Blessed.

All
Blessed.

Is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Singer
Blessed.

All
Blessed.

Singer
Blessed.

All
Blessed.
Is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
(in canon) **Hosanna in the highest.**
Hosanna in the highest.

The priest continues

Blessed are you, O God,
and blessed are your messengers and prophets
who have proclaimed liberty to the captives
and good news to all who are poor.
Blessed is your son Jesus,
who came to make known your mysteries,
to seek out and save what is lost in this life,
and to heal and bring wholeness
by the forgiveness open to all,

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way,
after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Singer

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

All sing

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one
bread and one cup.

Remembering the eternal self-giving of Christ,
we proclaim the mystery of God's presence among us in this
bread and wine.

Made one with you eternal God,
we offer these gifts of your creation,

and with them, ourselves, as we are,
so that you can make us who we can be.
And now, all honour and glory be yours, eternal God,
through all ages and in all time, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Please feel free to pray in your own language.

**Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory.
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Communion

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

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.

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a Blessing, whatever your religious background, belief or denomination. Communion will be distributed from stations at the front of the church and in the gallery. Gluten free wafers are available; just ask at the time of receiving.

*During Communion, Harry sings **Pure Imagination** – by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley.*

Prayer After Communion

God of celebration and glory,
we thank you for inviting us to receive this Eucharist,
exactly as we are.

You embrace us and renew us so that we may bear your
likeness in the world.

Trusting that your lavish love enfolds us all,
nourish, strengthen and unite us as the queer Body of Christ;
through Jesus, Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Announcements

Final Prayer and Blessing

The priest says...

Eternal God, lover of our ever-living souls, watch over us and all Creation this night. Until the day breathes and the shadows of night flee, help us to know that your love surrounds us and never leaves us.

May the light of Christ lead you, wherever you are led and however long the road. And the blessing of God almighty: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you today and for ever.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

Final Hymn - *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*

**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 break of day.**

Refrain:

***Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!***

**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 break of day. [Refrain]**

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart, I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day. [Refrain]**

**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 break of day. [Refrain]**

Thank you for joining us at St James's Piccadilly. Our church is open seven days a week and our main Sunday service is at 11am.

Our Pride of St James's group has monthly activities - you can find out more at sjp.org.uk

You are very welcome just as you are to come and join in all that is St James's Church, Piccadilly.

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