



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Third Sunday after Trinity

Sanctuary Sunday
marking Refugee Week

Sunday 21st 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: Horsley CM; Words: Jean Holloway (b. 1939)]

**Grant us the courage, gracious God,
to change the things we can,
pursuing justice, spreading hope
that Jesus Christ began.**

**Give us serenity to bear
the things we cannot change;
acceptance of the things we find
mysterious and strange.**

**We ask for wisdom to discern
the changes we can make;
and pray for your sustaining love
through risks we choose to take.**

**Encourage all who love your church
to try the bold and new;
forsaking safe, familiar ways
for greater trust in you.**

**Your Holy Spirit leads the way
to change we dream not of -
through fear of the unknown, and on
to costly deeds of love.**

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.

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.
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LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Gracious God
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in you,
Through our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Romans 6.1b-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body

of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 86 vv.1-10

*Response: **All nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord.***

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 10.24-39

"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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 in conversation with members of St James's International Community.

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: Hyfrydol; Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)]

**Alleluia, sing to Jesus,
his the sceptre, his the throne;
alleluia, his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion
thunder like a mighty flood:
Jesus out of ev'ry nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.**

**Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
alleluia, he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?**

Alleluia, bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
alleluia, here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia, King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
alleluia, born of Mary,
earth thy footstool heav'n thy throne;
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.

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 on 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 **We Shall Walk Through The Valley In Peace**, trad. African American spiritual arr. by Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989).*

Lord, we shall walk in peace.

We shall walk through the valley in peace. If Jesus himself shall lead us, Lord, we shall walk in peace.

There will be no trials there. If Jesus himself shall lead us, Lord, we shall walk in peace.

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: Noël Nouvelet; Words: John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)]

**Jesus Christ is waiting,
waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too:
make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.**

Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals
and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too:
in the Kingdom's causes
let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil
let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few:
walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

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.

***Everyone is invited to stay for lunch marking Sanctuary
Sunday and Refugee Week.***



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your smartphone to make a one-off or
regular donation.*

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church. Donations will appear on your bank
statement as 'Supported Business'.*



For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.
Our staff and volunteers.
Pride Month.

Valerie who is being baptised on Saturday (27th June), and
her family.

Recently departed

[Olawande](#), and for Rita who mourns her.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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 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.



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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