



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 12th July 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: Lux Eoi; Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)]

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise.

Sing to God a hymn of gladness,

sing to God a hymn of praise.

He who on the cross a victim,

for the world's salvation bled,

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,

now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first fruits

of the holy harvest field,

which will all its full abundance

at his second coming yield:

then the golden ears of harvest

will their heads before him wave,

ripened by his glorious sunshine

from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God on high;

alleluia! to the Saviour

who has gained the victory;

alleluia! to the Spirit,

**fount of love and sanctity:
alleluia, alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.**

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.

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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

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Romans 8.1-11

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not

according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in 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: 119 vv.105-112

*Response: **Give me life, O Lord, according to your word.***

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.
I have sworn and will fulfil it,
to keep your righteous judgements.

I am troubled above measure;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
Accept the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord,
and teach me your judgements.

My soul is ever in my hand,
yet I do not forget your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever;
for they are the very joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes:
always, even to the end.

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 13.1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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: How great thou art; Words: Karl Boberg (1859-1940) trans. Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)]

**O Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the works thy hand has made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed:**

Refrain:

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art.***

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art.***

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

**When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'**

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 **Amazing Grace**, words: John Newton (1725-1807),
music: traditional, arranged Will Todd (b.1970).*

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: Luckington; Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)]

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
my God and King!
The heav'ns are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!**

**Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing,
my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King!**

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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For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Our partnership with St Pancras Euston Road.

Those who have asked for our prayers

[Jacinda](#) and her three boys Nolan, Zachary, and Caleb.

Those who are ill

[Jane](#)

[Lance](#)

[Jahkiya](#)

Recently departed

[Samantha](#), and for all who mourn her.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Hymns and Pimms

NEXT SUNDAY – 19TH July 3pm-4.30pm, in the Southwood garden

Join us for an evening of singing, sipping, and spirited competition at our popular Hymns and Pimms!

Your ticket includes:

Two complimentary drinks

A strip of raffle tickets

The chance to choose your favourite hymn for all to sing

Throughout the afternoon, raffle tickets will be drawn. If your number comes up, you'll be invited to select a hymn from the hymn book for all to enjoy. Whether you're a fan of *Jerusalem*, *Shine Jesus Shine*, *Guide Me*, *O Thou Great Redeemer*, or another much-loved classic, this is your chance to get everyone singing along to your favourite tune.

Expect great company, hearty singing, and a lively atmosphere. Whether you're a devoted hymn enthusiast or simply partial to a glass of Pimms, there's something for everyone.

Book your tickets at:

www.sjp.org.uk/whats-on/hymns-and-pimms/



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 soon after Easter 2027 into 2028, St James's congregation will be worshipping on a Sunday morning at St Pancras Euston Road.

Every Sunday at 11am from soon after Easter Day (28th March 2027), 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, Kings Cross/St Pancras, and Russell Square.



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