



St James's  
PICCADILLY

# The Eucharist for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

**Sunday 30th August 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: St Botolph; Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)]

**I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love,  
in Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
the love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.**

**The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.**

**Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.**

## 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** (*Greek Orthodox*)

*The cantor sings*

Kyrie eleison.

(*Lord, have mercy.*)

*All sing*

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, eleison,  
Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe eleison, Christe eleison, eleison,  
Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, 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** (*Jean Paul Lecôt*)

*The cantor sings*

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!  
(*Glory to God in the highest!*)

*All sing*

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God Creator,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of God,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of Majesty:  
receive our prayer.

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

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

**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **The Collect**

*The priest says*

God of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

### **FIRST READING**

#### **Ruth 4.5-12**

*During August, we are reading through the Book of Ruth as part of our series of PILGRIM events, in preparation for our move to St Pancras after Easter 2027.*

A reading from the Book of Ruth.

Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it." Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner

of attesting in Israel. So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal.

Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

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: 115 vv1-13**

*Response: **The Lord has been mindful of us and will bless us.***

## THE GOSPEL

*The cantor sings*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*All sing*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*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 16.21-end**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son

of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father,  
and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.  
Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste  
death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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*

God of peace: you are home to the exile,  
daylight to the prisoner, authority to the silent.  
You are anger to the helpless,  
laughter to the weary and direction to the joyful.  
Come among us in peace.

*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 £10, or the QR code on page 19.*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN**

[Tune: Wolvercote; Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)]

**O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
Lord, be for ever near me,  
my master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.**

**O let me feel you near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,**

around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw me nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
Lord, speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
true guardian of my soul.

O, let me see your footmarks  
and in them plant my own;  
that I may follow boldly  
and in your strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end:  
and then in heaven receive me  
my Saviour and my friend.

## **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 *Here In This Place*** (Marty Haugen)

*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 ...*

**Here in this place new light is shining,  
now is the darkness vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in and hold us for ever.  
Gather us in and make us your own.  
Gather us in all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

*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 and BENEDICTUS** (Iona)

*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.**

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*(in canon)* **Hosanna in the highest.**

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*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, Angelina will sing **Kornblumen**, words by Felix Dahn (1834-1912) and music by Richard Strauss (1864-1949) Op.22, No.1.*

Kornblumen nenn ich die Gestalten,  
die milden mit den blauen Augen,  
die, anspruchslos in stillem Walten,  
den Tau des Friedens, den sie saugen  
aus ihren eigenen klaren Seelen,  
mitteilen allem, dem sie nahen,  
bewußtlos der Gefühlsjuwelen,  
die sie von Himmelshand empfahn.  
Dir wird so wohl in ihrer Nähe,  
als gingst du durch ein Saatgefilde,  
durch das der Hauch des Abends wehe,  
voll frommen Friedens und voll Milde.

*Cornflowers are what I call those girls,  
Those gentle girls with blue eyes,  
Who simply and serenely impart  
The dew of peace, which they draw  
From their own pure souls,  
To all those they approach,  
Unaware of the jewels of feeling  
They receive from the hand of Heaven:  
You feel so at ease in their company,  
As though you were walking through a cornfield,*

*Rippled by the breath of evening,  
Full of devout peace and gentleness.*

## **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: Andrew; Words: June Boyce-Tillman (b.1943)]

**Deep inside creation's myst'ry  
stands a table set with bread,  
and a cup of grapes' rejoicing,  
love full-bodied, sparkling red.**

**Hands reach out across the cosmos;  
each is gladly taking part,  
off'ring deeply all their being  
in this Eucharistic heart.**

**Rocks and stones rejoice together;  
insects, birds can join the song;  
flowers leap up and clouds and dancing;  
all are joined and all are strong.**

**Human voices join the chorus;  
chant and jazz and mystic prose,**

hymns of fellowship all make the  
counterpoint of One who Knows.

Life-transforming celebration  
centr'ing eccentricity,  
shape our dancing, keep it rooted  
in love's creativity.

We all bear the marks of loving  
in our hearts. That is the plan.  
In our own truth we shall find that  
truth in Whom we all began.

## 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.

### Those who have asked for our prayers

Matthew

Laura

### Those who are ill

Catherine Gregory

Ashelyne

Christine

## The Book of Ruth: where you go, I will go

### A congregational discussion

TODAY - Sunday 30th August at 12.45 - 1.45pm

Today we finish reading the Book of Ruth. Come and join an open discussion of its themes and what we've learned. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you have followed the series during August.



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