



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

**Sunday 16th 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: Buinessan; Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)]

**Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall,
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew-fall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!**

**Praise with elation,
praise ev'ry morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!**

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 heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Ruth 2.4-13

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.

Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you." They answered, "The Lord bless you." Then Boaz said to his servant who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?"

The servant who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the Moabite who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab. She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now, without resting even for a moment." Then Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women.

Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped, and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn." Then she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favour in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?" But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May the Lord reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!" Then she said, "May I continue to find favour in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants."

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: 133

*Response: **Mercy and truth are met together***

Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.
It is like precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.

It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
For there has God ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

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 15.21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

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 £5, or the QR code on page 19.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Lobe den Herren; Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680)]

**Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the Source of creation.
O my soul, praise him,
for God is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near;
joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
bears thee on eagle's wings
and through all troubles sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what God ordaineth?**

**Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely God's goodness and mercy
shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me be joyful.
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises eternal.
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again,
gladly for ay we adore him.**

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

*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, Talia will sing **Far From The Home I Love**,
from *Fiddler On The Roof* by Sheldon Harnick (1924-2023) and
Jerry Bock (1928-2010).*

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: Amazing Grace; Words: John Newton (1725-1807)]

**Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me,
God's word my hope secures;
God 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 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 staff and volunteers.

Those who have asked for our prayers

[Christine](#)

Those who are ill

[Catherine Gregory](#)

[Cathie](#)

[Ashelyne](#)

Cugoano Anniversary Pilgrimage

TODAY - Sunday 16th August, 3.30pm-4.30pm, starting in the church

To mark the anniversary of Quobna Ottobah Cugoano's baptism at St James's, The Revd Dr Ayla Lepine will co-lead a parish pilgrimage to honour and remember him as an abolitionist, writer, and Christian.

Starting at the font in the church, we will reflect on readings and prayers inspired by Cugoano's life and legacy, spending time with Che Lovelace's paintings, St James's Cugoano memorial, the church's baptismal font, and Cugoano's London residence on Pall Mall.

All are welcome, no need to register.



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