



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the tenth Sunday after Trinity

**Sunday 9th 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: Deus Tuorum Militum; Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971)]

**Awake, awake: fling off the night,
for God has sent us glorious light;
and we who live in Christ's new day
must works of darkness put away.**

**Let in the light; our souls expose
to Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before the cross for guidance kneel;
Christ's light will judge and, judging, heal.**

**Then sing for joy, and use each day;
give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as a mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Ruth 1.12-18

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.

Naomi said to Ruth and Orpah "Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my

people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!” When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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: 105 vv.1-8

Cantor

We give you thanks, O God, and call on your name;
we make known your deeds among the peoples.

We sing to you; we sing your praise
and tell of your marvellous works,

All: and tell of your marvellous works.

Cantor

We rejoice in your holy name;
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

We seek you and your strength;
we continually seek your face,

All: we continually seek your face.

Cantor

We remember the marvels you have done,
the wonders and the judgements of your mouth,

We, the children of Abraham, your servant,
the children of Jacob, your chosen one,
All: the children of Jacob, your chosen one.

Cantor

You are our God indeed;
your judgements are in all the earth.
You have always been mindful of your covenant,
the promise you gave us for evermore,
**All: the promise you gave us for evermore,
the promise you gave us 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 14.22-33

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves,

was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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 19.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Repton; Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-92)]

**Dear Lord and Father of us all,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind:
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise,
in deeper reverence, praise.**

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee,
rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love,
interpreted by love.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace,
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still, small voice of calm,
O still, small voice of calm.

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** (*lona*)

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, Lily will sing **O Rest In The Lord**, from the Oratorio **Elijah**, music by Felix Mendelssohn (Jakob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy) (1809-1847), 1846 words from Psalm 37.*

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,

And He shall give thee thy hearts desires.

Commit thy way to Him, and trust in Him,

And fret not thyself because of evil doers.

O rest in the Lord, and wait, wait patiently for Him.

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: Dim Ond Jesu; Words: Martin Leckebusch (b. 1962) adpt.]

**Show me how to stand for justice:
how to work for what is right,
how to challenge false assumptions,
how to walk within the light.
May I learn to share more freely
in a world so full of greed,
showing your immense compassion
by the life I choose to lead.**

**Teach my heart to treasure mercy,
whether given or received -
for my need has not diminished
since the day I first believed:
let me seek no satisfaction
boasting of what I have done,
but rejoice that I am pardoned
and accepted in your Son.**

**Let us find a way of living
modelled on your holy word,
in humility submitting
to the truth which we have heard.
Make me conscious of your presence
every day in all I do:
by your Spirit's gracious prompting
may I learn to walk with 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.



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For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Our social outreach programmes: guests and volunteers at FEAST and Sunday Breakfast, and all involved with our International Group.

Those who have asked for our prayers

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

Those who are ill

[Catherine Gregory](#), [Jane](#), [Lance](#), [Cathie](#).

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 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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