



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

**Sunday 11th October 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: Sussex; Words: Love Maria Willis (1824-1908)]

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wand'rings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

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 (*Ghanaian*)

The cantor sings

Kyrie eleison.

(*Lord, have mercy.*)

All sing

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

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

**Kyrie 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 (*Argentinian*)

The cantor sings

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

Glory, glory, glory, glory be to God on high.

And on earth peace to the people in whom God is well pleased.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect

The priest says

Eternal God,

Increase in us your gift of faith

that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before,

we may run the way of your commandments

and win the crown of everlasting joy;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Philippians 4.1-9

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM: 106 vv1-6, 19-23

Response: Visit me with your salvation.

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.

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 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found,

both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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 £10, or the QR code on page 19.

OFFERTORY HYMN

[Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos; Words: Jean Holloway (b. 1939)]

**Lord, we come to ask your healing,
teach us of love;
all unspoken shame revealing,
teach us of love.**

**Take our selfish thoughts and actions,
petty feuds, divisive factions,
hear us now to you appealing,
teach us of love.**

**Soothe away our pain and sorrow,
hold us in love;
grace we cannot buy or borrow,
hold us in love.**

Though we see but dark and danger,

though we spurn both friend and stranger,
though we often dread tomorrow,
hold us in love.

When the bread is raised and broken,
fill us with love;
words of consecration spoken,
fill us with love.

As our grateful prayers continue,
make the faith that we have in you
more than just an empty token,
fill us with love.

Help us live for one another,
bind us in love;
stranger, neighbour, father, mother -
bind us in love.

All are equal at your table,
through your Spirit make us able
to embrace as sister, brother,
bind us in love.

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 CHANT

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 ...

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 and BENEDICTUS (HEW)

The cantor sings

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

All sing

Holy, holy, holy Lord.

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

The cantor sings

Blessed is the one.

All sing

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

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 ACCLAMATIONS *(Haugen)*

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 and glory and power,
be yours for 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 **My Journey To The Sky**, written by Sister Rosetta Tharpe (1915-1973), transcribed by Amanda Ballard, choral arrangement by Harrison Knights.*

There's only one thing that I long for
When I reach that heavenly land
To see my saviour in all his glory
As I go from land to land

There's only one thing that I long for
When I reach that heavenly land
And I know, I know I'll see Him
In that sweet and peaceful rest

Without a mother, without a father
We got to make this journey by ourselves,
Heart-breaking pain, soul-burning shame
But our journey, there's alone.

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: Monks Gate; Words: John Bunyan (1628-1688)]

**Who would true valour see,
let him come hither;
one here will constant be,
come wind, come weather;
there's no discouragement
shall make him once relent
his first avowed intent
to be a pilgrim.**

**Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories
do but themselves confound;
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright;
he'll with a giant fight;
but he will have a right
to be a pilgrim.**

**Hobgoblin nor foul fiend
can daunt his spirit;
he knows he at the end
shall life inherit.
Then fancies fly away,
he'll fear not what men say;
he'll labour night and day
to be a pilgrim.**

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.

Black History month.

Those who are ill

Yasmine, Liz, Anne, Suelen

Recently departed

Melissa, and for Leisha and all the family who mourn her.

John, and for Pat and his family and friends who mourn him.

George, and for all who mourn him.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Choral Evensong for Black History Month

TODAY - Sunday 11th October at 3pm

This calm, reflective service using the words of the Book of Common Prayer will include music by Nicholas Strogers (16th Century London), Undine Smith Moore "The Dean of Black Women Composers" (20th Century Virginia), and Jake



Runestad (21st Century Minneapolis).

The choir will include our Lay Singers and Singing Scholars and friends of St James's.

Church of Sanctuary accreditation

NEXT SUNDAY – 18th October at 11am

Following the news that St James's is to be accredited as a **Church of Sanctuary**, our accreditation will be presented to us on Sunday 18th October by our visiting preacher, The Revd Inderjit Bhogal, Methodist Minister and former President of the Methodist Conference



Celebrating the Saints Together on Sunday 1st November

11am Eucharist at St Pancras, Euston Road

In church and online

For the Feast of All Saints, the congregations of St James's and St Pancras will worship as one community together.

The Eucharist will be at St Pancras, Euston Road at 11am, The Revd Jonathan Lee will preside and The Revd Lucy Winkett will preach.



All are welcome as we celebrate the joy and the love of the saints in heaven and earth. Please note that there will be no service at 11am at St James's on that day!

Genesis Sixteen Alumni Choral Evensong

Tuesday 13th October at 6pm

Experience the beauty and stillness of Choral Evensong as Genesis Sixteen alumni return to St James's Piccadilly for an evening of exceptional choral music.

Bringing together singers from the renowned Genesis Sixteen programme, this special service features music by Charles Villiers Stanford, Lucy Walker and Joanna Forbes-L'Estrange, conducted by Olivia Tait. The organist is Michael Haslam.

The programme includes Stanford's Evening Service in C, Lucy Walker's *Lighten Our Darkness* and *O Sing to the Lord*, alongside responses by Joanna Forbes-L'Estrange.

A chance to hear outstanding young choral voices, this Choral Evensong is open to all and forms part of St James's ongoing relationship with The Sixteen and its commitment to



celebrating and nurturing the next generation of choral musicians.

The Revd Lucy Winkett will be officiating.

This service will be recorded by BBC Radio 3 for future broadcast on Wednesday 28th October 2026.

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