



St James's
PICCADILLY

The Eucharist for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 18th 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.

Today, we warmly welcome as our preacher The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal, founder of the Church of Sanctuary movement and former President of the Methodist Conference. Dr Bhogal will present St James's with our accreditation as a Church of Sanctuary, acknowledging the work of our International Group and Community.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

[Tune: Rhuddlan; Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)]

**God of freedom, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith:
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.**

**Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood:
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears of blood;
move in us the pow'r of pity,
restless for the common good.**

**Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers,**

**of whatever race or creed:
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's need.**

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

Holy God, creator of all there is,
You make all people in your image, each person unique,
each life sacred.

In Jesus you reveal yourself taking sanctuary on earth,
fleeing with family as a child into exile and sanctuary,

enduring false testimony and persecution.

Strengthen us all to work together to build cultures of welcome, hospitality and safety especially for all who are seeking sanctuary in human friendship.

In the Name of Christ.

Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 13

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a

mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Listen for what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

PSALM: 63 vv1-9

*Response: **My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God.***

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 22.15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 Inderjit Bhogal

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: Noël Nouvelet; Words: John L. Bell (b. 1949) & Graham Maule (1958-2019)]

Jesus Christ is waiting,
waiting in the streets;
no one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too:
make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets,
where injustice spirals
and real hope retreats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too:
in the Kingdom's causes
let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
dancing in the streets,
where each sign of hatred
he, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too:
where good conquers evil
let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus,

**let my fears be few:
walk one step before me;
I will follow you.**

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 **To Sit And Dream**, words from "To You" by Langston
Hughes (1901-1967), music by Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962),
composed in 2008.*

To sit and dream.

To sit and read.

To sit and learn about the world.

Outside our world of here and now.

Outside our world, our problem world.

To Dream of vast horizons of the soul,
of dreams made whole, unfettered, free.

Help me, help me.

All you who are dreamers too.
Help me make our world anew.

I reach out my hand to you.

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: Irish tune from County Derry; Words: June Boyce-Tillman]

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection.
We shall go out, from strength to strength go on.
We shall go out and tell our stories boldly,
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our song of wrongs that can be righted.
We'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed.
We'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of a Christ who sets us free.**

**We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken.
We'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed.
We'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
vibrating love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who are still weeping.**

**Chant hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief.
We'll leap and dance the resurrection story
including all within the circles of our love.**

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.

Celebrating the Saints Together on Sunday 1st November 11am Eucharist at St Pancras, Euston Road

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!

CHURCH OF SANCTUARY
prayer for use during the week

Holy God, creator of all there is,
You make all people in your image, each person unique,
each life sacred.

In Jesus you reveal yourself taking sanctuary on earth,
fleeing with family as a child into exile and sanctuary,
enduring false testimony and persecution.

We hold before you all who are deprived of their homes
and run for sanctuary, many travelling by unsafe vessels on
unsafe routes.

We hold before you the anguish and cries of those in
danger, those who drown, in the seas, remembering
especially those who even as we pray now are lost in the
Mediterranean Sea.

Be the shelter of their souls.

Bless all agencies of rescue and their efforts to save lives.
We pray for an end to the storms of war, poverty, extreme
weather and cruelty in policies.

We pray for compassion and peace, so that people may
live in their homes and not be afraid.

Strengthen us all to work together to build cultures of
welcome, hospitality and safety especially for all who are
seeking the sanctuary in human friendship.

In the Name of Christ.

Amen.

*(written by The Revd Dr Inderjit Bhogal,
founder of the Church of Sanctuary movement)*

For your prayers this week

Parish life and events

All members of our online community.

Elijah who is being baptised today and for Manny and Ashley. Beth and Roanna whose civil partnership is being blessed on Saturday (24th October).

Our staff and volunteers.

As St James's is designated as a 'Church of Sanctuary', we pray for our International Group, and for all in the asylum process.

Black History month.

Those who have asked for our prayers

Sheryl and Tom

Those who are ill

Yasmine, Liz, Anne, Suelen

Recently departed

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

Ann, and for Jane and all the family who mourn him.

Donald, and for all who mourn him.

Nesphoro Wasswa Ssalongo Ssambwa, and for Evelyn and all the family who mourn him

Charles, whose memorial service is on Tuesday (20th October) and for Andy and for the family who mourn him.

Catherine, whose funeral is on Thursday (22nd October) and for Hilary and all who mourn her.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



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Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

The Revd Dr Charles Hedley, former Rector of St James's
Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 2.30pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for this Service of Thanksgiving at St James's as we remember our former Rector, Charles



Hedley, who died earlier this year after a long illness.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Catherine Gregory's funeral at Hendon Cemetery

Thursday 22nd October 2026 at 12.30pm

Catherine was a longstanding and much-loved member of our community, and she will be greatly missed by her many friends at St James's.



Her funeral will take place in Hendon on Thursday 22nd October at 12.30pm.

If you knew Catherine and would like to attend, please contact churchwardens@sjp.org.uk for further details.

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