



St James's
PICCADILLY

Sanctuary Eucharist at St Pancras Euston Road

Tuesday 8th April 2025
at 6.30pm

A chance to reflect, reconnect, re-charge



Sanctuary is a home for everyone, where you can belong and where we can be in community with each other.

If you are able to contribute to the running of this service, there are a couple of ways you can help. If you would like to be a reader or lead prayers during the service, please speak to Elijah.

If you are in a position to make a donation towards the costs of this service, please use the tap donation points at the back of the church or the QR code on page 14. We know that sometimes it's not possible to donate, and that's ok too. We deeply appreciate everyone's participation, support, and presence at Sanctuary.

Before the service, from 6pm, please keep silence until 6.25pm when all join in the Taizé chant ...

Stay with me, remain here with me.

Watch and pray, watch and pray.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening responses *(led by a lay leader)*

For times of silence and reflection

Thanks be to God.

For companionship in our pilgrimage

Thanks be to God.

For the courage to pick up our cross

Thanks be to God.

For the promise of mercy

Thanks be to God.

Amen.

Welcome and Opening Prayer *(by the presiding priest)*

Gracious God, give us time this night to make a prayer that will become the prayer of our soul. Help us to listen to the voices of longing in our hearts, and listen to our hungers. Help us give attention to the unexpected happenings at the edges of our life. Help us listen to our memory and to the inrush of our future, to the voices of those near us and those we have lost. Help us to know we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses and give us the eyes of faith to know that we are loved, and forgiven and free.

Prayers of Reconciliation *(led by lay leader)*

In meeting together and reflecting on our lives and society, we acknowledge in the presence of God, our choices and habits that bring injustice and pain to the world.

My friends, I confess before you and in the presence of God that the world is broken by the wrong I have done.

May God forgive you and give you peace.
Amen.

We confess before one another and in the presence of God, that the world is broken by the wrong we have done.

The priest says

May God forgive you and give you peace.
Amen.

Music for reflection

*Michael will play **Summertime**, by George and Ira Gershwin*

Listening to the Wisdom of the World

A letter by Dietrich Bonhoeffer *written in Tegel prison on 21st July 1944*

I remember a conversation that I had in America thirteen years ago with a young French pastor. We were asking ourselves quite simply what we wanted to do with our lives. He said he would like to become a saint (and I think it's quite likely that he did become one). At the time I was very impressed, but I disagreed with him, and said, in effect, that I should like to learn to have faith. For a long time I didn't realize the depth of

the contrast. I thought I could acquire faith by trying to live a holy life, or something like it. I suppose I wrote *The Cost of Discipleship* as the end of that path. Today I can see the dangers of that book, though I still stand by what I wrote.

I discovered later, and I'm still discovering right up to this moment, that it is only by living completely in this world that one learns to have faith. One must completely abandon any attempt to make something of oneself, whether it be a saint, or a converted sinner, or a churchman (a so-called priestly type!), a righteous person or an unrighteous one, a sick or a healthy one. By this-worldliness I mean living unreservedly in life's duties, problems, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities. In doing so, we throw ourselves completely into the arms of God, taking seriously, not our own sufferings, but those of God in the world – watching with Christ in Gethsemane. That, I think, is faith; that is *metanoia*; and that is how one becomes a human being and a Christian. How can success make us arrogant, or failure lead us astray, when we share in God's sufferings through a life of this kind?

I am glad to have been able to learn this, and I know I've been able to do so only along the road that I've travelled. So I'm grateful for the past and present, and content with them. You may be surprised at such a personal letter; but for once I want to say this kind of thing, to whom should I say it?

May God in his mercy lead us through these times; but above all, may he lead us to himself.

All join in singing the Taizé chant ...

**Our darkness is never darkness in your sight.
The deepest night is as clear as the daylight.**

Listening to the Wisdom of Scripture

The Gospel:

John 8.21-30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you O Lord.

Again he said to them, 'I am going away, and you will search for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.' Then the Jews said, 'Is he going to kill himself? Is that what he means by saying, "Where I am going, you cannot come"?' He said to them, 'You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins, for you will die in your sins unless you believe that I am he.' They said to him, 'Who are you?' Jesus said to them, 'Why do I speak to you at all? I have much to say about you and much to condemn; but the one who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.' They did not understand that he was speaking to them about the Father. So Jesus said, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own, but I speak these things as the Father instructed me. And the one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what is pleasing to him.' As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

Hear the gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection on Listening to the World and Listening to Scripture

given by a member of the St James's Sanctuary team.

Silence.

Music for reflection

*Harry will sing **Who Are You Now?***

Words by Bob Merrill, music by Jule Styne

Intercessions

Let us pray for the earth and her life, for people in trouble,
for our city, for ourselves.

After each line of prayer, please join the chant response ...

Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come.

The Peace

Jesus says "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be
called children of God."

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a sign of peace.

Chant at the Preparation of the Table

All sing the Taizé chant ...

I will sing forever the mercy of God.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The priest sings ...

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.

God, we have been gathered by you, caught in your net,
summoned to your table.

As we open ourselves to your generous hospitality,

let your Spirit move among us

and be present in the food we share

so that this bread and wine

become for us the living presence of Jesus.

That so with angels and archangels,

and with all the company of heaven,

we may proclaim your great and glorious name,

for ever praising you and singing ...

Sanctus and Benedictus

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 priest continues

Blessed are you, O God,
and blessed are your messengers and prophets
who have proclaimed liberty to the captives
and good news to all who are poor.
Blessed is your son Jesus,
who came to make known your mysteries,
to seek out and save what is lost in this life,
and to heal and bring wholeness
by the forgiveness open to all,
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way,
after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Singer

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

All sing

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one
bread and one cup.

Remembering the eternal self-giving of Christ,
we proclaim the mystery of God's presence among us
in this bread and wine.

Made one with you eternal God,
we offer these gifts of your creation,
and with them, ourselves, as we are,
so that you can make us who we can be.

And now, all honour and glory be yours, eternal God,
through all ages and in all time, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory.
For ever and ever.
Amen.

The Communion

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.**

Music for reflection

*During Communion, Harry will sing **Make Someone Happy**,
words by Betty Comden & Adolph Green, music by Jule
Styne.*

Prayer After Communion

God of sacrificial love,
in this Eucharist you give us your Son
as nourishment for our journey;
may we receive this holy gift with our whole heart,
that by it we may be transformed by your glory,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

*Final notices are given by the service leader ...
after which, please stand for the blessing.*

The Blessing

All say to one another ...

**May the road rise to meet you,
and the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may we know that we are held in the hollow of God's hand.
Amen.**

Final Hymn

[Tune: O Waly, Waly; Words: Isaac Watts]

**When I survey the wondrous Cross,
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his Blood.**

**See from his head, his hands, his feet
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

His dying crimson like a robe,
spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Everyone is welcome to stay for drinks and food.

*The next Sanctuary Eucharist is on **Tuesday 15th April at St James's Piccadilly**, starting with 30 minutes of reflection and prayer at 6pm, followed by the service at 6.30pm. The service will return to St Pancras on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.*



If you'd like to make a donation towards St James's work, cash may be left in the basket on the refreshments table.

Card donations may be made using the tap donation points at the back of the church or this QR code.



Palm Sunday Eucharist with donkey procession at St James's Piccadilly

Sunday 13th April at 11am

Palm Sunday recalls the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, greeted by people waving palm branches.

Gather at 11am in the courtyard for a procession with our visiting donkey (from Hackney City Farm), music, and palms.



Moving into the church, the whole of the Passion gospel is read, before celebrating the

SAVE THE DATE: Pilgrimage for the Feast of St Pancras

Sunday 11th May 12.45pm

After the service on Sunday 11th May, join the St James's pilgrimage to St Pancras Euston Road. We will travel by foot, or tube or bus and St Pancras are welcoming us for lunch.



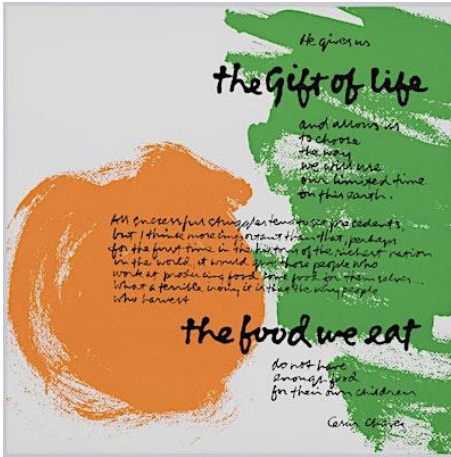
This is a good chance to get to know St Pancras if you haven't been before, as this will be our home for a year during the Wren Project construction.

Meet in the courtyard at 12.45pm on the day! Evensong is at 3pm at St Pancras for those who would like to stay ...

Sanctuary: Bethany Eucharist at St James's Piccadilly

Tuesday 15th April at 6.30pm

Join us on the Tuesday of Holy Week as we mark the night, six days before that fatal and world changing Passover, when Jesus came to his friends' home as a place of retreat, and Mary, Martha and Lazarus welcomed him as a friend, offering him hospitality – food and company.



The evening begins with an opportunity for 30 minutes of reflection and prayer from 6pm, followed by the service at 6.30pm



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