

Sanctuary Eucharist at St Pancras Euston Road

Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 6.30pm

Hosted by our LGBTQ+ group, Pride of St James's, celebrating our diverse community and welcoming new friends.



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 ...

Bless the Lord, my soul And bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul Who leads me into life.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening responses (led by a lay leader)

For spaces of courage and safety to celebrate our lives. **Thanks be to God.**

For the gift of being lovingly and wonderfully made in God's image.

Thanks be to God.

For the queer family of saints, known and unknown, who've gone before us.

Thanks be to God.

For all who stand in solidarity, striving for liberation and justice.

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 Pastorale No.4 in F by Cecile Chaminade.

Listening to the Wisdom of the World

Eight Days in April, No.5 by Marilyn Hacker

I'd call this poem 'Directions to My House,' except today I'm writing it in yours, in your paisley PJ's. The skylight pours pale sunlight on white blankets. While I douse my brain with coffee, you sleep on. Dream well this time. We'll have three sets of keys apiece: uptown, downtown, Paris on a sublease. Teach me to drive. (Could I teach you to spell?) I think the world's our house. I think I built and furnished mine with space for you to move through it, with me, alone in rooms, in love with our work. I moved into one mansion the morning when I touched, I saw, I felt your face blazing above me like a sun.

All join in singing the Taizé chant ...

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful In the Lord, I will rejoice Come to God, do not be afraid Lift up your voices, the Lord is near! Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

The Gospel: Mark 9.30-37

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you O Lord.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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

Martha will sing **The Woodcutter's Song**, words by John Bunyan and music by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

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 ...

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 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.

ΑII

Holy.

Holy Lord of power and might.

Singer

Heaven.

ΑII

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.
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(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, Martha will sing **Must The Winter Come So Soon** from Vanessa, words by Gian Carlo Menotti and music by Samuel Barber.

Prayer After Communion

God of celebration and glory, we thank you for inviting us to receive this Eucharist, exactly as we are.

You embrace us and renew us so that we may bear your likeness in the world.

Trusting that your lavish love enfolds us all, nourish, strengthen and unite us as the queer Body of Christ; through Jesus, Prince of Peace.

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: Cwm Rhondda; Words: William Williams (1717-1791)]

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy pow'rful hand: bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

Everyone is welcome to stay for drinks and food.

The next Sanctuary Eucharist is on Tuesday 4th March 2025, at St Pancras Euston Road, starting with 30 minutes of reflection and prayer at 6pm, followed by the service at 6.30pm. The service will remain at St Pancras for the early part of 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.

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Ash Wednesday at St James's Piccadilly

Wednesday 5th March at 8.30am, 1pm, 6.30pm

All services include the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross in ash.

8.30am: Short Eucharist (30 minutes)

1pm: Eucharist with hymns and music. Celebrant: The Revd Dr Mariama Ifode-Blease. Preacher: The Revd Dr Ayla Lepine. 6.30pm: Sung Eucharist. Celebrant: The Revd Lucy Winkett.

Preacher: The Revd Daniel Norris.



Ashing is also offered in the courtyard from 2.30pm-4.30pm

Lent Contemplative Space

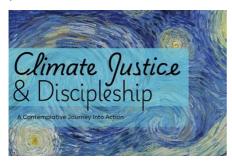
A space for prayer, readings and silence on Fridays throughout Lent, 6-7pm from 7th March - 11th April on Zoom. All are welcome to join for one or all sessions.

For resources and Zoom link, please see: www.sip.org.uk/whats-on/lent-contemplative-space



Diocesan Lent Offering - Climate Justice & Discipleship Tuesdays during Lent at 7.30pm

Engage with new contemplative practices, deepen understanding of climate justice and how it connects to discipleship and be inspired towards practical action in both personal and communal contexts.



The offering takes place online over five weeks, beginning on 11th March, hosted by our bishops.

Registration for these sessions is at:

www.london.anglican.org/articles/diocesan-lent-offering-2025-climate-justice-discipleship/

Parish reflections on diocesan Lent course themes Tuesdays during Lent at 8.30pm

An integral part of the diocesan Lent course is an invitation to parishes and groups to follow up each session with their own gatherings to discuss how the learning can be taken forward locally.

The **Westminster Net Zero Forum** will be hosting a 30 minute session for all churches in this local group each Tuesday from 11th March to 8th April straight after the main diocesan session.

Everyone is very welcome to attend using this Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89948224256?pwd=HZvkuCzU69 Aparhsbba1og3Jij2VdA.1

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