

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Aboriginal Prayer Sunday – June 21, 2020



Welcome

We acknowledge our presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples.

Welcome to this St. James' "Liturgy for use at home," which will continue over the summer in parallel with the simple said service at 9.00 am in church.

For the time being that will be the only public service in St. James'. Nonetheless, the Church's life of prayer and intercession continues. Those who live close to St. James' may hear the Angelus ring from the tower: this is an audible sign that the Church is praying for the parish, the DTES, the medical services, and for a swift resolution to this pandemic.

The Daily Office will be said online via Zoom at the regular times: please contact the Parish Office (see below) for more details. The Mass will continue to be offered regularly, even though the doors may be locked.

You are invited either to share in this Liturgy at 10:30 am on Sunday, via Zoom, or to use this as an aid to your prayers at home, drawing strength, we hope, from the knowledge that fellow-parishioners will be praying alongside you.

The Parish Intercession Lists, which are being kept up to date, are being prayed daily. Please make any requests to the Parish Office, office@stjames.bc.ca, 604-685-2532.

A PRAYER AT THIS TIME OF COVID-19

God of light
and God of mercy,
give us the faith to see you
in the grey dimness
of this time.

Give us the heart to hear,
in the silence of the sick,
the call to care for those in pain.

Give us the courage to find you
where you do not now appear to be.

Give us the trust it takes
to make our way through this uncertainty,
this fear, this seemingly irredeemable
sense of limitless loss
to the recognition of the relentless hope
that each seasonal cycle of life confirms in us.

You who made all things
for our good and our growth,
show us, too, now
the power of darkness
so that we may see newly—
beyond the ephemeral—
to what are really
the gloriously important things
in life.

*This was written by Sr. Joan Chittester: OSB; Author; Interfaith Lecturer at
Chautauqua Institution, N.Y.*

VISION STATEMENT

Discovering the beauty of holiness in our lives and neighbourhood, by living a Christ-centred sacramental life rooted in the Anglo-Catholic tradition.

MISSION OBJECTIVES

- To be a beacon for all as a neighbourhood and destination church where we invite and welcome friends, family, and strangers into our midst;
- To deepen our life of prayer and formation in Christ;
- To develop relationships and fellowship in open, honest, and spiritual ways among parishioners, with our neighbours, and those in need;
- To pursue and practice justice and mercy for the imparting of the Kingdom of God within and beyond the Parish;
- To strive to maintain financial equilibrium, develop our reserves, and optimize the use of our assets to ensure the preservation of our sacred space and ministry from generation to generation, to the everlasting glory of God.

A Reflection

"As survivors we've been to the top of the mountain. On top of the mountain we were given new fire to talk about our hurts, our pain, our struggle . . . We were instructed to be strong. We were instructed not to be ashamed. We were instructed not to be afraid to talk about dehumanization. We were not afraid to talk about the traumatization of our spirits. We came down from that mountain and we're telling you the truth of what happened. We're telling you the truth because we're tired of being hurt. We want to travel with the rest of you in a good way. From that mountain we gained the strength we needed. Many of us went to the various TRC hearings to be able to tell our story, not to be afraid to cry, the way we cried when we were abused like little kids, not to be afraid to cry as an adult, as a grandfather. To me, reconciliation didn't mean anything for a long time. Why should I reconcile? I didn't do anything wrong. Why? I was taken away. I was beaten up, but I didn't do anything wrong. Why should I reconcile to the government? To the church? But because of my wife, her strength, encouragement, I started to understand what reconciliation is all about. And as I get old, I started to understand more that I have to talk about the abuse and be able to release the pain I was carrying. Now I understand what reconciliation is all about. I understand. You know, when a hunter is about to go out and get food for his family, the night before he goes out, he speaks to the game that he's going to bring home, to ask for forgiveness. From that mountain we were given the power to honour the people that abused us because we want to live a good life."

*The Rev. Andrew Wesley, residential school survivor,
in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report*

Zoom Worship

For all of us, sharing in Liturgy at Home via Zoom is a new and evolving experience. We are all on a learning curve! The technology enables us, I think, to create a sense of community as together we offer our worship to God. It also has challenges and limitations.

One such challenge is that everyone's internet runs at a different speed: this means that if we try to say or sing something together with all the microphones switched on, the result is not edifying unison but a cacophony. For this reason we ask everyone to keep microphones on mute, unless one is reading. Please feel free to make the responses aloud at home, but not "on the air." Designated person(s) will make the responses on everyone's behalf.

We are exploring how we may include more music, but we have not yet discovered an effective way. We are grateful to Gerald for his commentary and links to music being circulated with *The Thurible* and on the website.

We long for the day when we shall be able to meet together for Mass in church. In the meantime we offer this Liturgy at Home in union with the clergy offering the Sunday Mass in St. James', on behalf of the parish, the DTES, and for deliverance from this pandemic.

Fr. Kevin is grateful to all who are making this Liturgy at Home possible, and for the encouraging response and helpful feedback.

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

Gathering together on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Tsleil-Waututh “People of the Inlet”, the Musqueam “People of the River Grass”, and the Squamish “Mother of the Wind”, we meet

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN VERSE

From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator’s praise arise:

alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung
through every land, in every tongue:

alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia, alleluia,

alleluia!

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.

Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,

all slander and malice,

and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

The circle of love is repeatedly broken because of the sin of exclusion.

We create separate circles: the inner circle and the outer circle, the circle of power and the circle of despair, the circle of privilege and the circle of deprivation.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

The circle of love is broken whenever there is alienation, whenever there is misunderstanding, whenever there is insensitivity and a hardening of the heart.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

The circle of love is broken whenever we cannot see eye to eye, whenever we cannot link hand to hand, whenever we cannot live heart to heart and affirm our differences.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive all who have sinned against us.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
+art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Creator God,

from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name.

You have rooted and grounded us

in your covenant love,

and empowered us by your Spirit

to speak the truth in love,

and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.

Mercifully grant that your people,

journeying together in partnership,

may be strengthened and guided

to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ,

who is our light and our life.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:25-31

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

Psalms 19:1-10

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

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.

Philippians 4:4-9

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia.

Praise him, sun and moon: praise him all you shining stars!

Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

John 1:1-18

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Fr. Matthew Johnson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
**from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son,
**who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
**who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

We believe in one God;
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your Community, the Church, The Body of Christ, for Melissa our Archbishop, and for Mark our National Indigenous Archbishop. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers; for our neighbours and friends, especially in the Downtown Eastside.

Reader

We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that it Teach us:
and show us the way.

Reader

We call upon the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that they

Teach us:

and show us the way.

Reader

We call upon upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they

Teach us:

and show us the way.

Reader

We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:

Teach us:

and show us the way.

Reader

We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:

Teach us:

and show us the way.

Reader

We pray for all who are sick or in need, especially for -- all those suffering from Covid-19, Debbie, Paul Jenson, Lynann Burton, Dylan, Lyndsay, Andrew, Ivy Stewart, Judy Lambert, Helen, Sarah Kavanaugh, Beryl, Daniel, Panagiota Graffos, Danny Monteiro, Bob, Doug, Don, Eric Bristow, Norman, Jim Turner, Audrey Hunter, and Harry Biden and family. We call upon those with healing and reconciling hands to:

Teach us:

and show us the way.

Reader

We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:

Teach us:

and show us the way.

We pray for those who have died recently – for all victims of Covid-19, for Maria Georgas, John Wilson, Gwen Lamacraft, Elizabeth Coan, Gail Biden, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Dan Northcott, James Brandson, John Conway, Arnold Spencer, Don Willis, priest, Arthur Evans, and Gus Tataren.

+Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Celebrant

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers.

Amen.

Spiritual Communion

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.

AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*As we are unable to receive the Blessed Sacrament at this time,
meditate quietly for a moment on these words of Jesus from St. John 6:*

“I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

Then, in union with the Body of Christ in every time and place, pray:

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for thee.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Great Creator, you long to feed us with bread from heaven.

Continue to renew us in your truth,

to give light to our minds

strength to our bodies,

and seal us with your Holy Spirit.

We ask this in Christ's name.

Amen.

THE GRACE

May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,
lead us, feed us, multiply us, and change us to reflect
the glory of our Creator now and through all eternity.

Amen.

May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, +and the love of God, and the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AVE REGINA CAELORUM

Hail, Queen of Heaven, beyond compare,
to whom the angels homage pay.
Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light,
which opened for the world's new day.

Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed,
in whom our ransom was begun.
For all your loving children pray,
to Christ our Saviour and your Son.

Notices

PUBLIC & ONLINE WORSHIP

St. James' has reopened for public worship. On Sundays there will be a 9:00 am said service, *Liturgy of the Word*, inside St. James' and registration with the Parish Office is required by Thursday at 4 pm of the previous week. The online *Liturgy at Home* at 10:30 am continues. Please see *The Thurible* and the website for more details and protocol.

GIVING

Thank you to all those who are giving generously to St James' in these difficult times. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

Although we are not all meeting as a congregation in the church, the ongoing running costs of St. James', some \$1800 per day, continue.

If usually you give in the Weekly Offering Envelopes, please consider using the credit card Donate option on the [HOME](#) page or go to the [GIVING](#) page of the St. James' website: www.stjames.bc.ca

Alternatively, if you do not already give by PAD (Pre-Authorised Donation) and are able to do so, please email the Parish Office for a form. More information is available on the Diocese of New Westminster [here](#).

DATE	DAILY MASS	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON. JUNE 22 Feria	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-18 Ps 60 Mt 7:1-5	Ps 89:1-18 Num 16:1-19 Rom 3:21-31	Ps 89:19-52 1 Sam 5:1-12 Mt 19:13-22
TUES. JUNE 23 Feria	2 Kgs 19:9-21, 31-36 Ps 48 Mt 7:6, 12-14	Ps 97, 99 Num 16:20-35 Rom 4:1-12	Ps 103 Sir 48:1-11 Lk 1:5-23
WED. JUNE 24 Nativity of John the Baptist	Is 40:1-11 Ps 85:7-13 Acts 13:14b-26 Lk 1:57-80	Ps 82, 98 Mal 3:1-5 Jn 3:22-30	Ps 80 Mal 4:1-6 Mt 11:2-19
THU. JUNE 25 Feria	2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79 Mt 7:21-29	Ps 105:1-22 Num 17:1-11 Rom 5:1-11	Ps 105:23-45 1 Sam 8:1-22 Mt 20:17-28
FRI. June 26 Feria	2 Kgs 25:1-12 Ps 137:1-6 Mt 8:1-4	Ps 102 Num 20:1-13 Rom 5:12-21	Ps 107:1-32 1 Sam 9:1-14 Mt 20:29-34
SAT. JUNE 27 Feria	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Ps 74:1-8, 17-20 Mt 8:5-17	Ps 107:33-43, 108:1-6 Num 20:14-29 Rom 6:1-11	Ps 33 1 Sam 9:15 – 10:1 Mt 21:1-11
SUN. JUNE 28 4th Sunday after Pentecost	Jer 28:5-9 Ps 89:1-4, 15-18 Rom 6:12-23 Mt 10:40-42	Ps 118 Num 21:4-9, 21-35 Acts 17:22-34	Ps 145 1 Sam 10:1-16 Lk 13:10-17

CLERGY

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Honorary Assistants: Sister Mary Christian Cross, Deacon;
Father Neil Gray; Father Neil Fernyhough

CLERGY AVAILABILITY

Clergy may be contacted through the Office: 604-685-2532.

In-parish office hours are currently intermittent but email and phone messages are being monitored and responded to.

PARISH STAFF

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