

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 19, 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: contact details on the website, and at the end of this bulletin. 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

King of glory, King of peace,
I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart
I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n,
I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n,
I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short
to extol Thee.

George Herbert, 1593 – 1633

Thomas Merton, *A Year with Thomas Merton* (HarperCollins Canada, 2009) Kindle Edition.

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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

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.

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

May we come to your altar, O God, the God of our salvation:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Almighty God,

thy Son hath opened for us

a new and living way into thy presence.

Give us pure hearts and constant wills

to worship thee in spirit and in truth;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

For neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name for evermore.

For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.
The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.

But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be
ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh - for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:12-25

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia.

Deliver me from my enemies, O God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Fr. Neil Gray

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:

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

Intercessor:

For Elizabeth, our Queen, and the leaders of the nations, that they will serve the people according to thy holy will, and for all in authority at this time of crisis; for the World Health Organization and for the medical profession, on the front line and in research:

Lord in thy mercy,
Hear our prayer.

For an end to war, famine, and pandemic through all the earth:

Lord in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Christians everywhere that we may be filled with thy Holy Spirit;

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

- for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines – Prime Bishop Joel Atiwag Pachao
- for Linda – our Primate; Melissa – our Archbishop & Metropolitan
- For the mission and witness of our Diocese: and especially
 - for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the calling of a Coadjutor Bishop;
 - for the parishes of -
 - St. Mary Magdalene, Vancouver – the Rev'ds John Marsh & Vivian Seegers
 - St. Christopher, West Vancouver – the Rev'd Karen Urquhart
 - St. Anne, Steveston – the Rev'd Roberta Fraser
 - and for our parish of St. James'.

Lord in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Archbishop Mark, and for all Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of New Westminster, and for Bishop Brent and our partner diocese of Northern Philippines.

Lord in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick or bound by fear, despair and need of any kind - for all those suffering from Covid-19; Lynann Burton; Dylan; Judy Lambert; Helen; Sarah Kavanaugh; Panagiota Graffos; Eric Bristow; Norman; Jim Turner; Peter & Rita Friesen; Maisie & family; Taryn & Regan; Lindsay; Philip Chester; Arkie; and William.

And in our Street Outreach for - the residents and staff of Victory House, Cooper Place, & Cordova House; and for Lloyd; James; Judy; Ron; Grace; Marcel; Samantha; Jeff; Terry; and W.T.

Lord in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer

For the recently departed – Divina Ridley; Florence McKinney; Susan Stewart; Danny Monteiro; Angie Tommy; and Darlene.

And for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time - Catherine Thompson; Serge Koesnik; Janis Waller; Winifred Lee; Frances Rocksborough-Smith; Stephen Parker; Winnifred Clarke; Walter Adams; Arnold Spencer; Beattie Paradis; and Nellie Manuel.

+Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant:

O God,

accept our prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

Help us in all we do

to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;

through Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

O God,
as we are strengthened by thy grace,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GRACE

The peace of God which passeth all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Notes from José Luis, one of our servers

Allport (1960) explains what a mature religious sentiment is. For Allport, sophisticated religion is not self-serving, but an intrinsic and genuine devotion of those who believe and love God and hence are interested in the betterment of themselves and their community.

I interpret the previous paragraph and understand that internalizing my belief in Christ and acting upon it makes me a better Christian and, consequently, someone who seeks God and procures the well-being of the communities I live in and the people in those communities. Thinking about it, the best two ways that I know to internalize my belief in God effectively is prayer and reading the Bible. And these two items are very well combined in the practice of the Daily Office.

The Daily Offices at St. James' consist of Morning and Evening Prayer. They are now happening in Zoom every day at 9 am and 5 pm. With the Mass, the Daily Offices are one of the on-line public liturgies that St. James' offers.

Christians have prayed the Daily Office since the early church times, it being an obligatory requirement for the clergy since the fifth century. They are contemplative prayers that draw us into the presence of God, simply to be with him. When praying and meditating, we intend to be closer to the Almighty and hear his voice without distractions. The prayers are full of deep theological meaning and beauty, being biblical and straightforward in their execution.

The Divine Office originates in the ancient Liturgy of the Hours, and it was prayed initially in monastic communities. The day has seven liturgical hours — three major (Matins, Lauds and Vespers) and four minor (Terce, Sext, None and Compline) — a seven-fold to sanctify the day with prayer and to give it structure and purpose.

In the 1549 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer combined the medieval hours and organized them into a two-fold, Morning and Evening Prayer. In this theological work, Cranmer accommodated prayers among Psalms, canticles and readings of the Bible, all in elegant and understandable English, creating one of the most beautiful gems of the Anglican

tradition, especially when they are sung, particularly in Cathedrals. According to Burns & Oates (1969), Cranmer "made them — the Daily Offices — a means of education by worship of which no Church, Catholic or Protestant, has the equivalent today".

The reason for me to write this brief commentary is that I find comfort, peace and a better structure and balance in my life when practising the Daily Offices regularly. For me praying the Offices have improved my well-being and my clarity of mind and thinking. I feel closer to God and feel the urge to better myself through prayer and contemplation as a person and as a Christian. I highly recommend the Daily Office and invite you to join us to share in one of them soon. (Zoom details are in the Notice section of the bulletin.)

José Luis Aranda Moyano

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Notices

PUBLIC & ONLINE WORSHIP

St. James' has reopened for public worship. On Sundays there will be a 9 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](#).

THE DAILY OFFICE

The Daily Office will be said online via Zoom most days at 9 am and 5 pm.

The Meeting ID is 936 5595 7573, Password 762469. Join via Zoom or by phone, 778-907-2071. There will be no Morning Prayer on Sundays.

AWAY

Fr. Kevin will be on vacation from Sunday, July 19, after the Zoom liturgy until the morning of Saturday, July 25. He will not be responding to email or voicemail.

ST. JAMES' DAY

Next Sunday, July 26, we shall keep St. James' Day, our Patronal Festival.

The preacher at the Zoom liturgy will be Fr. Peter Elliott.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary will be said via Zoom on Friday, July 31 at 6 pm. Join by Zoom: Meeting ID: 969 0827 4159 Password: 31072020, or, join by phone: 778-907-2071.

DATE	DAILY MASS	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON. JULY 20 Feria	Mic 6:1-8 Ps 50:5-15 Mt 12:38-42	Ps 41, 52 Jos 7:1-13 Rom 13:8-14	Ps 44 1 Sam 24:1-22 Mt 26:36-46
TUES. JULY 21 Feria	Mic 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:1-7 Mt 12:46-50	Ps 45 Jos 8:1-22 Rom 14:1-12	Ps 47, 48 1 Sam 25:1-22 Mt 26:47-56
WED. JULY 22 St. Mary Magdalene	Jdt 9:1, 11-14 Ps 42:1-7 Jn 20:1-3, 11-18	Ps 116 Zeph 3:14-20 Mk 15:37 – 16:7	Ps 30, 149 Ex 15:19-21 2 Cor 1:3-7
THU. JULY 23 Feria	Jer 2:1-3, 7-13 Ps 36:5-10 Mt 13:10-17	Ps 50 Jos 9:3-21 Rom 15:1-13	Ps 66, 67 1 Sam 28:3-20 Mt 26:69-75
FRI. JULY 24 Feria	Jer 3:14-18 Ps 121 Mt 13:18-23	Ps 40, 54 Jos 9:22 – 10:15 Rom 15:14-24	Ps 51 1 Sam 31:1-13 Mt 27:1-10
SAT. JULY 25 Feria	Jer 7:1-11 Ps 84 Mt 13:24-30	Ps 55 Jos 23:1-16 Rom 15:25-33	Ps 138, 139:1-17 2 Sam 1:1-16 Mt 27:11-23
SUN. JULY 26 St. James' the Apostle	Jer 45:1-5 Ps 7:1-10 Acts 11:27 – 12:3 Mt 20:20-28	Ps 34 Jer 16:14-21 Mk 1:14-20	Ps 33 Jer 26:1-15 Mt 10:16-32

CLERGY

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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.

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