

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 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

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

John Mason, 1645-1694

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 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

Christ is our cornerstone
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled.

On his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

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,

we are taught by thy word

that all our doings without love are worth nothing.

Send thy Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts

that most excellent gift of love,

the true bond of peace and of all virtue;

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 Book of Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Isaiah 51:1-6

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Romans 12:1-8

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia.

Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.

Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16:13-20

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:

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

Intercessor:

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace.

Lord in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Elizabeth our Queen, and for our Parliament and Government;
for the leaders of the nations at this time of crisis, for the World Health Organization
and for the medical profession, on the front line and in research. For the people and
government of Lebanon, in the aftermath of the explosion in Beirut:

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 the whole People of God, that we may be true and faithful servants of Christ.

Lord in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

- for the Church of the Province of South East Asia - Archbishop Melter Tais
- for Linda – our Primate; Melissa – our Archbishop & Metropolitan
- For the mission and witness of our Diocese, and especially for –
 - the discernment of God’s call in the election of a Coadjutor Bishop
 - for the parish of St. Augustine, Marpole -- The Revds Katherine Hough & Christine Magrega
 - 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 Ottawa,
and for Bishop Brent and our partner The Diocese of Northern Philippines,

Lord in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; for the victims of our society; and for all those who minister to them – for all those suffering from Covid-19; and also for Lynann Burton; Dylan; Judy Lambert; Helen; Sarah Kavanaugh; Eric Bristow; Norman; Jim Turner; Taryn & Regan; Lindsay; Brandon; Doreen McEwan; Arthur & Margaret Searle; Daniel; Sadru; Ingrid; Richard Collins; Amy, and John Sovereign.

And in our Street Outreach for - Lloyd; Judy; Darren; Ozzie & Donna; Jason; Alain; Ron; Robert; Stephen; Tammy; Brooklyn; Gary; Joseph; Christopher; John; and Sheila,

Lord in thy mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the recently departed – and for all victims of Covid-19,

And for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time -
Audley Haack; Ray Murphy; Julie Wilson; Eleanor Dobson; Connie Moffat, Jerry
McKechnie; Jean Odlum; Ruth MacPhail; Johanne White; Wilby Clarke; James Lyng;

+Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Celebrant:

God of glory,

receive our prayers with all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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.”

ANTIPHON

The earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works, O Lord. You bring forth bread from the earth, wine to gladden our hearts, oil to make a cheerful countenance, and bread to strengthen the heart.

Psalm: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have my being. The earth is fully satisfied...

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.

Living God,

increase in us the healing power of thy love,

and increase in us that true and perfect gift.

We ask this in the name of 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.

Clergy Notes

[Have you heard the story] of a very young boy on his first airplane flight? Soon after takeoff he turned to his mother and asked, “When do we start getting smaller?” Up to then, his experience of airplanes in flight was watching them shrink as they disappeared into the sky. The little boy had not yet developed what psychologists call “object permanence,” i.e., an airplane disappearing into the sky is the same size it was on the runway.

Navigating life faithfully during the Coronavirus epidemic may be a huge challenge for you. Your experience of God may seem to be receding. Where do you look for the stability and permanence you need to navigate life not only in the best of times but in the worst of times? Here are several suggestions.

- *Discover good news.* Open the New Testament and do some detective reading. What assurances, provisions, comforts, strengths are we promised in the face of loss? You won't have to read very far before you find good news amidst the bad news. So much of the New Testament is written in the face of suffering and death. Jesus assures us that he is with us always, even to the end: the end of life, but before that, the end of each sorry day. Jesus is God Emmanuel, God with us: God's presence, and power, and provision. Saint Paul's writings are chock full of his own testimony about God's strength filling the vacuum of our own weakness. Saint Paul even makes a list of everything he could possibly imagine that might give us pause to wonder whether God is with us. “Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, [nor Coronavirus], nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:35-39). Find some verses in the Scriptures that speak to you now. Write the Scripture on a Post-it note and stick it to your bathroom mirror, or write it on an index card and carry it in your pocket or use it as a bookmark.

- *Claim a hero.* Read about a person whom you revere or with whom you can identify, someone who conquered adversity. Whether you read a substantial biography or scan online, find one or more persons whose personal qualities, whose life practices, whose decisive tacks speak to you. We have an innate need for heroes. Claim an identification with someone whose experience of life enlarged and was strengthened through the crucible of suffering.
- *Write a prayer.* Awaken to the new day with a prayer that acknowledges God's presence, and names both your awareness of need and your experience of gratitude. Make this your morning offering. Bring before God your own needs and those whom you carry in your heart and encounter along the way. You might want to use a Collect from *The Book of Common Prayer* or some other source. Adapt it so that the prayer is yours.

Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE

Notices

THE HOLY ROSARY: JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Monday, August 31 at 6 pm

Join St. James' parishioners in praying the Holy Rosary.

Join by Zoom: Meeting ID: 969 0827 4159 | Password: 31082020

Or join by Telephone: 778 907 2071. Access the Rosary text [here](#).

PUBLIC & ONLINE WORSHIP

On Sundays there is a 9:00 am *Said Mass* inside St. James' and registration with the Parish Office is required by Friday at noon 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.

Lectionary

DATE	DAILY MASS	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON. AUGUST 24 St. Bartholomew the Apostle	Dt 18:15-18; Ps 91; Lk 22:24-3	Ps 86; Gen 28:10-17; Jn 1:43-51	Ps 15, 67; Is 66:1-2, 18-23; 1 Pet 5:1-1
TUES. AUGUST 25 Feria	2 Th 2:1-17; Ps 96:7-13; Mt 23:23-2	Ps 5, 6; Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21; Acts 9:32-43	Ps 10, 11; (1 Kgs 1:38-2:4); Jn 6:60-71
WED. AUGUST 26 Feria	2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128; Mt 23:27-32	Ps 119:1-24; Job 6:1, 7:1-21; Acts 10:1-16	Ps 12, 13, 14; (1 Kgs 3:1-15); Jn 7:1-13
THU. AUGUST 27 St. Monnica, Mother of St. Augustine of Hippo, 387	1 Sam 1:10-11, 20; Ps 115:12-15; Jn 16:20-24	Ps 18:1-20; Job 8:1-10, 20-22; Acts 10:17-33	Ps 18:21-50; (1 Kgs 3:16-28); Jn 7:14-36
FRI. AUGUST 28 St. Augustine, Bp of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430	1 Jn 4:7-16; Ps 102:19-28; Mt 23:8-12	Ps 16, 17; Job 9:1-15; 32-35; Acts 10:34-48	Ps 22; (1 Kgs 5:1-6:1, 7); Jn 7:37-52
SAT. AUGUST 29 Beheading of Saint John the Baptist	2 Chr 24:17-21; Ps 71:1-6, 15-17; Mk 6:17-29	Ps 102; Jer 38:1-6; Rev 7:13-17	Ps 110:1-5, (6-7), 116, 117; (1 Kgs 7:51-8:21); Jn 8:12-20
SUN. AUGUST 30 Pentecost 13	Jer 15:15-21 Ps 26:1-8 Rom 12:9-21 Mt 16:21-28	Ps 148, 149, 150; Job 11:1-9, 13-20; Rev 5:1-14	Ps 114, 115; (1 Kgs 8:22-30, (31-40)); Mt 5:1-12

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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