

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Feast of the Holy Cross
September 13, 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

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light.

As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognize it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake.

As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once. And again: Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be. And once more: Father, glorify your name. Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it and will glorify it again". Here he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross.

And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself. Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

St. Andrew of Crete, c 650 – c 726

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

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o’er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

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.

Lord Jesus,

you came to reconcile us to one another and the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,

you heal the wounds of sin and division:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,
you intercede for us with your Father:
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,

whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

was lifted high upon the cross

that he might draw the whole world to himself,

may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption,

have grace to take up our cross and follow him,

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 Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Numbers 21:4b-9

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Antiphon: Shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.
The Lord has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all your lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Antiphon: Shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Psalms 98:1-5

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Corinthians.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18-24

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia.

Sweetest wood, sweetest iron, that bare so sweet a burden: which only was counted worthy to sustain the King of heaven and its Lord.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

John 3:13-17

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Fr. Kevin Hunt

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

Let us pray to the Father through his Son,
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Leader

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church.
Hear us as we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

- for the Anglican Church of South America – Presiding Bishop Gregory Venables
- for Linda – our Primate
- for Archbishop Mark, for youth in all Indigenous parishes throughout Canada, and for those who teach and guide them
- and for Bishop Brent and our partner diocese of Northern Philippines

Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Bless Melissa, our Archbishop & Metropolitan, and the mission and witness of our
Diocese

Hear us as we pray especially for –

- the discernment of God's call in the election of a Coadjutor Bishop
- for St. Matthew, Abbotsford – the Rev'd Allen Doerksen
- for the Deanery of Yale – the Rev'd Paul Bowie
- and for our parish of St. James'.

Help us to witness to the faith we have received
by our words and in our deeds,
and daily conform us more and more to Christ,
that we may glory in his cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die.

Guide the leaders of the nations, and all in authority at this time of crisis; the World
Health Organization and the medical profession, on the front line and in research.

Hear us as we pray for all universities, colleges, and schools beginning a new
academic year in the midst of pandemic.

Support and sustain those facing devastation by wildfire.

Strengthen those who work to share
the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

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Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice,
among them all those suffering from Covid-19; and also Lynann Burton; Dylan; Judy
Lambert; Helen; Sarah Kavanaugh; Eric Bristow; Norman; Jim Turner; Taryn &
Regan; Lindsay; Brandon; Doreen McEwan; Arthur & Margaret Searle; Daniel; Amy;
John Sovereign; Sheila; Judy; Damian; Linda; Karen; and Wes Oswald.
And in our Street Outreach Lloyd; Darren; Johanna; Charlene; Bandit; Victor;
Antonio; Patrick; Darryl; and Mitch.

Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,
and in his passion to know their salvation.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship.
Hear us as we pray for the recently departed: all victims of Covid-19; Philip
Cunningham, priest; Patricia Waller; and Ingrid;
And for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Melvin
Wilson; Marguerite Hornby; Hugh Brown; Lilian Taylor; Erica Carignan;
and Joan Ehmann.

According to your promises,
bring them with Our Lady, St James and all your saints
to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

**Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

Celebrant
Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame
into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive our prayers with all we offer you this day,
and renew us in the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
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.”

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

HYMN VERSE

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.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

we give thanks that thou dost invite us to share
in the body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who didst take our nature upon him
and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption;
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE GRACE

Christ crucified draw us to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven.

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

Mother of Sorrows

Extract from a letter of Brother James, Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Boston, reflecting on the death of Brother David Allen, SSJE, the longest serving member of the Society.

My dear friends,

[Reflecting on Brother David's death,] I was aware that this has been a season of loss for so many. Countless numbers among us have lost loved ones, financial security, jobs, ready access to family and friends, to name a few. The toll of these last months is incalculable, and just as our grandparents or great grandparents spent the rest of their lives living with the double grief of World War I and then the Flu Epidemic of 1918 – 1919, we will live with the grief of these months, for the rest of our lives.

As any who have experienced the death of a loved one will know, you never *get over it*. Instead, all you can do is learn to bear it, usually by leaning on another.

One of my favourite icons is of the Crucifixion. There in the center of the image is Christ, hanging on the cross. On one side is the Beloved Disciple and the soldier traditionally named Longinus. It was he who pierced Christ's side with his spear. But it is the cluster of women standing on the other side that always moves me. There we see Mary, the Mother of the Lord, literally being held up by four other women as she gazes upward upon her dying son. I cannot imagine her grief and sorrow. What I can imagine is the consolation she experienced surrounded, and upheld, by friends in her time of loss.

Like Mary, for many this has been a time of incalculable loss and grief. Like Mary we too need the support and consolation of others. For the last several days, Mary, the Mother of the Lord - sometimes referred to as Our Lady of Sorrows because of the grief she bore - has been my companion. She knows what it is to be gripped by grief.

If you need the support and consolation of others in your time of grief and loss, in your prayer, you might ask Blessed Mary to stand beside you, and hold you up, for she is also known as Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted. At the same time, you may know someone who needs to be consoled. Now is the time to reach out to them, and hold them up, as those women in the icon held up the Lord's Mother. It may be that even in your grief and loss, you have the strength and courage to hold and console another.

However you find yourself in these days of grief and loss, know that we Brothers stand beside you, holding you up in our prayers. And may you find that the companionship of Our Lady of Sorrows, who is also Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted, gives you the strength and courage to face whatever the days ahead bring.

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is marked on 15 September.

Notices

WELCOME & BLESSINGS

We welcome this morning the Reverend Amanda Ruston, who is beginning her Deacon student placement with us.

We give thanks for and pray God's blessing upon Ian Rocksborough-Smith and Rose Keurdian, who were married in St. James' yesterday.

We welcome into Christ's fellowship Oliver Mackay, who will be baptised in St. James' today.

COOPER PLACE PARKING

Effective this Monday, Lots 5 and 6 are closed for security fence installation by CCCS. Parking will no longer be available after Sunday, September 13.

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 |
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| MON. SEPTEMBER 14 Feria | 1 Cor 11.17-28,33 Ps 40.8-12 Lk 7.1-10 | Ps 56, 57 Job 40.1-24 Acts 15.36-16.5 | Ps 64, 65 1 Kgs 21.1-16 Jn 11.55-12.8 |
| TUES. SEPTEMBER 15 Feria | 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Ps 100; Lk 7:11-17 | Ps 61, 62; Job 40:1; 41:1-11; Acts 16:6-15 | Ps 68:1-20, 21-23, 24-36; 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Jn 12:9-19 |
| WED. SEPTEMBER 16 St. Ninian, Bp in Galloway, c.430 | Rom 10:14-17; Ps 28; Mt 28:16-20 | Ps 72; Job 42:1-17; Acts 16:16-24 | Ps 119:73-96; 1 Kgs 22:1-28; Jn 12:20-26 |
| THU. SEPTEMBER 17 Feria | 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:14-29; Lk 7:36-50 | Ps 70, 71; Job 28:1-28; Acts 16:25-40 | Ps 74; 1 Kgs 22:29-45; Jn 12:27-36a |
| FRI. SEPTEMBER 18 Founders, Benefactors, & Missionaries of the Church in Canada | Heb 11:32-35, 39- 12:2; Ps 89:1-4; Jn 4:32-38 | Ps 69:1-23,24-30,31-38; Est 1:1-4, 10-19; Acts 17:1-15 | Ps 73; 2 Kgs 1:2-17; Jn 12:36b-43 |
| SAT. SEPTEMBER 19 St. Theodore of Tarsus, Abp of Canterbury, 690 | 2 Tim 2:1-5, 10; Ps 112:4-9; Mt 24:42-47 | Ps 75, 76; Est 2:5-8, 15-23; Acts 17:16-34 | Ps 23, 27; 2 Kgs 2:1-18; Jn 12:44-50 |
| SUN. SEPTEMBER 20 16th Sunday after Pentecost | Jon 3:10 – 4:11; Phil 1:21-30; Mt 20:1-16 | Ps 93, 96; Est 3:1-4:3; Jas 1:19-27 | Ps 34; 2 Kgs 4:8-37; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |

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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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