Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



The Holy Family 10:30 am, December 27, 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 for the time being will be the only public service at 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.

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent. May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options. May we who have to cancel our trips remember those that have no safe place to go. May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all. As fear grips our country, let us choose love. During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

Cameron Bellm

www.ccvichapel.org/post/prayer-for-a-pandemic-cameron-bellm

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

Prayer is like watching for the Kingfisher. All you can do is Be where he is likely to appear, and

Wait.

Often, nothing much happens; There is space, silence and

Expectancy.

No visible sign, only the Knowledge that he's been there,

And may come again.

Seeing or not seeing cease to matter,

You have been prepared.

But sometimes, when you've almost

Stopped expecting it,

A flash of brightness

Gives encouragement.

Ann Lewin, "Disclosure" from Watching for the Kingfisher

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.

Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the Lord. Now the Word is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.

From eternity to eternity you are God, and now we see you as a newborn child.

CAROL

From east to west, from shore to shore, Let every heart awake and sing The holy Child whom Mary bore, The Christ, the everlasting King.

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 are Mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and Splendour of the 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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Antiphon: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord from the earth, hallelujah.

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him.

Hallelujah!

Antiphon: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord from the earth, hallelujah.

Psalm 148:1-4, 9-14

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Galatians 4:4-7

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia.

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty- four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Luke 2.22-40

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Fr. Kevin Hunt

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us bless the living God:

He was born of the Virgin Mary, revealed in his glory,

worshipped by the angels, proclaimed among the nations,

believed in throughout the world, exalted to the highest heavens.

Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation, now and for ever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvellous light.

Intercessor:

Christ born for us,
Son of God given for us:
help us to know you,
to worship and to serve you:
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Wonderful counsellor,

you order all things with your wisdom:

help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love

and fill her with the Spirit of truth.

Bless Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Pope Francis; Bartholomew, the Ecumenical

Patriarch; and the Leaders of the Lutheran, Reformed and Free Churches;

Linda our Primate, and Melissa our Archbishop and Metropolitan;

Archbishop Mark and Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of British Columbia;

Bishop Brent and our partner diocese of Northern Philippines;

and in the mission and witness of our diocese:

the parishes of St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver, the Revd Patrick Blaney;

St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby, the Revd Ruth Monette;

St. Stephen, West Vancouver, Canon Jonathan Lloyd;

John, our Bishop elect;

and our parish of St. James.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Mighty God,

the government is on your shoulders:

guide the leaders of the nations

and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.

Bring an end to this pandemic; strengthen and guide those responsible for vaccine production and delivery.

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father,

you call us to live together in unity:

protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities.

Be with all who feel isolated and alone at this time. Amongst our neighbours in the DTES we pray for Kirsten; Ashleigh, Tom; Jeff; Elizabeth; Nicole; Jerry; Al; and all our neighbours in this place:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace. We pray for for all those suffering from Covid-19; and also for Eric Bristow; Linda; Karen; Chris Mundy; John Hendry; Daniel Leung; Christopher Pappas; Andrew; Kenny Landherr; John Fisher; Aaron Thomas; Lyndon; Chris; Julius Kristoff; Dylan; Pamela McDonald; Martin Smith; Gwen Hudson; and Carla Potter Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your incarnation you gather into one all things in earth and heaven, receive into your joy all those who have died: we pray for all victims of Covid-19; Lisa Terapocki; Tim Jenkins; Harry Biden; and Geoffrey Hawkins, priest, who have died recently,

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Margaret Connolly; Joseph Pettitt; Percy Dobson; Henry Ehmann; Barbara Gillett; Norman Southcott; Gerry Smith; Diana Brown Roy Paul; and Hilda Sandiford.

+Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father. full of the Spirit, hear our prayer, receive our praises, fill our lives. 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."

CAROL

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

THE GRACE

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill us with grace to trust his promises and obey his will. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us proclaim the Word made flesh:

Glory, thanks and praise to God.

ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER

Mother of Christ, hear thou thy people's cry, Star of the deep and Portal of the sky. Mother of him who thee from nothing made, sinking we strive and call to thee for aid. Oh by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee, thou Virgin, first and last, let us thy mercy see.

Clergy Notes

Rest.

Depending on your personality, it may be something you welcome with open arms, or a mildly offensive four-letter word. I won't tell you which one it is for me but some of you could probably guess.

Over time, (though I have to be reminded occasionally!) I have come to realize how important this little word is. RestLESS is how some of us might feel when we finally stop for a moment, and it can be tempting to become distracted once again with all the things we "should" be doing, but if God can take a day off, certainly we can too!

And in the spirit of that train of thought, I wonder, how much of our lives do we consciously invite God to be part of? Have we chronically busy people come to imagine that God is only interested in the "productive" or active parts of our life? What about when we are doing mundane things, or even nothing at all? Is God interested in us when we are wasting time?

I wonder if that's precisely when God is MOST interested in us... when everything is finally quiet, and we can allow ourselves to just listen to what God is saying. Have you ever had a friend or loved one with whom you can just be together in comfortable silence? I think relationship with God can be like that. It's possible it might not be noticeable right away, but in the holiness of intentional silence, God is present in a very profound way. Sometimes God speaks in the inner depths of our hearts. Other times there is seemingly nothing at all; just a quiet strengthening of relationship that carries into the rest of our lives, deepening the meaning of everything else we do.

We are so good at keeping busy. Noise and sound are abundant commodities in our modern technology-laden lives. True rest and silence may initially feel profoundly uncomfortable as a result. However, when we allow ourselves to stop, and to simply BE, in silence with God, we may just find there is no such thing as "wasted time" after all.

Deacon Amanda

Notices

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPIER 2021 TO ONE AND ALL!

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE TIME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

10:30 am Zoom Liturgy at Home

ANNUAL REPORTS

Calling on all Clergy, Wardens, Treasurer, Guild Presidents, Committee Leaders, and other usual contributors, to submit Annual Reports to the office by January 23, 2021. Plans for the Annual Vestry Meeting are being reviewed in the light of the pandemic situation. More details in due course.

FRIDAY NIGHT COMPLINE

You are invited to join this small but lively group of people, praying Compline together from the BCP via Zoom. We meet at 9 pm Friday nights. Bring your own book, or contact Deacon Amanda or José Luis for the PDF order of service. Meeting ID: 272 505 973, Password 688517. Join via Zoom or by phone, 778-907-2071.

THE HOLY ROSARY

On the last Friday of the month at 6 pm join St. James' parishioners in praying the Holy Rosary via Zoom. Meeting ID: 969 0827 4159. No password required. Or join by phone: 778 907 2071. Access the texts here: http://bit.ly/stjamesrosary If you would like to help lead a St. James' Rosary please fill out this questionnaire: http://bit.ly/rosaryleaders

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.

PARISH OFFICE

During the Covid-19 restrictions, Deanna will be in the office on Tuesday and Friday mornings; she will work remotely on Mondays, Tuesday afternoons, Thursdays and Friday afternoons. She will be monitoring the office voicemail and email.

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.

Lectionary

DATE	DAILY MASS	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON. DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents	Jer 31:15-17; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18	Ps 2, 26; Is 49:13-23; Mt 18:1-14	Ps 19, 126; Is 54:1-13; Mk 10:13-16
TUES. DECEMBER 29 St. Thomas Becket, Abp of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170	2 Chr 24:17-22; Ps 69:7-14, 19-22; Mt 10:34-39	Ps 18.1-20; Is 60.1-5; Rev 1.1-8	Ps 18.21-50; 2 Sam 23.13-17b; Jn 7.37-52
WED. DECEMBER 30 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	1 Jn 1.1-9; Ps 92.1-2,11-14; Jn 20.1-8	Ps 97, 98; Pr 8:22-30; Jn 13:20-35	Ps 145; Is 44:1-8; 1 Jn 5:1-12
THU. DECEMBER 31 John West, Missionary, of the Red River, 1845	Col 3:1-4, 12-17; Ps 23; Lk 10:1-9	Ps 46, 48; Is 62:10-12; 2 Cor 5:16-6:2	Ps 90; Is 65:15b-25; Rev 21:1-6
FRI. JANUARY 1 The Naming of our Lord Jesus Christ	Num 6:22-27; Ps 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:15-21	Ps 103; Gen 17:1-12a, 15-16; Col 2:6-12	Ps 148; Is 62:1-5, 10-12; Jn 16:23b-30
SAT. JANUARY 2 SS. Basil & Gregory, Teachers of the Faith, 379, 3 ⁸ 9	Wis 7:7-10, 15-16; Ps 27:1-6, 12-13; Jn 5:19-24	Ps 34; Gen 12:1-7; Heb 11:1-12	Ps 29, 98; Is 66:18-23; Rom 15:7-13
SUN. JANUARY 3 The Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Mt 2:1-12	Ps 46, 97; Is 52:7-10; Rev 21:22-27	Ps 96, 100; Is 49:1-7; Mt 12:14-21

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