

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Christmas Day Celebration
10:30 am -- Friday, December 25, 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

Bethlehem

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

What is this wonder which openeth the heavens
with hosts and hymns of angels?

Who is this babe, rough-lying in the straw
beside the cattle?

And who this infant, born of a woman,
to whom shepherds and kings kneel?

This is a Shepherd, the chief Shepherd, the good Shepherd,
Shepherd of all mankind,
who giveth his life for the sheep.

And this is a King, the King of kings,
sovereign of all souls,
whose kingdom can have no end.

Who in the day of eternity and splendour
subsisted in the Form of God;
yet chose the bitterness of a mortal lot
for us, for me,

THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY,
my Shepherd, my King, my all.

Let us also go unto Bethlehem
singing the hymn of knowledge and of adoration.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

Eric Milner-White, sometime Dean of York

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.

Prelude

O Jesulein süß, O Jesulein mild – G F Kauffmann

Prelude on “Irby” – Philip Moore

Puer nobis nascitur – Nicolas le Bègue

Interlude on the “Coventry Carol” – W S Lloyd Webber

In dulci jubilo – Dietrich Buxtehude

Variations on “Silent Night” – P J Janson

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.

CAROL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.



We pray you, Lord, to purify our hearts,
that they may be worthy to become your dwelling place.
Let us never fail to find room for you,
but come and abide in us,
that we also may abide in you,
for as at this time you were born into the world for us,
and live and reign, King of kings and Lord of lords,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Image: Georges de La Tour, *Adoration of the Shepherds*, 1644

CAROL

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

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.
Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
O God our Father,
whose Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem,
may the light of faith
illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52: 7-10

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.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.
Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

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

Psalm 98:1-2, 5-10

SECOND READING

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever, and the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions." And, "In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end."

Hebrews 1:1-4, 5-12

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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

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

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

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-14

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Deacon Amanda Ruston

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 Jesus our Saviour:

Intercessor:

Christ, born in a stable, give courage to all who are homeless.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, for whom the angels sang,
give the song of the kingdom to all who weep.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, worshipped by the shepherds,
give peace on earth to all who are oppressed.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, before whom the wise men knelt,
give humility and wisdom to all who govern.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Christ, whose radiance filled a lowly manger,
give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you.

Jesus, Saviour,

hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary, you know us and love us,
you share our lives
and hear our prayer.

Glory to you for ever.

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 [to be sung by all, with microphones muted]

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

[Refrain]

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King."

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel! [Refrain]

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings,
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth. [Refrain]

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Father of all,

the child born for us is the Saviour of the world.

May he who made us your children

welcome us into your kingdom,

where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

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.

POSTLUDE

In dulci júbilo – J. S. Bach

Clergy Notes

Greetings, people of the Diocese of New Westminster

What to say? This is a Christmas like no other.

Few of us who worked on live streaming or recording Holy Week and Easter services this year thought we would be doing the same thing for Advent and Christmas. But here we are.

And, of course, because Christmas comes at the end of the calendar year, while we're anticipating and preparing for Christmas, we're also looking back over our shoulder at this calendar year, trying to come to terms with it all as we take a deep breath and turn toward 2021.

At a time like this, it helps me to remember that our new year in the Church has already begun. It began on the first Sunday in Advent when we lit the first candle on the Advent wreath and began the countdown to the birth of Jesus. It began not with a noisy celebration but with a time of preparation and hopeful watchfulness for the arrival of a great mystery.

And that great mystery is this: God has come to us in our very flesh, God has chosen to live under the very conditions, bad and good, that we have lived and are living under.

And so we start our new year in the Church not denying what we and others have been through. We start our new year bringing all those things, the good and the bad of them, before the Holy Child, the one whose presence tells us that we are not alone and that we have never been alone. In Christ, God has visited God's people. In Christ God is with us.

Eric and I wish you and those you love a blessed Christmas. May it be a time when you experience God's peace and joy.

Archbishop Melissa

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE TIME UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sunday, December 27 at 10:30 am -- Liturgy at Home

Zoom Meeting details:

Meeting ID: 977 7209 3279

Passcode: 999793

Phone number: 778-907-2071

A very

Happy and Blessed Christmas

to one and all!

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