

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



First Sunday in Lent
10:30 am, February 21, 2021



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

LENT

Lord, bless to me this Lent.

Lord, let me fast most truly and profitably,
by feeding in prayer on thy Spirit:
 reveal me to myself
 in the light of thy holiness.

Suffer me never to think
 that I have knowledge enough to need no teaching,
 wisdom enough to need no correction,
 talents enough to need no grace,
 goodness enough to need no progress,
 humility enough to need no repentance,
 devotion enough to need no quickening,
 strength sufficient without thy Spirit;
lest, standing still, I fall back for evermore.

Shew me the desires that should be disciplined,
 and sloths to be slain.

Shew me the omissions to be made up
 and the habits to be mended.

And behind these, weaken, humble, and annihilate in me
 self-will, self-righteousness, self-satisfaction,
 self-sufficiency, self-assertion, vainglory.

May my whole effort be to return to thee;
 O make it serious and sincere
 persevering and fruitful in result,
 by the help of thy Holy Spirit
 and to thy glory,
 my Lord and my God.

From *My God my Glory*, 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.

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

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here— the goal of all desire.

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.

Cantors:

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin:

Kyrie, eleison.

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me:

Christe, eleison.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me:

Kyrie, eleison.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,

and was tempted as we are but did not sin,

give us grace to discipline ourselves

in submission to your Spirit,

that as you know our weakness,

so we may know your power to save;

through Jesus Christ our 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 Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Genesis 9:8-17

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Antiphon: Lead me in your truth, O Lord, and teach me.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Antiphon: Lead me in your truth, O Lord, and teach me.

Psalms 25:1-9

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you -not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

1 Peter 3:18-22

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TRACT

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High:
shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say unto the Lord, thou art my hope and my stronghold:
my God, in him will I trust.

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Mark 1:9-15

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Fr. Matthew Johnson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.

**Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:**

that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,

**and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
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 your 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; for an effective distribution of vaccine around the world:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Christians everywhere, that in this season of Lent we may learn to walk more faithfully in the way of Christ;

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury,

- for the Church of the Province of Central Africa
- for Linda – our Primate; Melissa – our Archbishop & Metropolitan; and Bishop John;
- for Archbishop Mark, and for Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of Edmonton; and for Bishop Brent and our partner diocese of Northern Philippines
- for the Sorrento Retreat and Conference Centre – The Reverend Michael Shapcott, Executive Director
- for the Administrators of the Anglican Initiatives Fund
- and in our parish of St. James, especially for the Annual Vestry Meeting next weekend.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those who are sick or bound by fear, despair and need of any kind – all those suffering from Covid-19; also Eric Bristow; Linda; Karen; Kenny Landherr; John Fisher; Aaron Thomas; Lyndon; Julius Kristoff; Martin Smith; Sister Mary; Daniel; Tim McKinney; Bev Coles; Herman; Eliza; and Ian Bee,

And in our Street Outreach for – Jessica; Erin; Dale; Kimberly; Matthew; Rene; Early; Sandy; John; and Hua,

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

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

And for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time – Rendel Thring; Betty Haworth; Dennis Elsted; Frances Wheatley; Douglas Kaneen; Edyth Schou; Phyllis Hoare; May Gutteridge; Phyllis Lavallee; Robert Wright; Frances Walsh; Phyllis Cooper,

+Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Celebrant:

God our refuge and our strength,
receive our prayers with all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son
transform us into his likeness.

We ask this in his name.

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

Oh! may these our Lenten days,
blest by thee, with thee be passed,
that with purer, nobler praise
we may keep thy feast at last.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Faithful God,
increase our faith and hope and love.
Lead us in the path of Christ
who is your Word of life.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.

THE GRACE

Christ give us grace to grow in holiness, to deny ourselves,
take up our cross, and follow him.
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 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

As a particular focus of Lent is a return to Prayer, I thought it might be helpful to remind ourselves of some different patterns of private prayer, drawn from the Church's rich treasury.

Many find it helps to set aside a particular time for prayer each day, say 15 minutes initially. Find somewhere quiet, where you can be focussed and still. You may wish to light a candle, and to have a crucifix or an icon close by; if you are able, you may care to burn some incense. Spend the first few moments breathing carefully, laying aside the busy-ness and cares of the day, letting yourself come consciously into the presence of God.

This first model uses the acronym PACTS, which encourages us to divide our prayer time into 5 aspects:

Praise: Here we offer God praise and worship for who God is. You might choose a Psalm of praise, eg *Ps 150* or *Ps 148*, or a favourite Hymn of praise, eg *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*.

Adoration: Here we hold ourselves in the presence of God, opening our hearts to him, listening, and offering our love. Repeating slowly a particular verse of the bible is often a way in, eg "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name", or "Be still and know that I am God."

Confession: Spend some time reflecting on the day that is past, on times when you have not loved God, your neighbour, or yourself, as God calls you to do. Bring to God your penitence, then ask God's grace of forgiveness.

Thanksgiving: Again, look back on the day that is past, and bring to God your thanks for all gifts of love shared, those whom you have met, all you have been able to achieve. You may create a list of particular thanksgivings for each day of the week.

Supplication: Now make your prayers of intercession, asking God's guidance, bringing before God particular needs: the world's; those of your neighbourhood, family and friends; your own. A list of intentions for each day of the week is useful here too.

We'll look at another method next week.

Every blessing as we journey through Lent together,
Fr. Kevin

AVM

The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place via Zoom on Saturday 27 February at 10.30 am. The Zoom line will be open at 10.15 am. A separate email is being circulated with the papers, and more details of how the meeting will work.

Registration: those intending to attend please register as soon as possible with the Parish Office (office@stjames.bc.ca, 604-685-2532). Only Members of the Parish are entitled to vote at the Vestry: if you are unsure whether you are on the Roll, please contact the Office. It is not intended to print a large number of copies of the Annual Report: it will be available via online link the week before the meeting. Those unable to access the link, please contact the Office.

The Nominations Committee Report has been circulated by email, showing those posts up for election, and the Committee's nominees. Further Nominations, with Proposer and Secunder, may be sent to the Office.

It will be helpful for any Motions and Questions to be sent to the Office during the week prior to the meeting.

Notices

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE TIME *UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*

10:30 am Zoom Liturgy at Home

LENT COURSE

Zoom details:

ID: 675 4078 9761

Password: 949372

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Wednesdays - February 24 & March 3, 10, 17 at 3 pm.

Fr. Neil Gray will lead us in reflection on “What is truth?”, in relation to Biblical Authority, Incarnation, Resurrection, and the Second Coming.

LENT

For more Lent opportunities, eg daily email Reflections, Stewardship training, Lenten reading, please see the Lent Resources 2021 [here](#).

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Saturday, February 27 at 10:30 am via Zoom. Further information will be sent by email in due course.

SEATING OF BISHOP JOHN AS TENTH BISHOP OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Sunday, February 28 at 4 pm, livestream from 3:30 – 5:30 pm. Please see www.vancouver.anglican.ca and/or www.thecathedral.ca for log-in details.

PRAYER REQUEST

Deacon Juanita Clark, well-known to many at St. James', is in discernment for admission as an Oblate of the Society of St. John the Divine. She will be glad of your prayers over the coming months during this process.

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.

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. FEBRUARY 22 Feria	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:7-14; Mt 25:31-46	Ps 41, 52; Dt 8:11-20; Heb 2:11-18	Ps 44; Gen 37:1-11; Jn 2:1-12
TUES. FEBRUARY 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, 156	2 Macc 6:18-28, 31; Ps 116:10-17; Mt 20:20-23	Ps 45; Dt 9:4-12; Heb 3:1-11	Ps 47, 48; Gen 37:12-24; Jn 2:13-22
WED. FEBRUARY 24 Philip Lindel Tsen, 1954 & Paul Shinji Sasaki, 1946, Bps in Japan	Ezek 34:11-16; Ps 16:5-11; Mk 4:26-32	Ps 119:49-72; Dt 9:13-21; Heb 3:12-19	Ps 49; Gen 37:25-36; Jn 2:23-3:15
THUR. FEBRUARY 25 Feria	Ad Est 14:1, 3-5, 12- 14; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12	Ps 50; Dt 9:23-10:5; Heb 4:1-10	Ps 19, 46; Gen 39:1-23; Jn 3:16-21
FRI. FEBRUARY 26 Florence Li Tim-Oi, 1992, 1st woman ordained to Anglican priesthood, 1944	Gal 3:23-28; Ps 116:1-12; Lk 10:1-9	Ps 95, 40, 54; Dt 10:12-22; Heb 4:11-16	Ps 51; Gen 40:1-23; Jn 3:22-36
SAT. FEBRUARY 27 George Herbert, Priest & Poet, 1633	Sir 32:1-13; Ps 42:1-7; Jn 21:15-17	Ps 55; Dt 11:18-28; Heb 5:1-10	Ps 138, 139:1-17; Gen 41:1-13; Jn 4:1-26
SUN. FEBRUARY 28 Second Sunday in Lent	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps 22:23-31; Rom 4:13-25; Mk 8:31-38	Ps 24, 29; Jer 1:1-10; 1 Cor 3:11-23	Ps 8, 84; Gen 41:14-45; Mk 3:31-4:9

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