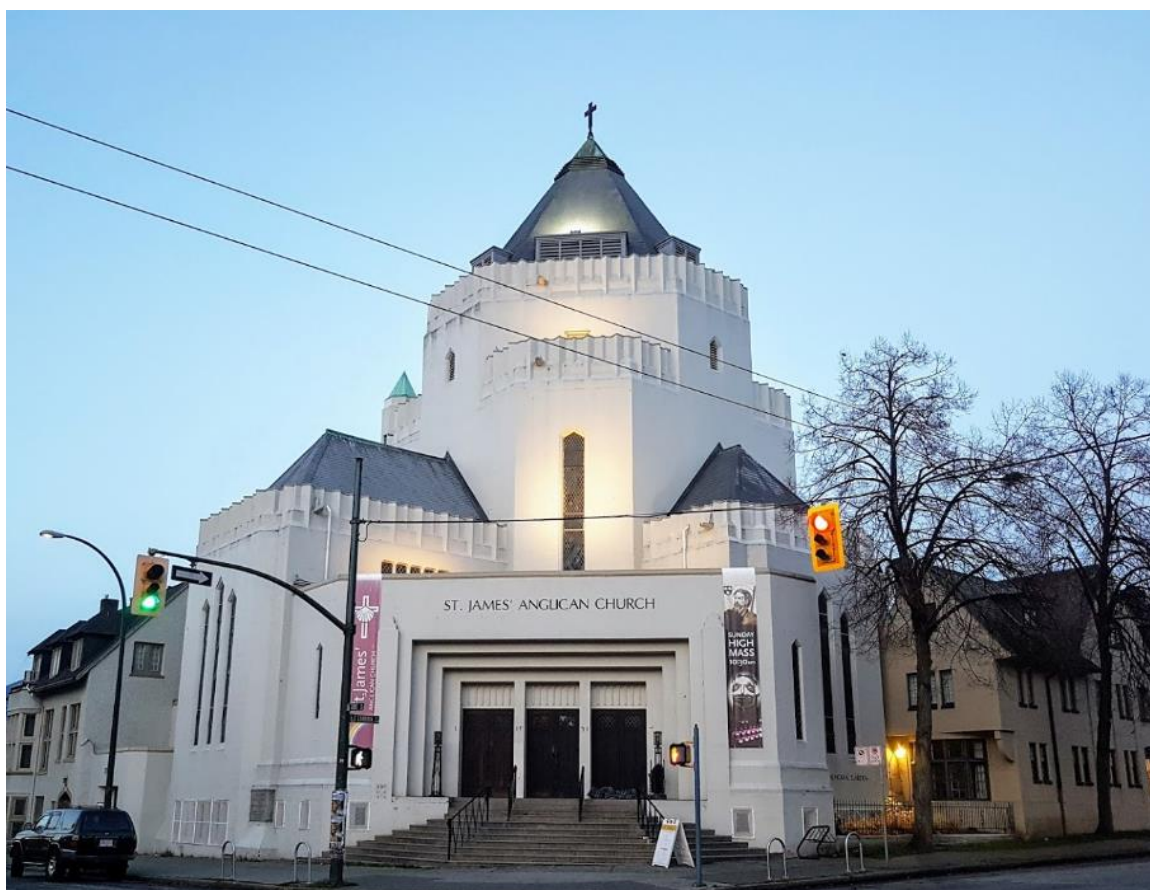


Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10:30 am, March 28, 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; ^[L]_[SEP] 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

THE KING

BEHOLD YOUR KING!

He comes, long hope of the prophets,
Desire of all nations,
Lord of the world, of all worlds –
comes to his own.

Behold your King – he is here!
The Church, the High Priest, asks him,
Art thou the Christ?
And he said, I AM.
The State, the Governor, the Judge asks him
Art thou a King then?
I AM.

The people of God acclaim him,
His blood be upon us and our children:
we have no king but Caesar:
crucify him.

King will he call himself?
Give him a stalk for a sceptre,
Cover his gashes with a regal robe,
crown him with thorns!
Set him on high to reign,
Fasten him there with nails,
watch him die!

This is the Bible King:
this the mystery of Truth:
this the immeasurable measure of Love:
the eternal Glory:
GOD.

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.

Cantor:

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord;

O King of Israel, Hosanna in the highest.

During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord’s paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

HYMN VERSE

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes "Hosanna" cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son
Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh
and suffer death upon a cruel cross.
May we follow the example of his great humility,
and share in the glory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens - wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Isaiah 50:49a

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Antiphon: Incline your ear to me, O Lord; make haste to deliver me.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me
because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to
those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads
together against me; they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me."

Antiphon: Incline your ear to me, O Lord; make haste to deliver me.

Psalms 31:9-16

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TRACT

“Often have they attacked me from my youth” – let Israel now say.
The plowers plowed on my back; they made their furrows long.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MARK

NARRATOR: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

NARRATOR: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

CROWD: Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.

NARRATOR: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS: Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

NARRATOR: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus,

DISCIPLES: Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

NARRATOR: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

JESUS: Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples." He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.

NARRATOR: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.

NARRATOR: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: Surely, not I?

NARRATOR: Jesus said to them,

JESUS: It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

NARRATOR: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

JESUS: Take; this is my body.

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS: This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

JESUS: You will all become deserters; for it is written, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered." But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: Even though all become deserters, I will not.

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.

NARRATOR: But Peter said vehemently,

PETER: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

NARRATOR: And all of them said the same. They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples,

JESUS: Sit here while I pray.

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

JESUS: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

JESUS: Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

NARRATOR: Jesus came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

NARRATOR: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

NARRATOR: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.

NARRATOR: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

JUDAS: Rabbi!

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.

NARRATOR: All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

CROWD: We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."

NARRATOR: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

NARRATOR: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

HIGH PRIEST: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power," and "coming with the clouds of heaven."

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?

NARRATOR: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

CHIEF PRIESTS: Prophecy!

NARRATOR: The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

NARRATOR: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: This man is one of them.

NARRATOR: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

CROWD: Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

NARRATOR: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: I do not know this man you are talking about.

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

NARRATOR: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: Are you the King of the Jews?

NARRATOR: Jesus answered him,

JESUS: You say so.

NARRATOR: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

PILATE: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.

NARRATOR: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?

NARRATOR: They shouted back,

CROWD: **Crucify him!**

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: Why, what evil has he done?

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CROWD: **Crucify him!**

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

SOLDIERS: Hail, King of the Jews!

NARRATOR: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

CROWD: Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

NARRATOR: which means,

JESUS: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

CROWD: Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

NARRATOR: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

BYSTANDER: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.

NARRATOR: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. *Pause. All kneel briefly.* And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION: Truly this man was God's Son!

NARRATOR: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem. When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

The Passion of the Lord.

(All keep silence.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Celebrant introduces the Prayers of the People:

Let us bring to the Father our prayers of intercession through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

Reader:

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For grace to keep this Holy Week, sharing in Christ's suffering in and for the world,
that we may be strengthened to live and proclaim the joy of the resurrection,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity there may grow a rich
union in Christ;

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

- for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui;
- for Linda – our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop;
- for Archbishop Mark, and the Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of Kootenay;
and for Bishop Brent and our partner diocese of Northern Philippines
- St. George, Maple Ridge - Revds David Edgerton, & Melody Pearson
- St. George, Fort Langley - Revds Kelly Duncan, Eileen Nurse, & Karen
Saunders
- The Street Outreach Initiative - Revd Matthew Johnson
- Urban Aboriginal Ministry & care+share Outreach Program – Revd Vivian
Seegers
- and for our parish of St. James:

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the world in this time of pandemic, for the leaders of the nations and our local communities, for the World Health Organisation, for the medical profession, in the front line and in research, and for an effective distribution of vaccine around the world,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have the courage and honesty to work openly for justice and peace,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation, especially as a result of Covid-19, that they may find support and encouragement,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow, feel that God is far from them,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the homeless and the hungry, the sick at home and in hospital, especially all those living in the shadow of Covid-19 and those who have asked our prayers, and for all co-ordinating the response in our communities, especially the Downtown Eastside,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we, with those who have died in faith, may find mercy in the day of Christ,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Karen; Gianfranco Vestri; Salvatore; Roger; and all victims of Covid-19 who
have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Brian
Armstrong; Bruce Morven; Vivan Vicary; Doris Marchant; and Thomas Martin;
+Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Celebrant:

Holy God,

holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

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

We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let sin deride;
for this we count the world but loss.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
God our help and strength,
whose Son Jesus Christ is Bread of Life.
Strengthen our faith,
that through the death and resurrection of your Son,
we may be led to salvation,
for he is Lord now and for ever.
Amen.

THE GRACE

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

“The royal banners forward go, the Cross shines forth in mystic glow...” So begins *Vexilla regis*, a sixth-century hymn ([New English Hymnal 79](#)) we still use in Passiontide and in the Liturgy of Good Friday. It was first sung in the procession of a relic of the True Cross in a monastery in Poitiers, France.

The hymn focuses on the victory of the Cross, and the salvation Christ crucified has won for the world: “the universal Lord is he, who reigns and triumphs from the tree.”

The Cross is our standard, our banner: it is placed on our altars and on the walls of our homes; in St. James’ the Calvary is suspended over the chancel step; it is carried before us in procession; it often marks Christian graves. We are signed with the cross in baptism; it is signed over us in blessing by the priest, and we sign ourselves with the cross in our prayers.

The Cross, an instrument of torture and pain, has become the symbol of our hope in Christ. So in this Holy Week let us bring ourselves, and our world, weighed down by pandemic and torn apart by manifold injustices, to Christ crucified, uniting ourselves with his suffering, his self-giving to the Father, that we, and our world, may share anew in the life, joy and power of the resurrection.

“O Cross, our one reliance, hail! So may thy power with us prevail.”

May the life-giving Cross be the source of all our joy and peace.

Fr. Kevin

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2021 AT ST. JAMES'

Bearing in mind Fr Matthew's sermon a few weeks ago, you may care to create a prayerful environment for yourself when you join the liturgy on Zoom, eg having an icon, a crucifix, a candle beside you.

Palm Sunday of the Passion: March 28

10:30 am -- Liturgy at Home

Meeting ID: 985 1005 0077 | Passcode: 774123 | Phone: 778-907-2071

4:00 pm -- Stations of the Cross

Meeting ID: 662 8624 5759 | *No passcode: Waiting Room* | Phone: 778-907-2071

Click [here](#) for Stations documents.

Holy Wednesday: March 31

7:30 pm -- Compline (plainchant)

Meeting ID: 981 9904 0263 | Passcode: 434699 | Phone: 778-907-2071

Maundy Thursday: April 1

6:30 pm -- Liturgy at Home

Meeting ID: 990 3755 8998 | Passcode: 989586 | Phone: 778-907-2071

Good Friday: April 2

3:00 pm -- Stations of the Cross

Meeting ID: 662 8624 5759 | *No passcode: Waiting Room* | Phone: 778-907-2071

Click [here](#) for Stations documents.

6:30 pm -- Cross Prayers

Meeting ID: 982 8294 287 | Passcode: 482046 | Phone: 778-907-2071

Easter Eve: April 3

9:00 pm -- Easter Proclamation

You may care to have an unlit candle beside you at the beginning, to light at the appropriate moment in the liturgy.

Meeting ID: 945 6700 2291 | Passcode: 383777 | Phone: 778-907-2071

The above information also available on the NEWS section of www.stjames.bc.ca

Notices

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE TIME *UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*

10:30 am Zoom Liturgy at Home

FAIR-SHARE ASSESSMENT

In view of the continuing challenges of the pandemic, Diocesan Council has agreed to waive the first three months of this year's Parish Fair-Share Assessment. This will be a great help to St. James', and parishes across the diocese. To read Bishop John's letter, click [here](#).

EASTER GIVING

In addition to regular giving, please consider making an *additional* Easter Offering to support St. James' Anglican Church. Use our website's "Giving Online" option at the bottom of the [homepage](#).

FROM AUSTERITY TO EXULTET

Please follow this [link](#) to a recording of most of Thursday evening's presentation. We apologize to those unable to join the session due to the incomplete passcode.

"WHAT IS TRUTH?" FORMATION SESSIONS NOW ON YOUTUBE

Fr. Neil Gray led a Formation Group that reflected on "What is truth?" in relation to Biblical Authority, Incarnation, Resurrection, and the Second Coming.

These sessions are viewable on YouTube.

Session 1. Is the Bible true? [Video](#)

Session 2. Was Jesus really God's Son? [Video](#)

Session 3. Did Jesus actually rise from the dead? [Video](#)

Session 4: When exactly will Jesus come again? [Video](#)

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](#).

DATE	DAILY MASS	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON. MARCH 29 Holy Monday	Is 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11; Heb 9:11-15; Jn 12:1-11	Ps 51:1-18; Jer 12:1-16; Phil 3:1-14	Ps 69:1-23; Lam 1:1-2, 6-12; Jn 12:9-19
TUES. MARCH 30 Holy Tuesday	Is 49:1-7; Ps 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Jn 12:20-36	Ps 6, 12; Jer 15:10-21; Phil 3:15-21	Ps 94; Lam 1:17-22; Jn 12:20-26
WED. MARCH 31 Holy Wednesday 7:30 pm Compline	Is 50: 4-9a; Ps 70; Heb 12:1-3; Jn 13:21-32	Ps 55; Jer 17:5-10, 14-17; Phil 4:1-13	Ps 74; Lam 2:1-9; Jn 12:27-36
THUR. APRIL 1 Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm: Liturgy at Home	1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15	Ps 102; Jer 20:7-11; 1 Cor 10:14-17, 11:27-32	Ps 142, 143; Lam 2:10-18; Jn 17:1-11
FRI. APRIL 2 Good Friday 3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm: Cross Prayers	Jn 19:28-42	Ps 95, 22; Wis 1:16-2:1, 12-22; Jn 13:36-38	Ps 40:1-14, 54; Lam 3:1-9, 19-33; 1 Pet 1:10-20
SAT. APRIL 3 Holy Saturday 9:00 pm: Easter Proclamation	Rom 6.3-11 Mk 16.1-8	Ps 95, 88; Job 19:21-27a; Heb 4:1-16	Ps 27; Lam 3:37-58; Rom 8:1-11
SUN. APRIL 4 Easter Sunday 10:30 am: Liturgy at Home	Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Jn 20:1-18	Ps 148, 149, 150; Ex 12:1-14; Jn 1:1-18	Ps 113, 114; Is 51:9-11; Lk 24:13-35

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