

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Feast of St. Michael & All Angels
September 26, 2021 | 9:00 am



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". In addition to this service, there will be Solemn Mass in Church at 10:30 am. (This is of course subject to change in accordance with Provincial and Diocesan Guidelines). For the time being, there will continue to be a Mass every Saturday at 4:00 pm, and every Wednesday at 12:10 pm.

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.

You are invited either to share in this Liturgy at 9:00 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.

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

Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvellous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity.

Albert Einstein

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN VERSE

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
Bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' Choirs,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Woe is me, for I am lost;
I am a person of unclean lips.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Our guilt is taken away,
and our sin is forgiven.
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.
Eternal God,
you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order
the ministries of angels and mortals.
Grant that as your holy angels stand before you in heaven,
so at your command
they may help and defend us here on earth;
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.

Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it!" And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Genesis 28:10-17

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, *
and his kingship has dominion over all.

**Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, *
and hearken to the voice of his word.**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, *
you ministers of his who do his will.

**Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; *
bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Psalm 103:19-22

SECOND READING

A reading from the Revelation to John.

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world - he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Revelation 12:7-12

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle: that we perish not in the dreadful judgment. **Alleluia.**

THE 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.

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

John 1:47-51

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Deacon Joyce Locht

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
**from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son,
**who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
**who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

We believe in one God;
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

Intercessor

Father in heaven,

by his blood your Christ has ransomed us to you,
and has made us a kingdom and priests to you our God.

As the angels minister to you in heaven,
strengthen your Church to serve you here on earth.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

- the Episcopal Church
- Linda our Primate; Lynn our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop
- Archbishop Mark & all members of the Council of General Synod as they work to do the mission of the church
- and Bishop Brent & our partner The Diocese of Northern Philippines.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide the mission and witness of our Diocese, and bless the parishes of:

- St. Michael, Surrey - The Venerable Luisito Engnan
- St. Michael, Vancouver - The Reverend Wilmer Toyoken, The Reverend Eric Stroo
- and our parish of St. James.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Father in heaven,

when the angels greeted the birth of your Son
they sang for joy "Glory to God and peace on earth".

Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.

Bring to an end war, famine, wildfire and pandemic.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Father in heaven,
your Son has promised to your children
the care of the guardian angels who look upon your face.
Protect by your mercy our neighbours, families and friends;
among them in our Street Outreach: Lloyd; Gabriel; Hightower; Hank & Samantha;
staff & residents of Sheway Women's Centre; and physicians, nurses & staff at the
Downtown Community Health Centre,
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Father in heaven,
you give your angels charge over those who trust in you
to guard them in all their ways.
Be with those in trouble: Julius Kristoff; Lynann Burton; Tina; James; Jan Strehler;
Carmelita Benjamin; Reg Lee; Tammy Hudson; Charles Nixon; Martin; Antonio; John;
Sharlene Donaghey; Paul Greenwell; Charles Nixon, junior; Linda Constantineau;
Rupert Fawdry; Lindsay; Helen; Stanley Jing; Daniel Buch; Karen; Joyce Goodwin;
Kelvin; Ben; and Elaine Jan,
Rescue them and show them your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Father in heaven,
your angel declares "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."
"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit,
"for they may rest from their labours,
for they take with them the record of their deeds."

Enfold in your love all those who have died recently: Virginia Woods Briant, priest;
and Vincent Atwell,

And all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time –
Donald Christie; John Prince; Florence Stanwood; Muriel Walton; Violet Nairn;
Lillian Bethune; John Leslie Chick; Mary Dantu; Gwen Manuel; Margaret Carter-
Kussey; Gerald Clapp; James Retter; Clifford Sinclair

+Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Celebrant

Father in heaven,

the angels sing by day and night around your throne:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty.”

With Michael, prince of the angels, who contends by our side,

with Gabriel, your herald, who brings glad tidings,

with Raphael, the protector, who ministers your healing,

and with the whole company of heaven,

we worship you, we give you glory,

we sing your praise and exalt 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."

Then, in union with the Body of Christ in every time and place, pray:

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

HYMN

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
you long to feed us with the bread of angels.
May we who come under their protection,
like them give you continual service and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GRACE

The peace of God which passes all understanding,
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

May the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
+and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AVE REGINA CAELORUM

Hail, Queen of Heaven, beyond compare,
to whom the angels homage pay.
Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light,
which opened for the world's new day.

Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed,
in whom our ransom was begun.
For all your loving children pray,
to Christ our Saviour and your Son.

The flowers on the High Altar
are given to the Glory of God,

and in loving memory of
the members of the Women's Guild.

Clergy Notes

The celebration of St. Michael and All Angels is one of my favourite ones because it invites us into the mystery of God that Scripture talks openly about, but which our rational modern minds may explain away as ancient misunderstanding or allegory.

The fact is, that angels are spoken about in Scripture — both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament — *a lot*. Roughly translated, the Greek word for angel, *angelos* means “messenger”, or “one that announces.” Angels in the New Testament are often doing just that. So, angels are not these fairy-like winged babies that art and popular culture have made of them, but rather otherworldly beings who are emissaries of God’s own self. Angels are a separate order from humans and although we often imagine them as having a human-like form, their descriptions in the prophetic books make them sound fearsome indeed. Is it any wonder that most biblical figures who were visited by an angel reacted with fear?

The archangel Michael is one of the patron saints of artists, and as such, holds a special place in my heart. Having an angel looking after you seems a bit like having a private bodyguard, doesn’t it? We may speak about having a “guardian angel” and folks who do good works are often referred to as being “angels.”

But there is no “proof” for any of this, is there? So our rational selves, at some level, may have dismissed the idea of angels as being entirely imaginary, and a product of ancient superstition. However, I think we do so at the expense of an important insight into God.

There is, indeed, very little we can say about God definitively. Most of our understanding of God is conjecture and must necessarily change over time, as we deepen in relationship with our faith community and Christ himself. Therefore, a large portion of God’s nature remains a mystery and — it is my conviction — that angels may well fall into the reality of that mysterious realm.

Would it be such a bad thing to allow the spirit of wonder to overcome us when we meditate on the Divine? If contemplating the role of angels helps us do that, I say, so much the better.

Mother Amanda

Notices

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE TIME *UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE*

9:00 am: Liturgy at Home via Zoom

10:30 am: Solemn Mass in Church

EVERY SATURDAY

Said Mass at 4:00 pm in church.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Mass at 12:10 pm in church.

VACATION

Fr. Kevin will be on leave from Wednesday evening September 15 until Thursday evening October 7. He will not be reviewing email during this time. For all parish matters, please contact the Parish Office (office@stjames.bc.ca, 604-685-2532) in the first instance.

FORMATION: AFTER DINNER DISCUSSION

Join us for this 4-week series of discussions (via Zoom) about how we live out our faith in the “real world” with topics such as: how the pandemic has changed the way we think about our relationships with God and with each other; how we can address spiritual hunger in our communities; and our baptismal role in caring for creation. For the next two weeks we will discuss the Season of Creation, and what it means for us as baptized Christians. All are welcome! Thursdays at 6:30 pm beginning September 16. Zoom details: Meeting ID: 958 4044 9798 | Passcode: 904409 | Phone: 778-907-2071

FLOWER DEDICATIONS SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2021

As we are now attending in person for Sunday Mass at 10:30 am, the Flower Guild is arranging flowers for the High Altar on a regular basis. The dedication chart is now on display in the Narthex, but the format is different from former ones. There is one long line beside each Sunday as, for the time being, we are only doing arrangements for the High Altar. If parishioners wish to have arrangements in the Lady Chapel, they must indicate clearly on the chart. It is important that all parishioners wishing to donate flowers should phone or email the church office with their dedication and money. Many thanks, *The Flower Guild*

THE DAILY OFFICE: NEW MEETING ID

The Daily Office will be said online via Zoom most days at 9 am and 5 pm.

NB: NEW MEETING ID: 986 3976 8391, password remains 762469. Join via Zoom or by phone, 778-907-2071. There will be no Morning Prayer on Sundays.

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 Mother Amanda 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](#). If you would like to help lead a St. James' Rosary please fill out this [questionnaire](#).

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. September 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest & Prophetic Witness, 1660	Zech 8:1-8; Ps 102:11-22; Lk 9:46-50	Ps 89:1-18; 2 Kgs 17:24-41; 1 Cor 7:25-31	Ps 89:19-52; Hos 2:14-23; Mt 6:25-34
TUES. September 28 Feria	Zech 8:20-23; Ps 87; Lk 9:51-56	Ps 97, 99; 2 Chr 29:1-3, 30:1, 10-27; 1 Cor 7:32-40	Ps 94 Hos 4.1-10 Mt 7.1-12
WED. September 29 Feria	Neh 2.1-8 Ps 137.1-6 Lk 9.57-62	Ps 101,109.1-4, 20-30 2 Kgs 18.9-25 1 Cor 8.1-13	Ps 119.121-144 Hos 4.11-19 Mt 7.13-21
THUR. September 30 St. Jerome, Priest & Monk of Bethlehem, 420	Neh 8:1-3, 5-8; Ps 119:105-112; Lk 24:44-48	Ps 105:1-22; 2 Kgs 18:28-37; 1 Cor 9:1-15	Ps 105:23-45; Hos 5:8-6:6; Mt 7:22-29
FRI. October 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Teacher of the Faith, 1897	Bar 1:15-21; Ps 79:1-9; Lk 10:13-16	Ps 102; 2 Kgs 19:1-20; 1 Cor 9:16-27	Ps 107:1-32; Hos 10:1-15; Mt 8:1-17
SAT. October 2 Holy Guardian Angels	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:34-38; Lk 10:17-24	Ps 107:33-43, 108:1-6; 2 Kgs 19:21-36; 1 Cor 10:1-13	Ps 24 2 Chr 7.11-16 Jn 4.19-29
SUN. October 3 Dedication of St. James' Church	Rev 21.9-14 Ps 122 1 Pet 2.1-10 Jn 10.22-29	Ps 118; 2 Kgs 20:1-21; Acts 12:1-17	Ps 145; Hos 13:4-14; Lk 7:11-17

CLERGY

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