

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 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

TODAY

LORD, help us to add to the world's tale of goodness
today, in thy Name and by thine aid.

Lord, in all the love, joy, and loveliness about our path
this day, let us descry thine hand and praise thee.

Lord, in this day's difficulties, keep us serene of heart
and faithful to thy will.

Lord, do thou open opportunity this day to bear with
thee the pains and burdens of others.

Lord, grant us today to contend for truth, if only by
a word.

Lord, make our faith this day to grow and glow, as a
flame leaping upward.

Yea, Lord, while it is called today, let thy countenance
lighten upon us
that we may advance from weakness to glory,
from struggle to peace,
towards the perfect day and the endless light. Amen.

My God, My Glory, Eric Milner-White, sometime Dean of York

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

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates,
behold the King of glory waits,
the King of Kings is drawing near,
the Saviour of the world is here.

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 came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:
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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life

in which your Son Jesus Christ

came to us in great humility,

that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge both the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him 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 Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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.

Psalm 25:1-10

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Show us your mercy, O Lord: and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luke 21:25-36

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Fr. Kevin Hunt

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
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 the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Elizabeth our Queen, and for our Parliament and Government;
for the leaders of the nations at this time of crisis, for the World Health Organization
and for the medical profession, on the front line and in research.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For an end to war, famine, flood, and pandemic through all the earth; for our
Province in this time of disaster, and for all who seek to bring relief.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the whole People of God, that in this Advent season we may prepare the way for
the coming of your kingdom, here on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

- for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- for Linda – our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop
- for Archbishop Mark, and for Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of Caledonia;
and for Bishop Brent and our partner diocese of Northern Philippines
- for General Synod Staff – the Venerable Alan Perry, General Secretary
- for St. Andrew, Langley - The Reverends Andrew Halladay, Helen Lingham, &
Lorie Martin
- for our parish of St. James

- and in thanksgiving on the 45th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women as priests in the Anglican Church of Canada.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them – for those suffering as a result of flood and landslide in our Province, and for Julius Kristoff; Lynann Burton; Tina; James; Martin; Antonio; Paul Greenwell; Rupert Fawdry; Lindsay; Daniel Buch; Karen; Joyce Goodwin; Ben; Elaine Jan; Liam & Kayla; Valerie Hasping; Janelle; Charlotte; Heather; Anna Wood; Margaret Derrick; Viola Parker; and Reg Lee,

And in our Street Outreach for - Lloyd; Gabriel; Jay; Robert; Jason; and for Dr. Brian Conway and the Vancouver Infectious Diseases Center & for the Liver Health Pop-up Clinic here at St. James' this week,

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the recently departed –Graeme Brownlee, priest; Bernie Thiessen; Dennis Morgan, priest; Bruce Devitt; and for all who have died recently,

And for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time – Bill Lemmon; Pearl Osmond; Dorothy Carpenter; Stanley Clarke; Robert Ing; Ronald Sands; Laurence Matthews; Ernest & Nellie Bateman; Marie Monks; Robert Harker; Brian & Winnifred Brewer; and Shirley Stokan,

+Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Celebrant:

Rejoicing in the fellowship of Holy Mary, the Mother of God, St. James our Patron, and all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, our Lord and God.

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

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GRACE

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory.

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.

Clergy Notes

So the Church's New Year, Advent, begins, as we continue to journey through, and God-willing out of, this pandemic, and as our Province is beset by flood and landslide, following on from the extreme wildfires of the summer and early fall. Challenges face us, on several fronts. Advent looks to the fulfilment of God's kingdom, in judgment, in mercy, in redemption, and in glory.

We are reminded once again of God's call to repentance, to allow ourselves to be transformed and renewed; of his invitation to walk more faithfully in the way of Christ, who gave and ever gives himself, "for us, and for our salvation". We are to open our eyes to recognise Christ as he comes to meet us, even in the midst of these uncertain times.

I am thankful for the way in which our community at St. James' has held together through this Covid-time, not least through our Zoom Liturgy at Home, Daily Office, and Formation Sessions. Thanks be to God for this technology, which though not perfect, continues to be a blessing.

Currently our Sunday congregation shares itself fairly evenly between the 9:00 am Zoom Liturgy at Home, and the 10:30 am Solemn Mass. The Zoom Liturgy quite properly permits those at a distance and those not yet ready or able to come in person to join together in worship. We intend to continue this service certainly into the medium term. Attendance in church is increasing slowly but surely, as we proceed with caution to open up. It is good to have the organ and choir, and for the congregation to be able to sing. It is good too to offer Mass with some of our customary, though simplified, ceremonial.

Liturgy at Home is offered in the contemporary language of the *Book of Alternative Services*, almost 40 years old now. As we have re-opened, in parallel to this we have been using in church the contemporary language *BAS* rite, taking advantage of its insights drawn from the liturgical movement, and the different theological perspectives offered in its prayers.

To respect the heritage of the traditional rite drawn from the *Book of Common Prayer*, during Advent (and later in Lent), we shall use the Confession and a Eucharistic Prayer in traditional language, from the *1962 Rite* in the *BAS*. This will afford different complexions in our celebration of the liturgical seasons, as in the words of Jesus in St. Matthew's Gospel we "bring out of our treasure what is new and what is old".

"The Lord says, Surely I come quickly: Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

Advent Blessings,
Fr. Kevin

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.

THIS EVENING AT 4 PM ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, November 28 at 4 pm in church

BC FLOOD & LANDSLIDE

Please continue to pray for all suffering and fearful in the face of the flooding and landslides in our Province. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund is accepting donations to offer support in BC. Please see the link below, if you would like to contribute. (NB The Prayer Vigil mentioned in the article took place last Sunday.) The Parish has made a significant contribution to this appeal from its Outreach funds. <https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-for-b-c/>

ORDO KALENDAR 2022 & MARMALADE

Next year's Ordo Kalendar may be picked up at the 10:30 am Sunday Mass: donations of \$10 are invited. Women's Guild Marmalade will also be available then: donations invited.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

The United Nations' 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and abuse is an international campaign. It takes place Nov. 25 (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 Dec. 10 (Human Rights Day). Started 30 years ago by activists at the Women's Global Leadership Institute, the 16 Days are used by the Mothers' Union and over 6000 organizations from approximately 187 countries to raise awareness of, and call for an end to, gender-based violence in all its forms and in all societies. GBV can affect any person at any

time and global statistics demonstrate that women and girls are particularly at risk to a ratio of 1 in 3.

Lord, today we make a commitment to take a stand: to say No more 1 in 3; to use our eyes to see where change needs to be made; to use our voices to challenge injustice in our world. May we support people experiencing abuse, enabling them to reach their full potential and may we call for change. Amen.

For more information click [here](#) and remember to pick up a white ribbon or moose-hide square in the Narthex this Sunday.

THANK YOU

The members of St. James' Mothers' Union thank parishioners for supporting their sale of Christmas cards on the last two Sundays in October. We raised \$535, most of which will be donated to Canadian Mothers' Union projects -- the Northern Clergy Families' Fund, and the Parenting Program.

ADVENT FORMATION

"How do things stand between me and God? Where am I coming from and where is my life in Christ growing?" We can answer these questions only if we take time to reflect, and Advent is a perfect time to do this inner reflection. Join us for this three-week series as we explore the Ignatian Examen together. Thursday evenings at 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Zoom, Dec 2, 9, 16. Meeting ID: 95840449798, Passcode: 904409.

ADVENT RETREAT: EMBRACING THE GIFT OF LIFE

Sat. Dec. 4 at 10:30 - 12 noon on Zoom.

Join Deacon Joyce Lochter in exploring compassion for self and others, as well as sources of compassion, that help allow, and deepen our embrace of the gift of life.

To register, contact: joyce.lochter@gmail.com or 604-614-9915

MIDNIGHT MASS

At the Midnight Mass of Christmas we will be hosting an ensemble of professional musicians who will accompany our choir in the presentation of Marc-Antoine Charpentier's delightful *Messe de minuit pour Noël*. The special appeal of this French Baroque setting lies in its use of no fewer than ten traditional French carols, while impressively revealing Charpentier's mastery of the concertante style.

THE DAILY OFFICE

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

Meeting ID: 986 3976 8391, Password 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—CHANGE OF TIME

On the last Saturday of the month at 10:30 am, 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.

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. November 29 Feria	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-13	Ps 1, 2, 3; Am 2:6-16; 2 Pet 1:1-11	Ps 4, 7; Is 1:10-20; Mt 21:1-11
TUES. November 30 St. Andrew the Apostle	Dt 30:11-14; Ps 19:1-6; Mt 4:18-22	Ps 34; Is 49:1-6; 1 Cor 4:1-16	Ps 96, 100; Is 55:1-5; Jn 1:35-42
WED. December 1 Bl. Charles de Foucauld, Hermit & Martyr in the Sahara, 1916	Is 25:6-9; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-39	Ps 119:1-24; Am 3:12-4:5; 2 Pet 3:1-10	Ps 12, 13, 14; Is 2:1-11; Mt 21:23-32
THUR. December 2 Feria	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:19-24; Mt 7:21-27	Ps 18:1-20; Am 4:6-13; 2 Pet 3:11-18	Ps 18:21-50; Is 2:12-22; Mt 21:33-46
FRI. December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Missionary to the Far East, 1552	Is 42:1-4; Ps 96; Lk 10:1-9, 17-20	Ps 16, 17; Am 5:1-17; Jude 1-16	Ps 22; Is 3:8-15; Mt 22:1-14
SAT. December 4 Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637	Job 1:1-5; Ps 119:161-168; Lk 10:38-41	Ps 20, 21:1-7; Am 5:18-27; Jude 17-25	Ps 110:1-5, 116, 117; Is 4:2-6; Mt 22:15-22
SUN. December 5 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Bar 5:1-9; Lk 1:68-79; Phil 1:3-11; Lk 3:1-6	Ps 148, 149, 150; Am 6:1-14; 2 Th 1:5-12	Ps 114, 115; Is 5:1-7; Lk 1:57-68

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