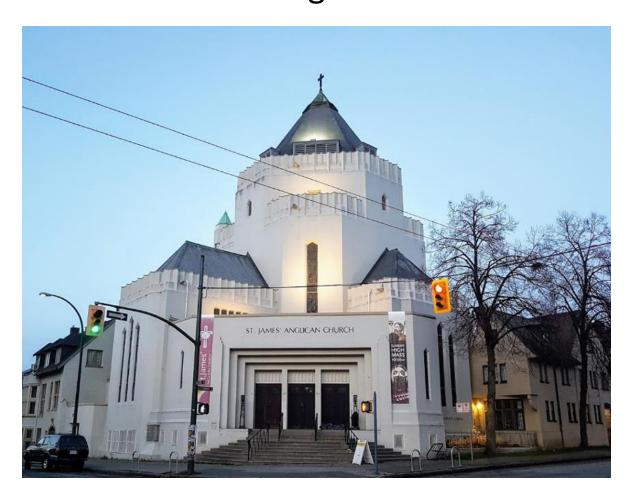
# Liturgy at Home

# St. James' Anglican Church



Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 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

# **Longing for God**

If you want God, and long for union with him, yet sometimes wonder what that means or whether it can mean anything at all, you are already walking with the God who comes. If you are at times so weary and involved with the struggle of living that you have no strength even to want him, yet are still dissatisfied that you don't, you are already keeping Advent in your life. If you have ever had an obscure intuition that the truth of things is somehow better, greater, more wonderful than you deserve or desire, that the touch of God in your life stills you by its gentleness, that there is a mercy beyond anything you could ever suspect, you are already drawn into the central mystery of salvation.

Your hope is not a mocking dream: God creates in human hearts a huge desire and a sense of need, because he wants to fill them with the gift of himself. It is because his self-sharing love is there first, forestalling any response or prayer from our side, that such hope can be in us. We cannot hope until we know, however obscurely, that there is something to hope for; if we have had no glimpse of a vision, we cannot conduct our lives with vision. And yet we do: there is hope in us, and longing, because grace was there first. God's longing for us is the spring of ours for him.

The Coming of God, Maria Boulding OSB

# **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**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; come then and hearken, for he brings glad tidings from the King of kings.

# **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, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive 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 Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

*Baruch* 5:1-9

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **CANTICLE**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Song of Zechariah; Luke 1:68-79

# SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:3-11

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **ALLELUIA**

**Alleluia.** I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. 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.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Luke 3:1-6

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

# **HOMILY**

Mother Amanda Ruston

# **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:

Let us pray for Elizabeth our Queen, and 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.

Let us pray that war, famine, flood and pandemic may cease through all the earth; and for our Province in this time of disaster.

Lord in your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for all bishops, clergy, and people, 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 Anglican Church of Burundi
- for Linda our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop
- for Archbishop Mark, and for Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of Calgary; and for Bishop Brent and our partner diocese of Northern Philippines
- for the Deanery of Kingsway The Revd Wilmer Toyoken, Regional Dean
- and for our parish of St. James

Lord in your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

For all those who are traveling; for all prisoners; for those suffering as a result of flood and landslide in our Province; and among the sick, especially - 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; Reg Lee; Terry Adams; Kathy & Percy Clayton; and Bill Stewart,

In our Street Outreach we pray for: Lloyd; Gabriel; Jay; Robert; Jason; and for Dr. Brian Conway and the Vancouver Infectious Diseases Center, Lord, in your mercy

# Hear our prayer.

For the recently departed –Bernie Thiessen; Bruce Devitt; Richard Johns, priest; and for all who have died recently,

And for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time - Ethel Chong; Sonia Gutteridge; Frank Arthur Jones; Ngoc Joseph Ung; Ethel Pulfrey; Alex Lee; Mary Taylor; Dorothy Duchesne; Audrey Noviczky; Louella Friesen; Geoffrey Beaver-Jones; Ronald Belgrave; Janice Watkins; Daryl Keeling; Cecelia Ung; Helen Jenkins,

+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**

Christ comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace enrich the humble poor.

# **Concluding Rite**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; 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

On Wednesday Bishop John issued a Pastoral Letter (click here), in the light of new Orders from the Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, announced on Tuesday.

You will recognise that the manner in which in-church worship is being conducted currently falls within these new directives: masks are worn by everyone, including the choir, except for clergy and readers when speaking. The Wardens and I have considered the alternative options concerning vaccine passports or limiting numbers to 50% of seated capacity, in St. James' case 150 people. Mindful of the spaciousness of the building and the usual attendance numbers, we do not intend to require from those in church sight of vaccine passports. We shall address the other matters in the letter by 31 December. Our primary concern remains the safety of everyone who comes to St. James'.

Accordingly, our capacity will be limited to 150 people, with immediate effect. We shall continue to encourage everyone to respect others' physical distance. For the time being we do not intend to resume Sunday coffee hour. In view of the lower than usual attendance currently, we reckon that we shall be able to host our planned Christmas services.

Last Sunday's Advent Lessons and Carols was an uplifting beginning to this season of expectation and preparation: our thanks go to the choir and the readers for their inspiring offering. I commend the Advent Formation sessions to you.

On Monday 20 December at 7.00 pm there will be a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, sung by the choir MOTET. On Christmas Eve, there will be a said Vigil Mass at 4.00 pm. There will then be a Choral & Organ Prelude from 10.00 pm, with Midnight Mass beginning at 10.30 pm. The St. James' Choir & Musicians will offer Charpentier's Messe de Minuit. On Christmas Morning, the Zoom Liturgy at Home will be at 9.00 am, with Solemn Mass in church at 10.30 am. On Sunday 26 December the Zoom Liturgy will be at 9.00 am, including cantors Gerald & Sri; the 10.30 am Mass in church will be said, with organ accompaniment. (There will be no 4.00 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Day.)

Please continue to pray for our Province at this time, for all who have lost home and livelihood, and for wisdom and discernment for all seeking to rebuild.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it."

Every blessing,

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.

# **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. <a href="https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-for-b-c/">https://pwrdf.org/pwrdf-accepting-donations-for-b-c/</a>

# **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 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, genderbased 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 <u>here</u> and remember to pick up a white ribbon or moosehide square in the Narthex this Sunday.

### **CHS NEWSLETTER**

The Coming Home Society's annual newsletter is now available. Please click <a href="here">here</a> to read, or pick up a hard copy from the Narthex. It has been an especially challenging year for Indigenous peoples, and more than ever we need to continue to walk alongside them. I hope the pictures and stories in this newsletter will show how much your support means. It is helping urban Indigenous people reconnect with their culture's traditional ways, and build new lives on the strength and resiliency that has sustained Indigenous peoples for thousands of years and continues to do so today. With thanks, Linda Adams, President, Coming Home Society

# 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 9, 16. Meeting ID: 95840449798, Passcode: 904409.

# **FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS**

Mon. Dec. 20 2021 at 7 pm

St. James' Church

Celebrate the season with this service of readings and music in the tradition of King's College Cambridge. Motet Chamber Choir will be accompanied by the St. James' majestic pipe organ. This event is free though donations gratefully accepted.

### **CHRISTMAS 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

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. December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.342	1 Jn 4:7-14; Ps 107:33-43; Mk 10:13-16	Ps 25; Am 7:1-9; Rev 1:1-8	Ps 9, 15; Is 5:8-12, 18-23; Mt 22:23-33
TUES. December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397	2 Cor 6:1-13; Ps 27:5-11; Lk 12:35-37, 42-44	Ps 26, 28; Am 7:10-17; Rev 1:9-16	Ps 36, 39; Is 5:13-17, 24-25; Mt 22:34-46
WED. December 8 Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Is 49:1b-3; Ps 139:1-12; Lk 1:34-38	Ps 38; Am 8:1-14; Rev 1:17-2:7	Ps 119:25-48; Is 6:1-13; Mt 23:1-12
THUR. December 9 Prophets of the Old Testament	Hos 14:1-7; Ps 103:6-14; Mk 1:1-11	Ps 37:1-18; Am 9:1-10; Rev 2:8-17	Ps 37:19-42; Is 7:1-9; Mt 23:13-26
FRI. December 10 Feria	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19	Ps 31; Hag 1:1-15; Rev 2:18-29	Ps 35; Is 7:10-25; Mt 23:27-39
SAT. December 11 Feria	Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:1-3, 14-18; Mt 17:9-13	Ps 30, 32; Hag 2:1-9; Rev 3:1-6	Ps 42, 43; Is 8:1-15; Mt 24:1-14
SUN. December 12 <sup>3rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Zeph 3:14-20; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:7-18	Ps 63:1-8, 98; Am 9:11-15; 2 Th 2:1-3, 13-17	Ps 103; Is 13:6-13; Jn 5:30-47

### **CLERGY**

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Darren Campbell, Building Assistant

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