

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022 | 9:00 am



Welcome

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect our presence on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations.

Welcome to this St. James' "Liturgy at Home", which continues to gather together a community of worship for those prevented for various reasons from being in church. Solemn Mass is now celebrated in church at 10:30 am on Sundays. For weekday Mass (in church) and (online) Daily Office times, please see the Notices pages 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

He who enriches others became poor. He took to himself the poverty of my flesh so that I might obtain the riches of his godhead. He who is full empties himself. He emptied himself of his godhead for a brief time so that I might share in his fulness.

What is this wealth of goodness? What is this mystery that touches me? I received the divine image and I did not keep it. He received my flesh to save the image and grant immortality to the flesh. This, his second communion with us, is far more marvelous than the first.

St. Gregory Nazianzen, from *The Orations*

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations, 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

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
“Make straight the way of the Lord.”
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

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 again 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 Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious!

Isaiah 11:1-10

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

**That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!**

And blessed be his glorious name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:4-13

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 Matthew.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:1-12

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:

For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Charles our King; for our Parliament and Government;
and for the leaders of the nations.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East
- for Linda our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop
- for Bishop Sidney, and for Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of Yukon
- for Bishop Benny, and our companion Diocese of Northern Philippines
- for the mission and witness of our Diocese, and especially for:
 - The Deanery of Kingsway – Revd Alecia Greenfield, Regional Dean

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, and for: James, Don, Kenny Landherr, Audrey Sojonky, Lindsay & family, Nicholas Chamberlain, Kate Flood, Nicky, Byron, James, Clare Lockhart, Marcus, James Walsh, Norman, Bertha Murphy, Jacob Gagnon, Ernie, Leslie & family, Kim & family, the Haisla Nation in Kitimat & Terrace, and Bev Coles & family,

and in our Street Outreach for: Isabella, Jim Tall Bear, Delree Dumont, Tina, Benjamin Rubin, Kyle & Heather, Keith, John, Kirsten, Robby, Elisa, Natalie, Josh, Daniel, Abdul, Jacob, Theresa, Al, Rebecca, Antonio, Stephen Perry & Gordon Wycotte, and for physicians Susan Burgess, Bill McEwan, Shelley Howard, Brian Conway, Christy Sutherland, Dr. David, and others, as they care for the needs of the people in our neighbourhood.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the recently departed: Ethan Belgica, Shirley Whiteside, Laura Collins, Sin Ping, Neal McAllister; and for all who have died recently,

And for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Brian & Winnifred Brewer; Shirley Stokan; Ethel Chong; Sonia Gutteridge; Frank Arthur Jones; Ngoc Joseph Ung; Ethel Pulfrey; Alex Lee; Mary Taylor; Dorothy Duchesne; and Audrey Noviczky,

+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

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

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 us,
scatter the darkness from before our path,
and make us 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

If you are familiar with the diversity of artwork on the subject of the Nativity, you'll have noticed that in some, the symbol of the cross or crucifix is present. This may seem an odd inclusion at first; we are probably more familiar with tender images of Madonna and Child; of soft animals and adoring shepherds gazing at the baby Jesus.

In the Gospel for Advent 2, we encounter once again the figure of John the Baptist prophesying about repentance in the face of the wrath to come; the winnowing fork and the unquenchable fire. In a time which most people are beginning to surround themselves with cozy things and holiday decorations, this confrontation with images of judgement and wrath may be jarring.

Yet, both of these contradictions can be helpful reminders of what Advent is about: we are preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ: God made flesh. This God was not born into a life of riches and comfort; this God chose a human life of suffering and poverty. The God whose judgement and wrath the prophecies warned about is the same God who clothed himself in human flesh so that we could be clothed in his righteousness.

How do we prepare to meet this God? What must we remove to make ourselves ready? These mysteries are what make Advent both challenging and beautiful.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

Mother Amanda

ST. JAMES' CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas For All

Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 pm

Nine Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 pm

Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 24 at 10:30 pm

Liturgy at Home

Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 am

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 25 at 10:30 am

Notices

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Saturday

4:00 pm: Vigil Mass in church

Sunday

9:00 am: Liturgy at Home via Zoom

10:30 am: Solemn Mass in church

Weekday Mass in church

12:10 pm: Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:30 am: Tuesday, Thursday

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.

ACW OPEN DAY

The Anglican Church Women invite anyone interested to attend their annual Open Day on Tuesday, December 6th. Visitors are welcome to drop in anytime from 11am to 2 pm for refreshments, and a tour of the facility. No registration required. The facility address is: 7012 Unit B, Merritt Avenue, Burnaby.

CHRISTMAS AT SEA APPEAL

The Mission to Seafarers will once again be putting together Christmas gifts to distribute to the seafarers on the ships in the Port of Vancouver over the Christmas period. This is made possible by donations of items such as socks, toques, toothbrushes, toothpaste, chocolate and soap. It is a way to express gratitude to the men and women of the sea who have done much for us over the last few years and continue to do so. If you can support the "Christmas at Sea Appeal" the deadline to have the items to the Waterfront Seafarers Centre at 401 E Waterfront Road is Friday, December 9. Donations online at www.flyingangel.ca are also greatly appreciated.

SJMA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday, December 9 at 6:30pm.

Also, here is an exciting recent Global News article on SJMA:

<https://globalnews.ca/video/9298909/this-is-bc-vancouver-downtown-eastside-school-help-neighbourhood-kids-reach-their-potential/>

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

The Mothers Union supports the White Ribbon campaign. The campaign runs from November 24 - December 10. The focus for 2022 is "UNITE" to stop violence against women and girls. In conjunction with the White Ribbon campaign, is the Moose Hide Square movement. This was started by a group of Indigenous men and boys in response to violence against women and girls and Indigenous women who are missing or murdered. White Ribbons and Moose Hides are available in the narthex. Please show your support by wearing a ribbon or a moose hide square. Thank you. *Members of the Mothers Union.*

ST. JAMES' MUSIC SERIES CONCERT - UPCOMING

Saturday, February 4, 2023: The Virtuoso Organist

Internationally-renowned Spanish musician Loreto Aramendi is an organ virtuoso who has given recitals around the world. Her extraordinary skill and musicianship have been highly praised, and her CDs have been met with rave reviews. Loreto will be at St. James' in early February, and this is a concert not to be missed!

Friday, February 10, 2023: The Gesualdo Six Return

This vocal ensemble performed at St. James' in 2018 when they started their first Canadian tour in Vancouver, and we are very pleased to welcome them back as part of their 2023 North American tour. Their last concert at St. James' was a sold-out event.

Tickets for both concerts are available now. Embracing the Advent practice of preparation, securing a ticket now will avoid disappointment later.

Visit sjmusic.ca for details.

LECTIO DIVINA AND BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesdays at 1:00 pm (after Midday Mass), we are holding Bible Study in the library of the Parish Centre. Participants are welcome to join in person as well as via Zoom. Each week we will explore a passage of scripture (usually the following Sunday's Gospel) and wonder together about its meaning(s) and implications for our lives as Christians today. All are welcome! Zoom coordinates are as follows: Meeting ID: 841 6396 2965 Passcode: 247805.

No registration required but if you would like to be sent the reading and questions ahead of time, please contact Mtr. Amanda.

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.

MASS IN SPANISH

First Saturdays of the month at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 1130 Jervis Street, Vancouver. Everyone welcome.

THE HOLY ROSARY

On the last Saturday of the month at 10:30 am, join Rev. José Luis Aranda Moyano 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. 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 5 Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c.210	Col 1:11-20; Ps 103:1-4, 13-18; Jn 6:57-63	Ps 25; Is 5:8-12, 18-23; 1 Th 5:1-11	Ps 9, 15; Am 7:1-9; Lk 21:20-28
TUES. December 6 St Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.342	1 Jn 4:7-14; Ps 107:33-43; Mk 10:13-16	Ps 26, 28; Is 5:13-17, 24-25; 1 Th 5:12-28	Ps 36, 39; Am 7:10-17; Lk 21:29-38
WED. 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 38; Is 6:1-13; 2 Th 1:1-12	Ps 119:25-48; Am 8:1-14; Jn 7:53—8:11
THUR. December 8 Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Is 49:1b-3; Ps 139:1-12; Lk 1:34-38	Ps 37:1-18; Is 7:1-9; 2 Th 2:1-12	Ps 37:19-42; Am 9:1-10; Lk 22:1-13
FRI. December 9 Prophets of the Old Testament	Hos 14:1-7; Ps 103:6-14; Mk 1:1-11	Ps 31; Is 7:10-25; 2 Th 2:13—3:5	Ps 35; Hag 1:1-15; Lk 22:14-30
SAT. December 10 Feria	Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:1-3, 14-18; Mt 17:9-13	Ps 30, 32; Is 8:1-15; 2 Th 3:6-18	Ps 42, 43; Hag 2:1-9; Lk 22:31-38
SUN. December 11 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	Isaiah 35:1-10; Ps 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11	Ps 63:1-8, 98; Is 13:6-13; Heb 12:18-29	Ps 103; Amos 9:11-15 Jn 3:22-30;

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