

# Liturgy at Home

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## St. James' Anglican Church



Third Sunday of Advent  
December 11, 2022 | 9:00 am



# Welcome

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We acknowledge with gratitude and respect our presence on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (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](mailto: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

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“Do you consider yourself a Christian?” my host asked. I sighed and said, “My problem with that is that so many people who publicly identify as Christians are such jerks about it.” The woman laughed, as did the people in the sound booth behind her. “Especially now,” I continued, “when all that Christmas cheer is being rammed down our throats. It’s enough to make a saint scream.” I said I often wondered if being a Christian was something we could, or should, claim for ourselves; that if being a Christian meant incarnating the love of Christ in my own life, then maybe it would be best to let others tell me how well, or how badly, I’m doing.

Kathleen Norris, from *The Cloister Walk*

# Opening Rite

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## INVOCATION

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+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 Dayspring from on high  
and cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
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.

God of power and mercy,  
you call us once again  
to celebrate the coming of your Son.  
Remove those things which hinder love of you,  
that when he comes,  
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder  
for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# Liturgy of the Word

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God, strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Isaiah 35:1-10*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps his promise for ever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.

**The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger;  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The Lord shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

*Psalm 146:4-9*

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*James 5:7-10*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

**Alleluia.** Stir up thy strength, O Lord: and come and help us. **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.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

*Matthew 11:2-11*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

Father Neil Gray

## 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 Anglican Church of Kenya
- for Linda our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop
- for Bishop Sidney and Archbishop-elect Christopher, and for the Indigenous Peoples in the world-wide Anglican Indigenous Network
- for Bishop Benny, and our companion Diocese of Northern Philippines
- for the mission and witness of our Diocese, and especially for:
  - the Deanery of Sea to Sky - The Revd Cameron Gutjahr, Regional Dean
  - the Deanery of Royal City/South Burnaby – The Revd Greg Jenkins, Regional Dean
  - the Deanery of Point Grey – The Revd Marion Wong, Regional Dean
- and for our parish of St. James'

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: Pauline Tong; Alex; Michelle; James; Don; Kenny Landherr; Audrey Sojonky; Nicholas Chamberlain; Kate Flood; Byron; Clare Lockhart; Marcus, James Walsh; Bertha Murphy; Jacob Gagnon; Ernie; Bev Coles & family; Troy; Tom; Michelle; and Judi Paterson,

and in our Street Outreach for: Gabriel; Kari-Ann; Ali; Keith; Kirsten; Robby; Elisa; Natalie; Josh; Jacob; Theresa; Al; Rebecca; Antonio; Stephen Perry & Gordon Wycotte; Ozzie; Ryan Albert; Ronald Strutton; Eric, James; Alan; Erica; Terry; and for the Portland Hotel Society & its staff & all whom they serve.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the recently departed Neal McAllister, Valerie Fielding, Tom Thomasson, and for all who have died recently,

And for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Daryl Keeling; Cecelia Ung; Helen Jenkins; Helen Carr; Hilda Hellaby; Bethia Moodie; Eileen Brown; Beatrice Brooke; Cecelia Symonds; Eric Potter; Harry Biden; Frank Arthur Jones; Constance Holmes; Virginia Hunter; Millicent Fleming; Winnifred Buchan; and Tony Goodwin,

+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

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## 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**

Hark! A herald voice is calling:  
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!"



# Concluding Rite

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
God of hope,  
renew in us the joy of your salvation  
and make us a living sacrifice to you,  
for the sake 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.

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

and in memory of our parents,  
Robert & Irene Clarke,  
from Pat & Cliff Dyck.

# Clergy Notes

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In the midst of Advent's quiet contemplation, we observe Gaudete Sunday; a time to lift our heads from the somewhat solemn nature of the season to remember that we are people made to rejoice!

And so – although not strictly *liturgically* accurate – it does seem fitting that we should hold our first “Christmas for All” event on this day – an event designed to share the joy of the Christmas story, in the hopes of building new relationships and stronger connections with our neighbours in the surrounding communities.

As we've been working on this, I notice that I've been anxious about whether anyone will come, but not worried about whether or not *God* will show up. As in everything we do as a church, we strive to offer our very best, but ultimately it is God who breathes through our intentions, our actions, and our efforts. And regardless of the results and whether *WE* deem them “successful” or not, God is there too.

That said, one of the greatest gifts St. James' has to offer our neighbours is **YOU!** Please pray for all those who will participate and attend and, if you are able, please come and share the joy of Christ and the light of your presence with those whom God sends us today.

*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

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## **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.

## **CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

Any parishioners wishing to donate flowers for Christmas Day should get their dedication into the office by Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, in order for their name to appear on the service booklet. You cannot assign it to a particular altar. Just say "Christmas dedication".

## **ORDO KALENDAR 2023**

Ordo Kalendars 2023 are now available: suggested donation \$15 (plus any postage)

## **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](http://sjmusic.ca) for details.

### **COMING HOME SOCIETY**

The Coming Home Society's annual newsletter is now available. Click [here](#) to read it, or pick up a hard copy from the Narthex. The Coming Home Society works on behalf of St. James' and the Diocese to support Indigenous peoples' recovery from the Residential School system. We are currently working in partnership with Urban Native Youth Association to support their programs that feed hungry youth. We are also working in partnership with Warriors Against Violence Society to support their healing Talking Circles. Please read our newsletter to learn more about our work. Your caring and support means so much. *Linda Adams, Coming Home Society*

### **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](http://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 12 Feria	Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:3-8; Mt 21:23-27	Ps 41, 52; Is 8:16-9:1; 2 Pet 1:1-11	Ps 44; Zech 1:7-17; Lk 22:39-53
TUES. December 13 Feria	Zeph 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:1-8, 15-22; Mt 21:28-32	Ps 45; Is 9:1-7; 2 Pet 1:12-21	Ps 47, 48; Zech 2:1-13; Lk 22:54-69
WED. December 14 St. John of the Cross, Mystic, Teacher of the Faith, 1591	Is 45:5-8, 18-25; Ps 85:8-13; Lk 7:19-23	Ps 119:49-72; Is 9:8-17; 2 Pet 2:1-10a	Ps 49; Zech 3:1-10; Mk 1:1-8
THUR. December 15 Simon Gibbons, First Priest from the Inuit, 1896	Is 61:1-3; Ps 23; Lk 10:1-9	Ps 50; Is 9:18-10:4; 2 Pet 2:10b-16	Ps 33; Zech 4:1-14; Mt 3:1-12
FRI. December 16 Feria	Is 56:1-8; Ps 67; Jn 5:33-36	Ps 40, 54; Is 10:5-19; 2 Pet 2:17-22	Ps 51; Zech 7:8-8:8; Mt 11:2-15
SAT. December 17 <i>O Sapientia</i>	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-8; Mt 1:1-7, 17	Ps 55; Is 10:20-27; Jude 17-25	Ps 138, 139:1-17; O Antiphon; Mt 25:31-46
SUN. December 18 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent <i>O Radix Jesse</i>	Is 7:10-16; Ps 80:1-7, 17-19; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-25	Ps 24, 29; Is 42:1-12; Eph 6:10-20	Ps 8, 84; Gen 3:8-15; O Antiphon; Jn 3:16-21



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