

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2023 | 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.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Easter Greetings and Blessings to one and all!

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

Late have I loved you, O beauty so ancient and so new,
late have I loved you.
And behold, you were within me, and I was outside myself,
And I looked for you there.
In my deformity, I plunged into the lovely things which you had made.
You were with me, but I was not with you.
Mere things kept me far away from you,
Though unless they had existed in you, they would not exist at all.
You called, and cried out, and shattered my deafness.
You were radiant, you shone, and you scattered my blindness.
You breathed out sweet scents, and I drew in breath,
And now I pant for you.
I tasted, and now I hunger and thirst for you.
You touched me, and now I burn for your peace.

- *Prayer of a Restless Heart*, St. Augustine's Confessions, Book X.

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyám (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, we meet

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
Raised to your right hand on high
the ascended Christ shows the prints of love
and bestows on us the gifts of grace.
As your Spirit renews the face of the earth,
may we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
and reveal your glory in all the world.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

HYMN

Alleluia, not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia, Christ is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore?"

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.
Almighty God,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.
Mercifully give us faith to know
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
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 Acts of the Apostles.

So when the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

(Acts 1:6-14)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;
let those who hate him flee before him.
Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;
as the wax melts at the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

**But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.**

**Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;
The LORD is his name, rejoice before him!**

Father of orphans, defender of widows,
God in his holy habitation!
God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

**O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

**Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

Ascribe power to God;
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
How wonderful is God in his holy places!
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

(Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice. **Alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

(John 17:1-11)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Mother Amanda Ruston

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;

afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:

this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ,
seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

Intercessor:

Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world:
for John, our Bishop, and the clergy and people of this Diocese;
for the Anglican Indigenous Sacred Circle, for Archbishop Christopher,
and for the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples,
Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, bread of life,
revealing yourself in Word and sacrament,
pray for Joanna, Samantha, Eric, Bryce and Christopher, seeking confirmation,
and for Ross, to be received into the Anglican Church;
Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle rule:
grant it your gift of peace;
pray for the leaders of the nations,
for an end to violence, warfare and strife;
and for the peace of your beloved city Jerusalem, over which you weep still.
Risen Lord,
Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow, especially Kenny
Landherr; Kate Flood; Byron; James Walsh; Philip; Richard Roberts; James & Tina;
Leah Skuro; David; Wendy; Rupert; Jenny, Judy, & family; Helen; Marcus; Bryce
Winter; Doug Edwards; Joanna; Tim; Nisyok family; Adaline; Martin; Richard
Lindsley; Ken; Jessica; Louise; June & Charles Nixon; and Michelle C.,

for the DTES community, and the work of our Street Outreach, especially Alan;
Serena; Daryl Major; Bones; Brooklyn; Kaden McLean; Brett Moore; Samantha
Lewis; Jessie & Diogy; and Peter,
Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,
surround with your saints and angels
those who have died trusting your promises,
among the recently departed, Ruby Rose Berry; Peggy Rudolph; Blair Stuart; Trudy
Dorn; and Glen Nisyok,

and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: George MacCormack;
Irene Eaglestone; Edith Goodwin; Irmingard Loewe; Bertram Saunders; Florence
Matthews; Isabel Matthews; and David Retter, priest,

+Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in your service,
that we may be faithful in worship, mission and witness.

Risen Lord,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Remembering 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

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with the fire divine.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Source of all joy,
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GRACE

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for us at the right hand of the Father,
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, alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!
He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!
As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!
Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

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

and are donated by
Sharon Lou-Hing
in loving memory of her dear brother
Dennis Lou-Hing.

Clergy Notes

The first several weeks of Eastertide are full of stories of the resurrection; joyful stories of the disciples being reunited with their friend and teacher. Then the tone shifts, and we find ourselves hearing about what it means to have eternal life in Jesus.

Many of us renewed our baptismal vows at Easter; some made those vows for the first time. Being born into new life with Jesus is exciting and invigorating; it is hopeful and joyful and awesome. For those who have made these vows, it may seem like the most clearly 'right' decision we have ever made.

Discipleship, however, is not always so easy! We may find ourselves with doubts and uncertainties; questions about what God wants us to do... the word "discernment" may appear more times in our lives than we wish it would. We may wish that God had left us with a clearer manual than Jesus' parables and questions answered with more questions.

I think, though, it is good to be reminded that when choosing to follow Christ, we have not left our free will (or our brain!) behind, nor does God expect us to. There is more than one 'right' path, and even when we take wrong turns – which we will – we are never lost for good. The joy of living in Christ isn't that life is made easy. It is that life is made meaningful as we grow more deeply into the image and love of Christ.

That doesn't mean we can't pray for guidance (we should!) but prayer is more than just having questions answered: prayer is where we intentionally invite a deeper relationship with the God who knows and loves us. Prayer is where God takes our intentions and transforms them into something much more beautiful than we could ever imagine. Prayer is where our own hearts become more like God's than we could ever manage on our own. This is discipleship; this is everlasting life.

Mother Amanda

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

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT

As many of you will know, clergy and lay delegates across the Diocese gathered on May 12 and 13 for Diocesan Synod - held in person for the first time since before the pandemic. To find out more about the topics and discussions covered, please see the report prepared by St James' Synod Delegate, Ross Hornby, at stjames.bc.ca/news.

GIVING

Thank you to all those who are giving generously to St. James' in these difficult times. Your ongoing support is much appreciated. To donate online, please visit www.stjames.bc.ca/donate to make a one-time or monthly donation using Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Visa Debit, or PayPal.

Regular givers are invited to set up a PAD/Credit Card payment: for info email envelope.secretary@stjames.bc.ca.

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.

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 9:00 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.

Lectionary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON May 22 Easter Feria	Ps 89:1-18; Ezek 4:1-17; Heb 6:1-12	Acts 19:1-10; Ps 68:1-6; Jn 16:29-33	Ps 89:19-52; Jos 1:1-9; Lk 9:51-62
TUES May 23 Easter Feria	Ps 97, 99; Ezek 7:10-15, 23b-27; Heb 6:13-20	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:7-20; Jn 17:1-11a	Ps 94; 1 Sam 16:1-13a; Lk 10:1-17
WED May 24 Easter Feria	Ps 101, 109:1-4, 20-30; Ezek 11:14-25; Heb 7:1-17	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:28-36; Jn 17:11b-19	Ps 119:121-144; Is 4:2-6; Lk 10:17-24
THUR May 25 Bede, Priest, Monk of Jarrow, Historian and Educator, 735	Ps 105:1-22; Ezek 18:1-4, 19-32; Heb 7:18-28	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26	Ps 105:23-45; Zech 4:1-14; Lk 10:25-37
FRI May 26 St. Augustine, 1st Archbishop of Canterbury, 605	Ps 102; Ezek 34:17-31; Heb 8:1-13	Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2, 19-22; Jn 21:15-19	Ps 107:1-32; Jer 31:27-34; Lk 10:38-42
SAT May 27 John Charles Roper, Archbishop of Ottawa, 1940	Ps 107:33-43, 108:1-6; Ezek 43:1-12; Heb 9:1-14	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25	Ps 33; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20; 1 Pet 2:4-10
SUN May 28 Pentecost	Ps 118; Is 11:1-9; 1 Cor 2:1-13	Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:24-34, 35b 1 Cor 12:3b-13 Jn 20:19-23	Ps 145; Dt 16:9-12; Jn 14:21-29

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