

# Liturgy at Home

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## St. James' Anglican Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 2023 | 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.

# About St. James'

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St. James' is an inclusive Christian community, worshipping in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. For more information, please see our website: [www.stjames.bc.ca](http://www.stjames.bc.ca)

## **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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**Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:  
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

It is right and just to praise you, most pure Mother of God,  
God-bearer ever blessed,  
More honourable than the Cherubim,  
and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim  
for undefiled you gave birth to God the Word.  
Therefore we praise you, O true Mother of our God.

**Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:  
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

*-Liturgy of St John Chrysostom*

# Opening Rite

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## INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (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, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind,  
O bid our bitter conflict cease,  
and be for us our Prince of Peace.

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.

Heavenly Father,

who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,

to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,

now fill us with your grace,

that we in all things may embrace your will

and with her rejoice in your salvation;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

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 second book of Samuel.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

(2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM

Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever;  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**‘I will establish your line for ever,  
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people:  
“I have set the crown upon a warrior  
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.

**I have found David my servant;  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.**

My hand will hold him fast  
and my arm will make him strong.

**No enemy shall deceive him,  
nor any wicked man bring him down.**

I will crush his foes before him  
and strike down those who hate him.

**My faithfulness and love shall be with him,  
and he shall be victorious through my name.**

I shall make his dominion extend  
from the Great Sea to the River.

**He will say to me, ‘You are my Father,  
my God, and the rock of my salvation’**

(Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

(Romans 16:25-27)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

**Alleluia.** Come, O Lord and tarry not: forgive the misdeeds of thy people. **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 sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

(Luke 1:26-38)

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## HOMILY

Father Neil Fernyhough

## 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, the leaders of the nations, and all in authority; that they will serve the people according to your holy will:

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For an end to war, violence, and terrorism 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 the Philippines
- for Linda our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop
- for Archbishop Christopher and for Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador
- for Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines
- in our Diocese, for:
  - the parishes of St. John the Apostle, Port Moody; St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge; St. John the Divine, Squamish
  - and our own 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: Kenny Landherr; Kate Flood; Byron; Philip; Judy; Philippa Pride; June & Charles Nixon; Paul Kimm; Marko; Patrick Burns; Vivian Lam; Christopher; Sonja & Gary; Matthew; Paul Waller; Ronald Croft; Tom Gowan; Caitlin; Daniel; Ross & Greg; John; Pamela Jeacocke; Samantha; Jan Lowe; Lindsay Ewenin,

and in our Street Outreach for Kari-Ann; Gregory; and Michael.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the recently departed: Esther Brooke; Jan Taylor; Peter Satterthwaite,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time:

Molly Hay; Irene Clarke; Leong Nyuk Suing; Kee Buoie Yeo; Douglas Williams, priest; Peter Maslenka; Ethel Rolfe; Irene Canning; Eileen Forshaw; Robin Forshaw; Bonnie Patterson; Roland Schou; Ngoc Chat Ung; Julia Brooke; Dorothy McDonald; Nel Fedden; Bob Clarke; Mary Brown; Gary Campbell.

+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 commit 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**

Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,  
As drew the world to evening-tide,  
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,  
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.



# Concluding Rite

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Gracious God,  
by the power of the Spirit  
who sanctified the mother of your Son,  
make holy all we offer you this day.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

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I recently read a satirical article about the song, “*How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?*” – or more specifically, the plotline in *The Sound of Music*, to which it belongs. In a nutshell, the comedic perspective was that most of the things identified as Maria’s ‘problems’ were not actually problems at all, and that the solution her superiors arrived at was bizarre, at best.

I mention this because I think that having Advent 4 and Christmas Eve on the same day is a situation that may seem to pose a bit of a problem for some of us – not least for clergy! It might seem tempting to rush through our very short observance of Advent 4 to get to the ‘main plot’. But perhaps, like Maria’s whimsical behaviour, our brief Advent 4 situation is less of a problem than we think it is.

With it being so very short, I think it is that much more important to give it the attention it deserves, in mindfulness if not length of time. In fact, its brevity forces us to be that much more present in the moment, for if we are not, it will slip through our fingers and be lost. Like so much of our lives spent rushing through this busy world, we scarcely have time to notice individual moments before they are gone, yet once gone they are gone forever.

This Advent 4 is a perfect opportunity to practice presence. You may wish to spend a few extra moments meditating on a portion of the Scripture readings for the day or make a special devotion to Mary (like the one in the Reflection), or sing a favourite Advent hymn or antiphon. Perhaps we might all add a prayer that God will open our eyes to the moments we usually miss by rushing through. We may well find that the moments which hold life’s greatest treasures are very brief indeed. We may even discover that a short Advent 4 is not actually a problem at all.

*Mother Amanda*

**VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY – SAID MASS**

Today at 4:00 pm  
Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**MIDNIGHT MASS OF CHRISTMAS**

Today at 10:30 pm  
Organ and choral prelude at 10:00 pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Liturgy at Home at 9:00 am on Zoom  
Solemn Mass at 10:30 am in church

# Notices

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## REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm: Vigil Mass in church
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am: Liturgy at Home via Zoom 10:30 am: Solemn Mass in church
<b>Weekdays</b>	12:10 pm: Monday, Wednesday, Friday in church 9:30 am: Tuesday, Thursday in church

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Fr Matthew will be on leave for the next few weeks, and out of email contact.

## RETIREMENT

Deacon Joyce Lochter will be retiring as our parish deacon after ten years of ministry, which has been a great blessing within the parish and beyond. Thankfully, Deacon Joyce will remain a member of the parish and will serve at the altar on an occasional basis. There will be an opportunity to give thanks for her ministry amongst us at coffee hour on Sunday, 31 December.

## ORDO KALENDAR 2024

The new St. James' Ordo Kalendar is available now by donation at the back of the church.

## BIBLE STUDY WINTER BREAK

The Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Enjoy your holiday!

## 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](http://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](mailto: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. There will be no Morning Prayer on Sundays.

Zoom Meeting ID: 986 3976 8391

Zoom Passcode: 762469

Or join by phone: 778-907-2071.

**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.

Zoom Meeting ID: 272 505 973

Zoom Passcode: 688517

Or join by phone: 778-907-2071.

**THE HOLY ROSARY**

On the last Saturday of the month at 10:30 am, join Fr José Luis Aranda Moyano in praying the Holy Rosary via Zoom.

Zoom Meeting ID: 969 0827 4159 (No passcode required)

Or join by phone: 778 907 2071.

# Lectionary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON Dec 25 The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	Ps 2, 85; Mic 4:1-5, 5:2-4; 1 Jn 4:7-16	Is 52:7-10 Ps 98 Heb 1:1-4 Jn 1:1-14	Ps 110:1-5, 132; Zech 2:10-13; Jn 3:31-36
TUES Dec 26 Saint Stephen, Deacon & Martyr	Ps 28, 30; 2 Chr 24:17-22; Acts 6:1-7	Jer 26:1-9, 12-15; Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51c-60; Ps 31:1-7, 16; Mt 23:34-39	Ps 118; Wis 4:7-15; Acts 7:59-8:8
WED Dec 27 St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	Ps 97, 98; Pr 8:22-30; Jn 13:20-35	Gen 1:1-5, 12-19 1 Jn 1:1-9; Ps 92:1-2, 11-14; Jn 20:1-8	Ps 145; Is 44:1-8; 1 Jn 5:1-12
THUR Dec 28 The Holy Innocents	Ps 2, 26; Is 49:13-23; Mt 18:1-14;	Jer 31:15-17; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18	Ps 19, 126; Is 54:1-13; Mk 10:13-1
FRI Dec 29 St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170	Ps 18:1-20; 2 Sam 23:13-17b; 2 Jn 1-13	1 Jn 2:7-11; Ps 96:1-9; Lk 2:22-35	Ps 18:21-50; Is 60:1-5; Jn 2:1-11
SAT Dec 30 John West, Missionary, the Red River, 1845	Ps 20, 21:1-7; 1 Kgs 17:17-24; 3 Jn 1-15	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40	Ps 23, 27; Is 60:19-22; Jn 4:46-54
SUN Dec 31 The Holy Family	Ps 93, 96; 1 Sam 1:1-2, 7b-28; Col 1:9-20	Is 61:10-62:3 Ps 148 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:22-40	Ps 90; Is 65:15b-25; Rev 21:1-6

## CLERGY

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