

# Liturgy at Home

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## St. James' Anglican Church



The Holy Family  
December 31, 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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Sleep, little Baby, sleep;  
The holy Angels love thee,  
And guard thy bed, and keep  
A blessed watch above thee.  
No spirit can come near  
Nor evil beast to harm thee:  
Sleep, Sweet, devoid of fear  
Where nothing need alarm thee.

The Love which doth not sleep,  
The eternal Arms surround thee:  
The Shepherd of the sheep  
In perfect love hath found thee.  
Sleep through the holy night,  
Christ-kept from snare and sorrow,  
Until thou wake to light  
And love and warmth to-morrow.

*Holy Innocents* – Christina Rossetti (1830 –1894)

# 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), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations, we meet

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

**Amen.**

'Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the Lord.

**Now the Word is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.**

From eternity to eternity you are God,

**and now we see you as a newborn child.**

## HYMN

God of God,

Light of Light,

Lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Very God,

Begotten, not created:

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him,

Christ the Lord!

## 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 are Mighty God and Prince of Peace:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and Splendour of the Father:

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.**

## **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 shed upon us the new light  
of your incarnate Word.  
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,  
shine forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of 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 the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

(Isaiah 61:10-62:3)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his;  
praise him, all his host.

**Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.**

**Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord;  
for he commanded, and they were created.  
He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

**Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and wingèd birds;

**Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
Young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name only is exalted,  
his splendour is over earth and heaven.

**He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel,  
a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

(Psalm 148)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

(Galatians 4:4-7)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

**Alleluia.** One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. **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.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;  
for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

(Luke 2:22-40)

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

Mother Amanda Ruston

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us bless the living God:

He was born of the Virgin Mary,  
**revealed in his glory,**

worshipped by the angels,  
**proclaimed among the nations,**

believed in throughout the world,  
**exalted to the highest heavens.**

Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,  
**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant:*

To us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
let us pray for the people Christ came to save.

*Intercessor:*

For Charles our King, the leaders of the nations and all in authority,  
that the people of the world may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For continuing action in the face of the climate emergency, and for an end to  
famine, fire, and flood throughout all the earth.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For your holy Church throughout the world,  
that the visible unity of all Christians may be a witness to your love.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

- for the Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
- for Linda our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop
- for Archbishop Christopher and for Indigenous People in the Diocese of Edmonton,
- for Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines,
- in our Diocese, for the parishes of:
  - St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver
  - St. John, Shaughnessy
  - and in our own parish of St. James', giving thanks for Deacon Joyce's many years of service amongst us.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick or in need, especially 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; Jan Lowe; Lindsay Ewenin; Isabel Moustakas; Bryan & Karin,

and for our Street Outreach, especially Kari-Ann; Gregory; Michael; and the Union Gospel Mission,

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For David, and all who have died recently,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Don Chassels, priest; Eric Munn, priest; Annie Stringer; Miriam Wilson; Margaret Connolly; John Hendry; Joseph Pettitt; Percy Dobson; Henry Ehmann; Barbara Gillett; and Norman Southcott.

+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, and St. Joseph, 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**

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in,  
be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord, Emmanuel.

# Concluding Rite

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Source of truth and joy,  
may we who have received the gift of divine life  
always follow the way of your Son.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **THE GRACE**

Christ, the Son of God, born of Mary,  
fill us with grace to trust his promises and obey his will.  
**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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This past Thursday, we observed the Feast of the Holy Innocents – those children whom Herod slaughtered in his quest to eliminate the newborn King of Israel. We are reminded that these never had a chance to choose for themselves whether to be martyred, nor even to understand the cause for which they were being robbed of their lives. Some of them, very likely, were too young even to make it to their naming-day. It is a moving observance no matter what is happening in the contemporary world, but it was particularly moving this year, with the daily knowledge of children and innocents being massacred in a war that they too did not choose.

There are no words or platitudes, nor spiritual meanings, that can redeem such terrible acts. What the Feast of the Holy Innocents does offer us, however, is an assurance that – even when humankind is at its worst: eliminating precious lives as casualties of war; little lives that may never even have been given the dignity of a name, let alone a long enough life to make choices – even when humanity has stooped to this level, those little lives are not forgotten by God. Their names are known to their Creator, even if they were never known by humans. They are held in the highest honour and held tightly to the breast of the Divine Mother who knit them together in the human womb that birthed them.

For Christ, too, is an innocent murdered at the hands of humankind. And it is Christ's body and blood which knit us together as one family. So it is our own duty as Christ's body on earth, to be the love of Christ in the world – not only to those whom we call innocents, but also to those whom we would rather despise for their actions. We cannot let violence or apathy win; in all the little and big ways we can, we must continue to be the light of love in a world that is so increasingly full of heartbreak and suffering.

For the light shines in the darkness. And the darkness has not overcome it.

*Mother Amanda*

# 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 Locht 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 today.

## TO LOVE AND SERVE: CCC FORMATION SERIES

Join the four-week in-person formation series, "To Love and Serve: The Church," to explore the profound aspects of the Church, its governance, and the inclusive call to membership. Beginning **January 22, 2024**, Reverend Jeffrey Preiss will lead participants through reflective sessions and group discussions, with a focus on relevant sections from the text *To Love and Serve: Anglican Beliefs & Practices*, available in bookstores and at Christ Church Cathedral. Registration in advance is required. [Click here for more information.](#)

## 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!

## CHORAL SCHOLARS

Did you know that St. James' has a Choral Scholarship program? Our choir offers four Choral Scholarships (one each for soprano, alto, tenor and bass) to qualified students. This program is funded by targeted donations from parishioners. The Choral Scholars gain experience singing some of the finest choral works in a rich liturgical context, and the choir gains enthusiastic singers. Please consider donating to this fine program. For further information, contact Gerald Harder, Organist & Choirmaster at [musicdirector@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:musicdirector@stjames.bc.ca).

## 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 is said via Zoom **Monday through Saturday at 9:00 am and 5:00 pm**. Join by Zoom app or by phone at 778-907-2071.

Zoom Meeting ID: 986 3976 8391

Zoom Passcode: 762469

## FRIDAY NIGHT COMPLINE

You are invited to join this small but lively group of people, praying Compline together from the BCP at **9:00 pm Friday nights** via Zoom. Bring your own book, or contact Mother Amanda for the PDF order of service. Join by Zoom app or by phone at 778-907-2071.

Zoom Meeting ID: 272 505 973

Zoom Passcode: 688517

## 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. Join by Zoom app or by phone at 778-907-2071.

Zoom Meeting ID: 969 0827 4159

No passcode required

# Lectionary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON Jan 1 The Naming of our Lord Jesus Christ	Ps 103; Is 62:1-5, 10-12; Rev 19:11-16	Num 6:22-27; Ps 8; Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:15-21	Ps 148; Gen 17:1-12a, 15-16; Mt 1:18-25
TUES Jan 2 SS. Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzus, Teachers of the Faith, 379, 389	Ps 34; 1 Kgs 19:1-8; Eph 4:1-16	1 Jn 2:22-29; Ps 98:1-5; Jn 1:19-28	Ps 33; Gen 12:1-7; Jn 6:1-14
WED Jan 3 Feria	Ps 68; 1 Kgs 19:9-18; Eph 4:17-32	1 Jn 3:1-6; Ps 98:1-2, 4-7; Jn 1:29-34	Ps 72; Gen 28:10-22; Jn 6:15-27
THUR Jan 4 Feria	Ps 85, 87; Jos 3:14--4:7; Eph 5:1-20	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1-2, 8-10; Jn 1:35-42	Ps 89:1-29; Ex-3:1-12; Jn 9:1-12, 35-38
FRI Jan 5 St. Andre Bessette, Religious, 1937	Ps 2, 110:1-5; Jon 2:2-9; Eph 6:10-20	1 Jn 3:11-18; Ps 100; Jn 1:43-51	Ps 29, 98; Is 66:18-23; Rom 15:7-13
SAT Jan 6 Epiphany of our Lord Jesus Christ	Is 49:1-7; Mt 12:14-21	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Mt 2:1-12	Ps 104; Is 61:1-9; Gal 3:23-29, 4:4-7
SUN Jan 7 Baptism of the Lord	Ps 146, 147; Gen 1:1--2:3; Eph 1:3-14	Gen 1:1-5 Ps 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mk 1:4-11	Ps 111, 112, 113; Is 40:1-11; Jn 1:29-34

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