

# Liturgy at Home

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## St. James' Anglican Church



Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
January 7, 2024 | 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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## **A Song of Ephrem the Syrian**

Behold: Fire and Spirit in the womb that bore you:  
Behold: Fire and Spirit in the river where you were baptized.

Fire and Spirit in our baptism:  
In the Bread and the Cup, Fire and Holy Spirit.

In your Bread is hidden a Spirit not to be eaten,  
In your Wine dwells a Fire not to be drunk.

Spirit in your Bread, Fire in your Wine,  
A wonder set apart, yet received by our lips.

How wonderful your footsteps, walking on the waters!  
You subdued the great sea beneath your feet.

Yet to a little stream you subjected your head,  
Bending down to be baptized in it.

The stream was like John who performed the baptism in it,  
In their smallness each an image of the other.

To the stream so little, to the servant so weak,  
The Lord of them both subjected himself.

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# 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.**

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations

**And gather you from all the countries.**

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

**And you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.**

A new heart I will give you,

**And put a new spirit within you.**

You shall be my people,

**And I will be your God.**

## HYMN

Sing of God made manifest  
when at Jordan John confessed,

“I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do.”

Then from Heaven a double sign –  
dove-like Spirit, voice Divine –

hailed the true Anointed One:

“This is my beloved Son.”

## **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.

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to their calling;  
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 book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

(Genesis 1:1-5)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

(Psalm 29)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

(Acts 19:1-7)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

**Alleluia.** I have found David my servant. With my holy oil have I anointed him. **Alleluia.**

## THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

(Mark 1:4-11)

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## HOMILY

Father Kevin Hunt

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant:*

As we give thanks for the Baptism of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

*Intercessor:*

For Christians everywhere that, faithful to our baptismal calling we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

For Warren, and all preparing for baptism.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

- for the Scottish Episcopal Church
- for Linda our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop
- for Archbishop Christopher and for Indigenous People in the Diocese of Yukon
- for Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines
- in our Diocese, for the parishes of:
  - Church of the Epiphany, Surrey
  - Christ the Redeemer, Surrey
- and for our own parish of St. James'.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For King Charles, our parliament and government, and for the leaders of the nations,

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

That by your power, wars, famine, and strife may cease through all the earth,

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; for the victims of our society; and for all those who minister to them, 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; Jan Lowe; Lindsay Ewenin; Isabel Moustakas; Bryan & Karin; Tim,

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

**Hear our prayer.**

For David; Linda Constantine; Barry Segrave, and all who have died recently,

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

Gerry Smith; Diana Brown; Roy Paul; Hilda Sandiford; Jesús Cristobal-Esteban;  
William Brummitt; Ernest Symonds; Kay York; James Cruikshank, bishop; Frank Burd;  
Patrick McCormick; Bus Ibbott; and Charles H.H. Nixon.

+Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

**And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace.

**Amen.**

*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

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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**

Above Christ see the heavenly Dove,  
The sign of God the Father's love,  
Now by the Holy Spirit shed  
Upon the Son's anointed head.

# Concluding Rite

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God of life and freedom,  
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus  
as the Christ who makes all creation new.

Accept all we offer you this day  
and make us new in him,  
who is Lord for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE GRACE**

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in us the image of his 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**

We have come to Christ, the living water.  
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.

**AN EPIPHANY BLESSING FOR OUR HOMES**

**20+C+M+B+24**

**This may be written on the lintel above the front door into your home. A piece of blessed chalk from this Mass may be taken home with you for this purpose. Following the writing, this prayer is to be used:**

Let us pray.

O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God, we beseech thee to hear us: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this house. I call upon thy Saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, to protect my Family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place this mark over my door to remain as a constant reminder to us and all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thine Eternal Kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.  
Amen.

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

in loving memory of  
Fr. Lloyd Wright  
by the Women's Guild

and in loving memory of  
Barbara Green  
by Pamela Jeacocke.

# Clergy Notes

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Epiphany-tide is a time of revealing and of recognising. Jesus reveals God-self to the Magi as the Babe of Bethlehem; to John the Baptist and the crowd at his baptism; to his mother, the steward, and the guests, at the Wedding at Cana by changing water into wine.

I was honoured to receive as a Christmas gift from a parishioner a little crèche: Mary and Joseph, with the Christ-child's crib, under a tarp in the Downtown Eastside. In my Christmas Day sermon I referenced the crèche in the Lutheran Evangelical Church in Bethlehem this year: the Christ-child's crib set amidst a pile of rubble, poignant and challenging.

How does Jesus reveal God-self in our midst, amongst us, wherever we find ourselves? Are we ready to recognise him? What gifts might we bring?

Spend some time this week if you are able. Pray for grace to recognise and honour Jesus in those whom you meet, and for grace to be Christ-like that he may be recognised in you.

Let us, like Mary, treasure these things, and ponder them in our heart.

With every blessing for all that 2024 will bring,

*Fr Kevin*

# 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 is on leave and out of email contact.

## AWAY

Mtr Amanda is away from January 8 through 17 and out of email contact.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Calling on Clergy, Wardens, Treasurer, Guild Presidents, Committee Leaders, and other usual contributors: please submit your group's annual report for 2023 to the parish office **before 4 pm, Monday, February 5**. Please send unformatted Word documents. The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place in person **after Mass on Sunday, February 25**. Sandwiches will be provided.

## MISSION TO SEAFARERS

*I want to express my thanks to those at St. James' who wrapped the socks which were donated to the Mission to Seafarers in order to provide Christmas gifts to the seafarers. They really appreciated people thinking of them when far away from home. Please pray for the seafarers, their families and the Mission. Blessings to St. James' in your ministry together in 2024. – The Reverend Peter Smyth, Chaplain*

## GAMES NIGHT

Join us in playing board games in 2024! Boardgame nights will be held **on the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:30pm beginning this Tuesday January 9th**. Bring your favourite game and a friend. Everyone is welcome! If you have questions please call Michelle at 236-512-9915.

## **BIBLE STUDY WINTER BREAK**

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

## **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**, The 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.](#)

## **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 8 Feria	Ps 1, 2, 3; Gen 2:4-9, 16-25; Heb 1:1-14	1 Sam 1:1-8; Ps 116:10-17; Mk 1:14-20	Ps 4, 7; Is 40:12-23; Jn 1:1-18
TUES Jan 9 Feria	Ps 5, 6; Gen 3:1-24; Heb 2:1-10	1 Sam 1:9-20; Ps 123; Mk 1:21-28	Ps 10, 11; Is 40:25-31; Jn 1:19-28
WED Jan 10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645	Ps 119:1-24; Gen 4:1-16; Heb 2:11-18	1 Sam 3:1-20; Ps 40:1-10; Mk 1:29-39	Ps 12, 13, 14; Is 41:1-16; Jn 1: 35-42
THUR Jan 11 Feria	Ps 18:1-20; Gen 4:17-26; Heb 3:1-11	1 Sam 4:10-11; Ps 44:7-14, 23-26; Mk 1:40-45	Ps 18:21-50; Is 41:17-29; Jn 1:43-51
FRI Jan 12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Educator in New France, 1700	Ps 16, 17; Gen 6:1-8; Heb 3:12-19	1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:15-18; Mk 2:1-12	Ps 22; Is 42:10-17; Jn 2:1-12
SAT Jan 13 St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367	Ps 20, 21:1-7; Gen 6:9-22; Heb 4:1-13	1 Sam 9:1-4, 15-19, 10:1ab (not c); Ps 21:1-7; Mk 2:13-17	Ps 110:1-5, 116, 117; Is 43:1-13; Jn 2:13-22
SUN Jan 14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Ps 148, 149, 150; Gen 7:1-10, 17-23; Eph 4:1-16	1 Sam 3:1-10 Ps 139:1-5, 12-17 1 Cor 6:12-20 Jn 1:43-51	Ps 114, 115; Is 43:14-44:5; Mk 3:7-19

## **CLERGY**

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