

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024 | 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.

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 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.

About St. James'

St. James' is an inclusive Christian community, worshipping in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. For more information, please see our website: 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

Our pilgrim life here on earth cannot be without temptation for it is through temptation that we make progress and it is only by being tempted that we come to know ourselves. We cannot win our crown unless we overcome, and we cannot overcome unless we enter the contest and there is no contest unless we have an enemy and the temptations he brings.

And so it comes about that this one who cries from the ends of the earth is faint and weak but is not abandoned. He is not alone because according to his plan in his own body he prefigures us who are members of that body. In that body he has already risen again and ascended into heaven and so we his members can trust that, where our head has gone before, we will surely follow.

from the discourses of St Augustine on the Psalms

Opening Rite

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 love, how deep, how broad, how high
it fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,

and was tempted as we are but did not sin,

give us grace to discipline ourselves

in submission to your Spirit,

that as you know our weakness,

so we may know your power to save;

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

(Genesis 9:8-17)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

(Psalm 25:1-9)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

(1 Peter 3:18-22)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

TRACT

As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against you.”

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.

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.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

(Mark 1:9-15)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Father Neil Gray

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.

**Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:**

that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
**and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

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 Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for the peace of the world.

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 Christians everywhere, that in this time of Lent, we may walk more faithfully in the way of Christ; and especially for Shona and baby Frederick, preparing for baptism.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all bishops, clergy, and people:

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

- for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- for Linda our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop
- for Archbishop Christopher and for the souls of all the children who died while away from home at Residential Schools.
- for Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines,
- in our Diocese, for:
 - the parish of St. David, Delta;
 - the St. Chad Chinese Ministry, Richmond;
 - Mothers' Union, Diocese of New Westminster Chapter
 - and our own parish of St. James'.

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; Byron; Philip; Philippa Pride; June & Charles Nixon; Paul Kimm; Patrick Burns; Vivian Lam; Christopher; Sonja & Gary; Matthew; Paul Waller; Ronald Croft; Caitlin; Daniel; Jan Lowe; Isabel Moustakas; Bryan & Karin; Rosalind Knight; Carla; Bueron; Sylvia Guno; Paul & Dorothy Stanwood; Bev Coles; Romeo Menegra; Pat; Jackie & Fred Lee Ward,

and in our Street Outreach for: Sean; Johnny; and Derek.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Robert Kennaugh, priest; Guy MacPherson; Margaret Bertram, and all who have died recently,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Saman Shahidi; Olive Scott; Henry Jackson; Constance Spence; Eileen Wayne; Lillian Gardiner; Edna Smallman; Amy Wakefield; and Florence Johnson.

+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 commit 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

Spirit of our God descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy;
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God our refuge and our strength,
receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son
transform us to his likeness.

We ask this in his name.

Amen.

THE GRACE

Christ give us grace to grow in holiness,
to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him.

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

The season of Lent is upon us once more. It is a time in which we are invited to walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross, and – in doing so – reconnect with our own journey of discipleship. This journey of Lent begins with an account of Jesus' baptism, followed immediately by his departure into the wilderness.

Our own discipleship follows much the same pattern. In the mystery of baptism, the Holy Spirit descends upon us, and we are marked as Christ's own forever. But the challenges of life do not magically cease after that moment; in fact, there are times when it may seem as if they become even more pressing. We may sometimes feel as though God is testing us; trying our faith. On our particularly challenging days, we may even secretly wonder if we are the subject of some great cosmic prank!

Yet, while it is the Holy Spirit who drives Jesus into the wilderness, it is important to note that the temptation Jesus encounters there does not come from God. In the letter of James, we are told that God cannot be tempted by evil and therefore tempts no one. Yet, as it says, 'blessed is anyone who endures temptation.' Thankfully, because we have Jesus' example, we know it is possible to endure it.

And we do not undergo these trials alone. Our Lord has already walked this path and walks it with us still. So, too, do we walk it with one another. We cannot take away each other's trials, but we can be together in companionship and love, and - hopefully! - good humour.

With this in mind, may we observe a holy Lent together: both in our own devotions, and in loving communion with one another.

Mother Amanda

Notices

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

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

AWAY

Father Kevin will be away **until February 20** and out of contact during that time.

Darren Campbell will be away **through February 26** and will be out of contact during that time.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will pray the Stations of the Cross each **Friday in Lent at 1:00 pm** in church.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

Notice of the Annual Vestry Meeting and Nomination List is posted at the back of the church. The Annual Vestry Meeting will take place in person **after Mass on Sunday, February 25**. Sandwiches will be served.

ORDER OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Nominations are now invited for the St. James' nominee for the ODNW this year. Please send any name for consideration to Fr Kevin at fr.kevin@stjames.bc.ca by **Tuesday, February 20**. "The purpose of the Order is to honour and give special recognition to lay members of the Diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry."

READERS' GUILD

There will be a meeting for members of the Readers' Guild, and anyone interested in becoming a member, on **Sunday, March 10, immediately after Solemn Mass**. This will be an opportunity to review and share good practice. Please mark your calendar.

PURSE FOR FATHER KEVIN

The people of St. James' have always blessed their departing clergy with a 'purse' or collection of money, to thank them for all they have done for us and to assist them with transitioning to the next phase of their lives. To contribute to this purse, you can add cash or a cheque to your Sunday offering envelope (write clearly on the envelope the amount you are designating for the purse) or mail a cheque to the parish office (with Purse written on the memo line).

Please make your contributions by **Sunday, April 14**, so that there is time to record and compile them before Father Kevin's last Sunday, April 21.

THE BIBLE THROUGH ART

For the season of Lent this year, we will be shifting our usual Bible study to an exploration of art based on scriptural themes, particularly those most relevant to the Lenten season. Each week we will look at a different painting together, and our conversation will be centred around how God might be speaking to us through art with the Lenten theme as a lens. We meet in person and on Zoom, **every Wednesday at 1:00 pm**. No registration required. All are welcome! If you are unable to join us for the meeting but you wish to be sent the image and discussion topic, please contact Mtr Amanda to be added to the mailing list.

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 6396 2965

Zoom Passcode: 247805

LENTEN MEDITATIONS ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS & WELL-BEING

"Seeding Health" is the theme of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund's Lent Resource. Subscribe at pwrdf.org/getinvolved/resources/lentandadvent to receive an email every day of the Lenten season with a reflection from renowned biblical scholar Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat on what health and well-being and good living require of us in our lives and our relationships with one another, with creation, and with God. Dr. Keesmaat is past co-chair of the Bishop's Committee on Creation Care for the Diocese of Toronto.

VANCOUVER CANTATA SINGERS

The colour blue represents Nature's images of water, sea and sky, while evoking a feeling of tranquility, solace, imagination and trust. The Vancouver Cantata Singers offer a concert of music exploring BLUE featuring a new VCS commission by Marcel Bergmann and works by Stanford, Bingham, Delius, Whitacre and more! BLUE is **Sunday, February 18, at 3:00 pm** at the ANNEX, 823 Seymour St. Tickets are available at vancouvercantatasingers.com.

THE CRAFT OF SPIRIT: BC LITURGICAL TEXTILES

A curated exhibition of liturgical vestments including pieces on loan from St. James' is open now at Il Museo Gallery at the Italian Cultural Centre. Open Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm until March 31, 2024. Admission is free. For more visit italianculturalcentre.ca/current-exhibition.

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 <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.

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 Feb 19 Feria	Ps 41, 52; Gen 37:1-11; 1 Cor 1:1-19	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:7-14; Mt 25:31-46	Ps 44; Dt 8:11-20; Mk 1:1-13
TUES Feb 20 Feria	Ps 45; Gen 37:12-24; 1 Cor 1:20-31	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:1-8; Mt 6:7-15	Ps 47, 48; Dt 9:4-12; Mk 1:14-28
WED Feb 21 Feria	Ps 119:49-72; Gen 37:25-36; 1 Cor 2:1-13	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:1-2, 11-13; Lk 11:29-32	Ps 49; Dt 9:13-21; Mk 1:29-45
THUR Feb 22 Feria	Ps 50; Gen 39:1-23; 1 Cor 2:14-3:15	Ad Est 14:1, 3-5, 12-14; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12	Ps 19, 46; Dt 9:23-10:5; Mk 2:1-12
FRI Feb 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, 156	Ps 40, 54; Gen 40:1-23; 1 Cor 3:16-23	Ezek 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26	Ps 51; Dt 10:12-22; Mk 2:13-22
SAT Feb 24 Philip Lindel Tsen, 1954 & Paul Shinji Sasaki, 1946, Bishops in Japan	Ps 55; Gen 41:1-13; 1 Cor 4:1-7	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-8; Mt 5:43-48	Ps 138, 139:1-17; Dt 11:18-28; Mk 2:23-3:6
SUN Feb 25 2 nd Sunday in Lent	Ps 24, 29; Gen 41:14-45; Rom 6:3-14	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16; Ps 22:22-30; Rom 4:13-25; Mk 8:31-38	Ps 8, 84; Jer 1:1-10; Jn 5:19-24

CLERGY

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Clergy may be contacted through the Office: 604-685-2532.

PARISH STAFF

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