

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Holy Wednesday Reflection

March 27, 2024 | 7:00 pm



Welcome

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect our presence on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh (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.

INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (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.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief
your only Son was lifted up
that he might draw the whole world to himself.

May we walk this day in the way of the cross
and always be ready to share its weight,
declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

HYMN

Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God shows his love for us
in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Let us then show our love for him
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith:

Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess we have failed you as did your first disciples.
We ask for your mercy and your help.
When we take our ease
rather than watch with you:
Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

When we bestow a kiss of peace
yet nurse enmity in our hearts:
Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

When we strike at those who hurt us
rather than stretch out our hands to bless:
Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

When we deny that we know you
for fear of the world and its scorn:
Lord, forgive us.
Christ have mercy.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CANTICLE

**I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praises of the Most High.**

Who is this that comes from Edom, ♦
coming from Bozrah, his garments stained crimson?

**Who is this in glorious apparel, ♦
marching in the greatness of his strength?**

'It is I, who announce that right has won the day, ♦
it is I,' says the Lord, 'for I am mighty to save.'

**Why are your robes all red, O Lord, ♦
and your garments like theirs who tread the winepress?**

'I have trodden the winepress alone, ♦
and from the peoples no one was with me.'

**I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, ♦
the praises of the Most High;**

All that God has done for us in his mercy, ♦
by his many acts of love.

**For God said, 'Surely, they are my people,
my children who will not deal falsely,' ♦
and he became their Saviour in all their distress.**

So God redeemed them by his love and pity; ♦
he lifted them up and carried them
through all the days of old.

(Isaiah 63:1-3a, 7-9)

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the praises of the Most High.**

READING

A reading from the Gospel according to St. John.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

(John 12:1-8)

REFLECTIVE POEM

Silence

HYMN

Drop, drop, slow tears,
and bathe those beautiful feet,
which brought from heaven
the news and Prince of peace.

Cease not, wet eyes,
his mercies to entreat;
to cry for vengeance
sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods
drown all my faults and fears;
nor let his eye see sin
but through my tears.

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray to the Father,
who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son
to give us life.

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son.
Give us grace to lift heavy loads from those we meet
and to stand with those condemned to die.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes.
Transform the hearts of those who make a profit from their victims,
and those whose hearts are hardened by their work.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

The thief, who was crucified with Jesus,
was promised a place in your kingdom.
Give pardon and hope, healing and peace
to all who look death in the face.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

From the cross Jesus entrusted Mary his mother
and John his disciple to each other's care.

Help us also to care for one another
and fill our homes with the spirit of your love.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross.

Fill our relationships,
and those of new families today,
with mutual care and responsibility,
and give us a secure hope for the future.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The centurion was astonished to see your glory in the
crucified Messiah.

Open the eyes of those who do not know you
to see in your Son the meaning of life and death.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Joseph of Arimathaea came to take your Son's body away.

Give hope and faith to the dying and bereaved,
and gentleness to those who minister to them.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John
became part of your Church in Jerusalem.
Bring into your Church today a varied company of people,
to walk with Christ in the way of his passion
and to find their salvation in the victory of his cross.
Lord of the Church,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you in Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Coming to the foot of the cross,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**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.**

HYMN

Jesu, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt;
Jesu, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

CONCLUDING ACCLAMATION

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

We preach Christ crucified,
the power of God and the wisdom of God.
By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

God forbid that I should glory,
save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.
**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

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PRINCIPAL SERVICES
HOLY WEEK, 2024

24 MARCH PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

9.00 am: Liturgy at Home - Zoom

10.30 am: Liturgy of the Palms, Procession & Solemn Mass – in church

26 MARCH HOLY TUESDAY

12.00 noon: Chrism Mass, Christ Church Cathedral

27 MARCH HOLY WEDNESDAY

7.00 pm: Reflection - Zoom

28 MARCH MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00 pm: Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
& Watch of the Passion in church

29 MARCH GOOD FRIDAY

1.00 pm: Stations of the Cross – in church

3.00 pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord – in church

7.00 pm: Cross Prayers – Zoom

30 MARCH HOLY SATURDAY

9.00 pm: The Great Vigil & First Mass of Easter – in church

31 MARCH EASTER DAY

9.00 am: Liturgy at Home – Zoom

10.30 am: Solemn Mass – in church

CLERGY

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PARISH STAFF

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