

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 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), Sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Easter Greetings and Blessings to one and all!

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, 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

I am, you anxious one.

Don't you sense me, ready to break
into being at your touch?
My murmurings surround you like shadowy wings.
Can't you see me standing before you
cloaked in stillness?
Hasn't my longing ripened in you
from the beginning
as fruit ripens on a branch?

I am the dream you are dreaming.
When you want to awaken, I am that wanting.
I grow strong in the beauty you behold.
And with the silence of stars I enfold
your cities made by time.

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- *Rainer Maria Rilke (translated by Anita Barrows and Joanna Macy)*

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x^wməθk^wə́əm (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.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord,
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death
you brought your people to new birth
by raising your Son to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed
and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvellous light
may our lives reflect his glory
and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

HYMN

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.
O God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive 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 Acts of the Apostles,

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

(Acts 3:12-19)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**"You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

**Many are saying,
"Oh, that we might see better times!"
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

(Psalm 4)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John,

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

(1 John 3:1-7)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. **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.

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

(Luke 24:36b-48)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Father Matthew Johnson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;

afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:

this we have received,
and this we believe.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

Intercessor:

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, and for the whole Church throughout the world, especially Tiffany, Cameron, and James, to be confirmed,

let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

For John, our Bishop, and the clergy and people of this Diocese,

let us pray to the Lord,

Hear us, Lord of glory!

For Archbishop Christopher and Indigenous people in the Anglican Church of Canada, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by God's power, violence, warfare, and strife may cease through all the earth,

let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened: for Kenny Landherr; Byron; June & Charles Nixon; Paul Kimm; Patrick Burns; Vivian Lam; Matthew; Paul Waller; Caitlin; Daniel; Jan Lowe; Bryan & Karin; Rosalind Knight; Bueron; Sylvia Guno; Paul & Dorothy; Judy; Betty Chong; Kevan Rilcof; Reg Lee; Jeannette S.; Cynthia; Keith Fenton, jr; Michael Symons; Viger Persinger; Sam; Catherine, and Elisabeth,

let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That God may grant us humility to serve one another in Christian love and strengthen us to help provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter: for Fr. Matthew and the work of the Street Outreach, remembering particularly: Javier; Wally; Crystal Boudreau; Antonio; Sincere; Sarah; Omar; Tony; Peace; Kirsten Cooper; Paul Nosenko; Leah Acosta; and Alexander Sevigny,
let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That in the undying love of God we may have union with all who have died, remembering the recently departed: John Gulbranson; Esther North, priest; Vanessa; and Power Joe,

and remembering those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Jessie Parkes; Cyril Brummitt; Donald Whiteside; Jordan McFerran; Reginald Bethune, and Lynda Sobol.

+Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. **Amen.**

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross and the Paschal victory all the days of our lives, and that we may bear faithful witness to the Resurrection,
let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

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

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

This our gift of Easter joy,
sin alone can now destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls newborn, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise;
risen Lord, all praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Creator of all,

you wash away our sins in water,

you give us new birth by the Spirit,

and redeem us in the blood of Christ.

As we celebrate the resurrection,

renew your gift of life within us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

Amen.

THE GRACE

May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

has given us the victory,

give us joy and peace in our faith.

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, alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

REGINA CAELI

Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, alleluia!

He whom thou wast meet to bear, alleluia!

As he promised hath arisen, alleluia!

Pour for us to God thy prayer, alleluia!

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

in memory of their parents
Harry and Ethel Dodds
and Harry and Muriel Noble
by Celia and Eric Dodds,

and in memory of her aunt
Lynda Sobol
by Mother Amanda Ruston.

Clergy Notes

I have been thinking much these days, about endings, and about grief, and about the paradox of the Christian life, which is not sheltered from any of the messiness of human experience. We are not given an escape from sorrow, but - through God's grace - it is always touched gently with hope; with joy.

I have been thinking too, about how often we misunderstand God, even as we long for some experience of God that can comfort us or reassure us that all is well. How, when we do not 'feel' like praying, or when we are hurting, or when God seems very far away, it is exactly then that God is most near. Again and again in Scripture, we are given examples of this: particularly right now, in Eastertide. In this transitory space, we are gifted story after story about the Resurrection.

Although today we are able to cry out, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" it is not yet so for the disciples in these stories. For them, it is a time of waiting and uncertainty - they are still feeling lost and afraid and defeated.

The disciples' sorrow is very real, but so too is the bodily resurrection of Christ, who appears to them again and again, breathing peace upon them, and bidding them touch him - touch his very wounds, as if to say, "the wounds are holy too." He does not take away their suffering - for some unknown reason, that remains a part of the human experience.

And, alongside the suffering, there is also hope. We have a God who has not abandoned us in the messiness of life: instead, God comes to us right in the middle of it all, and bids us touch the wounds which will touch our own wounds with joy.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA!

A Happy and Joyful Easter to one and all! We extend our thanks to everyone who worked so hard - 'front of house and behind the scenes' - to prepare and offer our Holy Week and Easter services. Having walked with Jesus on his Way of the Cross, we now rejoice with him in the joy of Resurrection Life.

FATHER KEVIN'S RETIREMENT

Father Kevin's final Sunday at St. James' will be **April 21, 2024**. Mother Lucy Price will be preaching, and after the service there will be a reception. All are welcome!

SUN RUN ROAD CLOSURES

On **Sunday, April 21**, the Vancouver Sun Run will take place. The neighbourhood around St. James' will not be directly affected but road closures in some areas begin as early as 5:00 am and will not fully end until 1:30 pm. When planning your trip to the church that day, please refer to vancouversunrun.com/maps/.

BIBLE STUDY

Interested in learning more about Scripture, or how to apply the Bible to your daily life? Bring your questions and curiosity and join in the conversation (or just listen if you prefer!) We meet in person and on Zoom, **every Wednesday at 1:00 pm**. No registration required. All are welcome! Please contact Mtr Amanda if you would like to be sent the reading and discussion questions ahead of time.

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 6396 2965

Zoom Passcode: 247805

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 each month at 10:30 am**, join Fr José Luis Aranda Moyano in praying the Holy Rosary via Zoom. Join via Zoom app or by phone at 778-907-2071.

Zoom Meeting ID: 969 0827 4159

No passcode required

Praying the rosary on April 27 is moved to the following Saturday, May 4.

Lectionary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON April 15 Feria	Ps 25; Ex 18:13-27; 1 Pet 5:1-14	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:161-168; Jn 6:22-29	Ps 9, 15; Dan 4:19-27; Mt 3:1-6
TUES April 16 Mollie Brant, Matron among the Mohawks, 1796	Ps 26, 28; Ex 19:1-16; Col 1:1-14	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:1-5; Jn 6:30-35	Ps 36, 39; Dan 4:28-37; Mt 3:7-12
WED April 17 Feria	Ps 38; Ex 19:16-25; Col 1:15-23	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-6; Jn 6:35-40	Ps 119:25-48; Dan 5:1-12; Mt 3:13-17
THUR April 18 Feria	Ps 37:1-18; Ex 20:1-21; Col 1:24-2:7	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:7-8, 14-18; Jn 6:44-51	Ps 37:19-42; Dan 5:13-30; Mt 4:1-11
FRI April 19 Feria	Ps 105:1-22; Ex 24:1-18; Col 2:8-23	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59	Ps 105:23-45; Dan 6:1-15; Mt 4:12-17
SAT April 20 Feria	Ps 30, 32; Ex 25:1-22; Col 3:1-17	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:10-17; Jn 6:60-69	Ps 42, 43; Dan 6:16-28; Mt 4:18-25
SUN April 21 4 th Sunday of Easter	Ps 63:1-8, 98; Ex 28:1-4, 30-38; 1 Jn 2:18-29	Acts 4:5-12; Ps 23; 1 Jn 3:16-24; Jn 10:11-18	Ps 103; Wis 1:1-15; Mk 6:30-44

CLERGY

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The Reverend Joyce Loch, Deacon (ret'd); Sister Mary Christian Cross, Deacon (ret'd)

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