

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 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.

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

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

Malcolm Guite, from Sounding the Seasons: Seventy Sonnets for the Christian Year

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

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+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

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.

It was not I that found, O Saviour true;
no, I was found of thee.

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.
Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
riches beyond imagination.
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,
that we, loving you above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

(Acts 10:44-48)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

**Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.

**In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

(Psalm 98)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

(1 John 5:1-6)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. I have chosen you out of the world: that ye should go and bring fruit, and that your fruit should remain. **Alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

(John 15:9-17)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Mother Amanda Ruston

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, 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: Kenny Landherr; Byron; June & Charles Nixon; Paul Kimm; Patrick Burns; Vivian Lam; Matthew; Paul Waller; Caitlin; Daniel; Bryan & Karin; Rosalind Knight; Bueron; Sylvia Guno; Paul & Dorothy; Judy; Betty Chong; Kevan Rilcof; Reg Lee; Cynthia; Keith Fenton, jr; Michael Symons; Viger Persinger; Sam; Michiko & Dave; Nancy; Lousie Bass; Randall & the Cheah family; Tim; Katie; Jan Lowe; and Greg, 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: Antonio; Sarah; Omar; Tony; Peace; Paul Nosenko; Leah Acosta; Alexander Sevigny; and Alia, 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: Vanessa; Power Joe; Peter Tillson; Clarissa Cheah; Don Ross; Rina,

and remembering those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Julian Brooke; Aidan Ireland; Neil Maclaine; Geofferey Wagner; Alfred Orr; Basil Dance; Harold Michell; Day Gee; Leonard Mack McFerran, priest; Agnes Benner; Hugh Munro; and Tim Darton.

+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

Breathe on me, breath of God;
til I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
God of glory,
accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.

THE GRACE

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,
fill us with new life.
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

O queen of heaven, be joyful, alleluia,
the Son it was your privilege to bear, alleluia,
has arisen, as he promised, alleluia;
pray to the Father for us, alleluia.

Clergy Notes

This Thursday is Ascension Day. The church celebrates the end of the time on earth of the Risen Christ and his glorious return to the Kingdom of God. There is a story about this which is clearly apocryphal - but nonetheless charming and thought provoking.

It tells of an imaginary conversation between the newly ascended Christ and a group of angels. They were anxious to hear about his time on earth and had many questions. They were very impressed when he told them how well his teaching was received. His listeners, he said, told him that he spoke about God in ways that were relevant, understandable and very exciting. When Christ told them about his encounters with the poor and powerless, the hungry and the homeless and the unloved and unlovely, they were deeply moved. They were full of admiration when he spoke about his standing up for his beliefs even when it made him a number of powerful enemies among the religious hierarchy.

One of the angels asked, "What arrangements have you made to ensure that this wonderful work continues now that you are no longer on earth?" He and his fellow angels wanted to be sure that the mission and ministry would not stop. Jesus replied, "I chose twelve individuals and commissioned them to carry on where I left off. They will continue to do this by word and example. Others will join them. It will spread across the world."

Some of the angels were less than happy. They pointed out that twelve was a small number and that human beings were not always strong and reliable. They asked if he had a back-up plan. Christ took a deep breath and said these words to them and to us in twenty first century Vancouver.

"There is NO back-up plan!"

Fr. Neil (Gray)

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 THANKS

Father Kevin is overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of St. James' – in word and in gift – and offers his thanks and appreciation to them and to the staff and volunteers who made his retirement celebration such a success. It has been a joy and a privilege and St. James' will always have a special place in his heart.

ASCENSION DAY SOLEMN MASS

Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm in church.

MISSION CONFERENCE 2024: TOWARD A THEOLOGY OF LAND

The Mission Conference takes place on May 11, 2024 and is open and free to all members of the parishes and not just clergy and synod delegates. This year's theme: The presenters are all local, ordained and lay leaders, with rich experience in teaching and reflecting a thoughtful, God-centred understanding of land, as well as walking with churches who are seeking to steward their lands and buildings for God's mission in the world. Registration is required as lunch will be provided. For more details visit vancouver.anglican.ca/events/mission-conference--2983/2024-05-11.

PULLING OUT ALL THE STOPS: SATURDAY, MAY 11 AT 7:30 PM

Vancouver organists, including our own Gerald Harder and PJ Janson, present an eclectic programme of music played on our historic three-manual Casavant Frères pipe organ. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to hear talented local organists perform works by Hendrik Andriessen, JS Bach, Denis Bédard, WA Mozart, and others. A wine-and-cheese reception is planned following the concert, which is a great opportunity to meet the performers. Admission is by donation. For planning purposes, please register to indicate your intention to attend by visiting allstops.eventbrite.ca.

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

Lectionary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON May 6 St. Francois de Laval, First Bishop in New France, 1708	Ps 80; Lev 25:35-55; Col 1:9-14	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26-16:4a	Ps 77; Dt 8:1-10; Mt 13:1-16
TUES May 7 Feria	Ps 78:1-39; Lev 26:1-20; 1 Tim 2:1-6	Acts 16:19b-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:4b-11	Ps 78:40-72; Dt 8:11-20; Mt 13:18-23
WED May 8 Dame Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Teacher, c.1417	Ps 119:97-120; Lev 26:27-42; Eph 1:1-10	Acts 17:15, 22-18:8; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-20	Ps 68:1-20; 2 Kgs 2:1-15; Rev 5:1-14
THUR May 9 The Ascension of our Lord: Solemn Mass 6:30 pm	Ps 8, 47; Dan 7:9-14; Heb 2:5-18	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47 Eph 1:15-23 Lk 24:44-53	Ps 24, 96; Ezek 1:1-14, 24- 28b; Mt 28:16-20
FRI May 10 Feria	Ps 85, 86; 1 Sam 2:1-10; Eph 2:1-10	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:1-6; Jn 16:20-24	Ps 91, 92; Ezek 1:28-3:3; Mt 7:22-27
SAT May 11 Feria	Ps 87, 90; Num 11:16-17, 24-29; Eph 2:11-22	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:1-2, 7-10; Jn 16:23b-28	Ps 136; Ezek 3:4-17; Mt 7:28-8:4
SUN May 12 7 th Sunday of Easter	Ps 66, 67; Ex-3:1-12; Heb 12:18-29	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Ps 1 1 Jn 5:9-13 Jn 17:6-19	Ps 19, 46; Ezek 3:16-27; Lk 10:17-24

CLERGY

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