

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Third Sunday After Pentecost
June 9, 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 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 at 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

The union of the Christian with Christ is not just a similarity of inclination and feeling, a mutual consent of minds and wills. It has a more radical, more mysterious and supernatural quality: it is a mystical union in which Christ Himself becomes the source and principle of divine life in me. Christ himself, to use a metaphor based on Scripture, “breathes” in me, divinely in-giving me His Spirit. The ever-renewed mission of the Spirit to the soul that is in the grace of Christ is to be understood by the analogy of the natural breath that keeps renewing, from moment to moment, our bodily life. The mystery of the Spirit is the mystery of selfless love. We receive Him in the “inspiration” of secret love, and we give Him to others in the outgoing of our own charity. Our life in Christ is then a life of both receiving and of giving. We receive from God, in the Spirit, and in the same Spirit, we return love to God through our brothers and sisters.

Thomas Merton, “New Seeds of Contemplation”

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 Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if Thou wilt be my Guide.

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, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

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.
O God,
you have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him,
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.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel.'

(Genesis 3:8-15)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Out of the depths have I called you,
O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

**I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

**O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

(Psalm 130)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

(2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Thou, O God, art set in the throne that judgest right: be thou the refuge of the oppressed in due time of trouble. **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.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his apostles could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' — for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.'

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

(Mark 3:20-35)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Father Neil Gray

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
**from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son,
**who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
**who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

We believe in one God;
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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 Newcomers to Canada travelling safely and transitioning smoothly into their new home and culture,

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all bishops, clergy, and people:

- for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;
- for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo,
- for Linda our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop,
- for Archbishop Christopher and for Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of Moosonee,
- for Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines,
- in our Diocese, for:
 - the parishes of St. John the Baptist, Sardis; St. Faith, Vancouver; St. Alban, Richmond; St. Alban the Martyr, Burnaby
 - 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; June & Charles Nixon; Paul Kimm; Patrick Burns; Vivian Lam; Paul Waller; Caitlin; Daniel; Bryan & Karin; Rosalind Knight; Bueron; Sylvia Guno; Paul & Dorothy; Betty Chong; Reg Lee; Cynthia; Keith Fenton, Jr; Viger Persinger; Sam; Nancy; Louise Bass; Jan Lowe; Greg; Kevin; Mary Hamilton; Matthew; Judy; Jerry; Patricia Rilcof; and Shawn Wilson,

and in our Street Outreach for: Antonio; Sarah; Omar; Alan Squires; Kiera West; Troy Ryan; Shane; Will; Oscar; and Glenda,

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died recently, especially: Sean Morven; Russil Rilcof; Jasper Joseph II; Ian Sterling; Norm; Diana Thomson; Shannon; Dawn; Sterling; Angelique; Richard; Dave Johnson; Michael Symons,

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

Jack Dalton; Elizabeth McDonald; Gwen Cavill; August Alexander; Agnes Thompson; Davina Ridley; Jean Baker; Peter Donaghey; Helen Tataren; Isabel Rutter; Kathleen Eagling; William Cliffe; Eric England; Peter MacBean; Dolly Van Heel; Robert Gauthier; and Hilda Darton.

+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

High King of heaven, when victory is won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Merciful God and Father,

in Adam's fall we were born to death;

in the new Adam we are reborn to life.

In all we offer you this day

may we share a taste of your eternal kingdom.

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

Amen.

THE GRACE

The peace of God which passes all understanding

keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

SALVE REGINA

Hail, Mary, mother and queen of tender mercy,
our life, our comfort, and our hope, we hail thee.
From this foreign land, Eve's sons and daughters cry to thee.
So lost, so full of fear, we mourn, we grieve, we sigh
from this tearful vale of exile.

Ah then, our help, our advocate and guide,
turn now to us, the gaze of thine all loving-eyes, so full of mercy.
And Jesus, thy Son and Lord, thy womb's most blessed fruit,
show him to us when we complete our sojourn.
O gentle, O loving, O beloved, O Virgin Mary.

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

in memory of Sanctuary Guild members

Pat McSherry; Jessie Parkes;
Alice Rolfe; Edna Smallman;
Helen Tataren; Dianne Varty;
Margaret Vickers; Shirley Whiteside;
and Maureen Wilson.

Clergy Notes

“Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” (Mk 3:29). When I first read this passage, the exception to the otherwise boundless mercy of God has perplexed me. Why is there is an exception? And why is that exception the Holy Spirit, and not all three Persons of the Holy Trinity?

To approach an answer to these questions, we need to have an understanding of what is the activity of the Holy Spirit. It’s a fitting time to reflect on this, given that we’ve recently embarked on twenty-seven weeks of Ordinary Time, the reference point of which is that it is the Season After Pentecost – which is itself a festival of the Holy Spirit.

In the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of St. John, Jesus describes the Third Person of the Trinity as “the Spirit of truth,” who “will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.” In common with other Jews of his time, Jesus would have understood the *Ruach Hakodesh* (Holy Spirit) as that aspect of God which has dynamic force over creatures, giving them life and being. The Hebrew word, *ruach*, like the Greek word, *pneûma*, means both “spirit” and “breath. To be “inspired,” is literally to be filled with (divine) breath.

For Jesus, access to the truth is access to eternal life, since he is the Word of Life. It is significant that Pilate asks Jesus during his interrogation, “What is truth?” even as Truth stands before him. Jesus, just as significantly, remains silent.

Thus it is for Jesus that blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the eternal sin of lying about the truth, wilfully. Conscious and hardened resistance to the truth leads us away from humility and repentance, and without repentance, there can be no forgiveness. That is why the sin of blasphemy against the Spirit cannot be forgiven since one who does not acknowledge their sin does not seek to have it forgiven.

The reason for this Season After Pentecost is a summer quest for the truth. The green of this liturgical season reminds us that this time in the Church Year reflects inwardly the growth and vibrance we see around us outwardly. For many of our forebears, these six months between Pentecost and Advent would have been a time of hard work: tilling the soil, planting and tending new crops, then – finally – harvest, storage, and preservation.

By analogy, our lives in faith are dedicated at this time to the careful husbandry of our own growth as Christian disciples; led by the Holy Spirit, who – as Jesus promises will teach us everything, and remind us of all he has said to us.

Fr Neil Fernyhough

Notices

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

Mtr Amanda will be away and out of email contact from **until Sunday, June 16**. She will attend to pastoral matters sent to mtr.amanda@stjames.bc.ca as soon as possible when she returns. Parish administrative matters, intercessions, and pastoral emergencies can be sent to office@stjames.bc.ca.

BOARD GAME NIGHT

Join us in playing board games together on **Tuesday, June 11th from 7:00 to 9:30pm!** Bring your favourite game and a friend. Everyone is welcome! If you have questions please talk to Michelle at 236-512-9915.

NEWCOMER ARRIVALS

In early 2021, the Diocesan Refugee Committee asked St. James' to consider co-sponsoring two refugees, and the Trustees agreed. After a long process and much waiting, they will finally arrive on June 10. Please keep the Newcomers in your prayers for safe travels and smooth settling in to a new culture and way of life.

BIBLE STUDY SUMMER BREAK

Bible Study is on pause and will resume **Wednesday, September 4**.
Enjoy your summer!

THE DAILY OFFICE

The Daily Office is said online via Zoom **Monday through Saturday at 9:00 am and 5:00 pm**. Join via 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. We meet at **9:00 pm Friday nights**. Bring your own book or contact Mtr Amanda for the PDF order of service. Join via Zoom app or by phone at 778-907-2071.

Zoom Meeting ID: 272 505 973

Zoom Passcode: 688517

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.

Lectionary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON June 10 Feria	Ps 56, 57; Ec 7:1-14; Gal 4:12-20	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121; Mt 5:1-12	Ps 64, 65; Dt 30:1-10; Mt 15:21-28
TUES June 11 St. Barnabas the Apostle	Ps 15, 67; Sir 31:3-11; Acts 4:32-37	Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3; Ps 112; Mt 10:7-16	Ps 19, 146; Job 29:1-16; Acts 9:26-31
WED June 12 Feria	Ps 72; Ec 9:11-18; Gal 5:1-15	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1, 6-11; Mt 5:17-19	Ps 119:73-96; Dt 31:30-32:14; Mt 16:1-12
THUR June 13 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 1231	Ps 71; Ec 11:1-8; Gal 5:16-24	1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:1, 8-14; Mt 5:20-26	Ps 74; Sir 44:19-45:5; Mt 16:13-20
FRI June 14 Feria	Ps 69:1-23, 31-38; Ec 11:9-12:14; Gal 5:25-6:10	1 Kgs 19:9-16; Ps 27:10-18; Mt 5:27-32	Ps 73; Sir 45:6-16; Mt 16:21-28
SAT June 15 Feria	Ps 75, 76; Num 3:1-13; Gal 6:11-18	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1-7; Mt 5:33-37	Ps 23, 27; Sir 46:1-10; Mt 17:1-13
SUN June 16 Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	Ps 93, 96; Num 6:22-27; Acts 13:1-12	Ez 17:22-24 Ps 92:1-4, 11-14 2 Cor 5:6-10, 14-17 Mk 4:26-34	Ps 34; Sir 46:11-20; Lk 12:41-48

CLERGY

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

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