

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 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), 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

Jesus said, ‘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 15:12-17)

Just as there is a wicked zeal of bitterness which separates from God and leads to hell, so there is a good zeal which separates from evil and leads to God and everlasting life. This, then, is the good zeal which monks must foster with fervent love: ‘They should each try to be the first to show respect to the other’ (Rom 12:10), supporting with the greatest patience one another’s weaknesses of body or behaviour, and earnestly competing in obedience to one another. No one is to pursue what they judge better for themselves, but instead, what they judge better for someone else. To their fellow monks they show the pure love of sisters and brothers; to God, loving fear; to their abbot, unfeigned and humble love. Let them prefer nothing whatever to Christ, and may Christ bring us all together to everlasting life.

(Rule of Saint Benedict:72)

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x^wməθk^wə́əm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́ilwətał (Tseil-Waututh) First Nations, we meet

+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

Praise my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

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.
Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
until they find their rest in you.
May we find peace in your service,
and in the world to come, see you face to face;
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 the prophet Amos.

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb-line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,
“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.”’

And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’

Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

(Amos 7:7-15)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

(Psalm 85:8-13)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

(Ephesians 1:3-14)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. You, O God, are praised in Zion: to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem. **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.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

(Mark 6:14-29)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Father Matthew Johnson

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 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 Church of Ireland
- for Linda our Primate; Lynne our Metropolitan; and John our Bishop
- for Archbishop Christopher and for Indigenous Peoples in the Diocese of Nova Scotia,
- for Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines,
- in our Diocese, for:
 - the parishes of St. Mary, Kerrisdale; St. Mary Magdalene, Vancouver
 - 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; Paul Kimm; Vivian Lam; Paul Waller; Caitlin; Bryan & Karin; Rosalind Knight; Sylvia Guno; Paul & Dorothy; Betty Chong; Reg Lee; Keith Fenton, Jr; Louise Bass; Jan Lowe; Matthew; Patricia Rilcof; Shawn Wilson; Ian Bee; Michael; Jerry; Jay Lindsey; Jenny; Jim Turner; Noreen Walker; Sophia & family; Nita Firestone; Stephanie & family; Hannah; Edna & family; and Byron; Carr; and Will & Kaylee,

and in our Street Outreach for: Antonio; Sarah; Omar; Brooklyn Dubois; Raven Manual; Jake Richards; Joanne; Keith; Gary; Jason & Amber; Osborn; Jason; Tannis; Joanne; Vicki; and Sandy,

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died recently, especially: Roger Amerena; Mike; Brian Horozov; Josh Louie,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: William Cliffe; Eric England; Peter MacBean; Dolly Van Heel; Robert Gauthier; Hilda Darton; Richard Chong; John Toms; Harley Bryon; Iva Molony; Joseph O'Brien; Won Tshin Ho; Alfred Hutchins; Mary Henderson; Martha Somerville; Cecil Best; John Heng; and Michael Eliot.

+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

O Measureless Might, ineffable Love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Father,

your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom.

Receive all we offer you this day,

and keep us in your peace;

for the sake 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.

Clergy Notes

Last week, the Anglican Church celebrated the feast of St. Benedict; the Gospel reading for that day is John 15:12-17, which occurs just after Jesus proclaims, “I am the vine and you are the branches.”

In this metaphor, the branches have one goal in common: to stay rooted in Jesus and bear fruit. And Jesus makes it quite clear in this passage what that is: to love one another. The branches can neither live without the vine, nor can they function independently. Their/our only goal is a common one: to bear the fruit which is God’s love. No one branch can do this on its own; no one branch is better than another, nor more favoured.

This description of the community is particularly apt for the feast of St. Benedict because it very accurately describes the kind of community he envisions. When any member decides to join the community, they voluntarily give up any rank or title or distinguishing feature that their secular life affords them, and – literally and figuratively – put on a new identity in the shared community of the monastic life. The tasks and work required by the community to function are shared out equally, and even artisans and craftspeople are only allowed to exercise their gifts for the collective good.

Quite starkly in contrast to our secular way of living, in a Jesus-believing community described by the vine metaphor, the goal of the individual isn’t personal gain, or accolades, or success, or esteem. Our goal is collective: to bear fruit; fruit that will last. And Jesus is clear about what that is; so clear that in these five short verses he repeats it twice:

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

“I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

We have one job and one alone: to love one another. It is simple but not easy. It means that in a world that celebrates individual accomplishment and individuality we must give up our ‘right’ to personal accolades. In a world that tempts us to gauge our worth by what we do and how much we can achieve, or how close to the top we can rise, Jesus tells us that our worth resides in abiding in God. In a world that teaches us we must compete with one other for everything, Jesus tells us we belong to one another.

As always, Jesus' teaching is simple but not easy. It is as counter-cultural now as it was 2000 years ago. Maybe more so. It will perhaps always be a struggle, even for the best of us.

Yet, as the continuation of the Church and the many Benedictine communities worldwide can attest to, this vision of a communal life rooted in Christ, and the love of God it proclaims is more than worth the struggle.

Mother Amanda

The flowers on the High Altar
are given to the Greater Glory of God
by Reece Wrightman,

and by the Heng family
in loving memory of John Heng –
forever remembered.

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

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

MEALS FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. are currently enrolling new clients aged 55+ and low-income for meal delivery in all of Metro Vancouver. For more information please visit stjames.bc.ca/news.

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 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 July 15 Feria	Ps 25; Jos 2:1-14; Rom 11:1-12	Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:7-15; Mt 10:34-11:1	Ps 9, 15; 1 Sam 18:5-16, 27b-30; Mt 25:1-13
TUES July 16 Feria	Ps 26, 28; Jos 2:15-24; Rom 11:13-24	Is 7:1-9; Ps 48; Mt 11:20-24	Ps 36, 39; 1 Sam 19:1-18; Mt 25:14-30
WED July 17 Feria	Ps 38; Jos 3:1-13; Rom 11:25-36	Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Ps 94:5-15; Mt 11:25-27	Ps 119:25-48; 1 Sam 20:1-23; Mt 25:31-46
THUR July 18 Feria	Ps 37:1-18; Jos 3:14-4:7; Rom 12:1-8	Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:12-22; Mt 11:28-30	Ps 37:19-42; 1 Sam 20:24-42; Mt 26:1-16
FRI July 19 Feria	Ps 31; Jos 4:19-5:1, 10-15; Rom 12:9-21	Is 38:1-6, 21; Ps 6; Mt 12:1-8	Ps 35; 1 Sam 21:1-15; Mt 26:17-25
SAT July 20 Feria	Ps 30, 32; Jos 6:1-14; Rom 13:1-7	Mic 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-9, 18-19; Mt 12:14-21	Ps 42, 43; 1 Sam 22:1-23; Mt 26:26-35
SUN July 21 9th Sunday After Pentecost	Ps 63:1-8, 98; Jos 6:15-27; Acts 22:30-23:11	Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23 Eph 2:11-22 Mk 6:30-34, 53-56	Ps 103; 1 Sam 23:7-18; Mk 2:1-12

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