

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 18, 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 (Tseil-Waututh) First Nations.

Welcome to this St. James' "Liturgy at Home", which gathers together a community of worship for those prevented for various reasons from being in church for the celebration of Solemn Mass at 10:30 am on Sundays. For times for weekday Mass (in church) and Daily Office (online), 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 its as an aid to your prayers at home. You will draw strength, we hope, from the knowledge that fellow-parishioners will be praying alongside you.

The Parish Intercession Lists 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

How wondrously you shape the hours
As shadows of eternity:
Heaven's stars are dancing with Earth's flowers—
A garden of astronomy.

What is it that the flowers have lent
You, or you them, to be so fair?—
The shyest wisps of floral scent
Blossoming on the evening air...

And momentary beams of light,
Dancing within the distant skies,
Grow brighter as they leave the night
To dance forever in your eyes.

- Lee Johnson, *The Star-Flower of Bethlehem*

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

Sing the chiefest joy of Mary
when on earth her work was done,
when the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heavenly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world's redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

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 Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and Splendour of the Father:

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 taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary,
mother of your incarnate Son.
May we who have been redeemed by his blood,
share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom;
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 Isaiah.

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

(Isaiah 7:10-15)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

"The Ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

**Let us go to God's dwelling place;
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."**

Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,
you and the ark of your strength.

**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
let your faithful people sing with joy.**

For your servant David's sake,
do not turn away the face of your anointed.

**If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their children will sit upon your throne for evermore."**

For the Lord has chosen Zion,
he has desired her for his habitation:

(Psalm 132:6-10, 13-14)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

(Galatians 4:4-7)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Mary is taken up into heaven: the company of angels is joyful. **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.

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

(Luke 1:46-55)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Father Neil Gray

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us bless the living God:

He was born of the Virgin Mary,
revealed in his glory.

Worshipped by the angels,
proclaimed among the nations.

Believed in throughout the world,
exalted to the highest heavens.

Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Intercessor:

As we pray to God, Creator of all, we say with Mary:

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Your prophet of old foretold a day when a virgin would conceive
and bear a child who would be called God-with-us.

Give us the grace of repentance and forgiveness,
that we may look forward to your deliverance and seek the fullness of your
kingdom.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Your angel declared to Mary that she was to be the mother of the Saviour.

Mary rejoiced with Elizabeth and sang your praise,

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.”

Help every Christian person to be open to your word and obedient to your will.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

- for The Anglican Church of Melanesia;
- for Linda our Primate, Lynne our Metropolitan, and John our Bishop;
- for Archbishop Christopher, and for the covenant to raise up a truly Anglican Indigenous Church in Canada,
- for Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines,
- and in our Diocese for:
 - St. Hildegard’s Sanctuary @ St Faith, Vancouver;
 - The Deanery of Golden Ears; The Archdeaconry of Lougheed;
 - and our own parish of St James.

Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

Mary bore a child of David's line, a sovereign whose reign would never end.
Bless all the nations of the world with Christ's gift of peace.
Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

The child Jesus grew in wisdom and stature
in the home of Mary and Joseph.
Strengthen our homes and families,
and keep under your protection all who live,
work and offer care in this neighbourhood.

In our Street Outreach we pray for Antonio; Omar; Gary; Joanne; Saeed & Family;
Sundance; Theresa; Darryl; Lee Dee; and Adam.
Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

At the foot of the cross of Christ stood his mother,
and from the cross she received his lifeless body in her arms.
Give comfort and healing to all who suffer
and all who watch the suffering of those they love.

We pray for Louise Bass; Jan Lowe; Kenny Landherr; Vivian Lam; Bryan & Karin;
Paul & Dorothy; Caitlin; Paul Waller; Judy; Brian; Martin; Christian; Shawn Wilson;
Keith Maynard; Savita Kshatriya; Sister Sam; Michael, Margaret & family;
Maisie Adams; Carolyn, Jim, and Diana; Patricia Rilcof; Keith Fenton, Jr; Michael;
Nita Firestone; Heather Dillashaw; Ian Bee; Jenny; Betty Chong; Byron;
Stephanie & family; Dianne; Forrest & Shaniah; Tom Gowan; and John Jeacocke.
Lord, have mercy on those who fear you.

Holy is your name.

The apostle John saw a vision of a woman in heaven, robed with the sun.
Bring us with all those who have died in the faith of Christ
to share the joy of heaven with Mary and all the saints.

We pray for the recently departed: Bella; Helen Lawler; Alan Batten; Linda Light;
Keith Light; Russil Rilcof; Robert Gillespie,

and all who have died suddenly and unprepared; and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: George Dawson; Louis Taylor; Reginald Unwin; Dragomir Pajic; Dilys Hornby; Austin Gordon; Sydney Stapleton; Horace Clarke; and Marina Gordon.

+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

Magnificat, Magnificat!
Magnificat anima mea Dominum!
Magnificat, Magnificat!
Magnificat anima mea!

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of mercy,

receive all we offer you this day.

May we share with the Virgin Mary

the joys of your eternal kingdom,

and live with you in unending love.

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

Amen.

THE GRACE

May holy Michael the archangel and all the angels of God
watch over us and guard us; may holy Mary, the Mother of God,
St. James our Patron, and all the Saints, pray with us and for us;

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

I remember awhile back, there was a whole movement on social media declaring that the offering of one's 'thoughts and prayers' was no longer an acceptable response to those who were grieving or suffering in any capacity. On some level, I can understand the core of this complaint; after all, we have probably all been on the receiving end of spiritual (or secular) platitudes, and if so, we know firsthand exactly how 'helpful' that can be. I think most people genuinely mean well; it's just that there are so few who are taught how to sit with someone in their discomfort without trying to fix it or make it feel better quickly. And, of course, we are all hard wired to want to do practical things like bring people casseroles, and ensure their kids are taken care of, and maybe even help them fold some laundry, or take them for coffee. All of those things are good and holy, and we should do them.

And yet, I fundamentally do not agree that praying for someone is not helpful. What indeed do we think we are supposed to do as Christians, if not pray?!? Of course, we have to back up our words with actions, and most people can sense when someone doesn't really believe in the efficacy of the prayers they are offering. But prayer is not a backup plan or a last resort when we cannot think of anything 'useful' to do. Prayer is literally asking God to care for someone in the way they most need to be cared for, (whilst admitting we don't always know what that is), and trusting God to respond to the needs of the world and the people God loves more than anyone else can.

We do not need to know HOW God answers prayer; we simply need to believe that somehow, God does, and somehow, prayer changes things. Prayer matters, because it connects us with the heart of God who is always inspiring our prayers; it joins us with the work of God which is always ongoing, and of which we are a part.

On this celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us also remember that we can ask for Our Lady's prayers, too: she who loves and is beloved of our very own Lord.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Mother Amanda

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!

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Do you love to sing? Do you have at least a basic ability to read music and some choral experience? If so, the St. James Choir has a spot for you! We sing sacred music from across centuries, from Gregorian chant to the present day. The choir rehearses Thursday evenings from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and sings most Sundays from September through June.

Please contact Gerald Harder at musicdirector@stjames.bc.ca for more information.

SIGLO DE ORO: RENAISSANCE REFLECTIONS

London's celebrated vocal ensemble **Siglo de Oro** brings a programme of Renaissance and modern sacred music to St. James' Anglican Church for their Canadian debut in Vancouver as they commence their 2024 Canada and USA tour. Beautiful unaccompanied choral music from the Renaissance to the present day in the marvellous acoustics of St James' Anglican Church. **Friday, September 13, 2024 at 7:30 pm.**

Visit sjmusic.ca for more information about Siglo de Oro, and for programme details.

BILLET HOSTS WANTED

St. James' Music Series is looking for Vancouver hosts able to accommodate a member from the Siglo de Oro vocal ensemble for two evenings: **Thursday, September 12** and **Friday, September 13**. Hosts will receive two complimentary tickets to the performance as thanks.

We are looking for hosts who can:

- provide a room for one or more members of the Siglo de Oro
- offer a light breakfast on both Friday and Saturday morning

Please email PJ at musicseries@stjames.bc.ca if you are able to accommodate an artist from this outstanding UK vocal group, or if you have any questions.

CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know that the St James Choir includes four **Choral Scholars**, one for each of the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections? The choral scholarship program is a win-win: student singers gain experience singing some of the finest choral works in resonant acoustics, working alongside professional musicians and volunteer, and learning a wide range of church music performed to the highest standards. Our choir benefits from the talents and energy of these enthusiastic student singers.

Please consider giving directly to this most important program. For more information, please contact Gerald Harder at musicdirector@stjames.bc.ca.

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 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 Aug 19 Feria	Ps 106:1-18; Jg 17:1-13; Acts 7:44-8:1a	Ezek 24:15-24; Ps 79:1-8; Mt 19:16-22	Ps 106:19-48; 2 Sam 17:24-18:8; Jn 5:19-29
TUES Aug 20 St. Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153	Ps 121, 122, 123; Jg 18:1-15; Acts 8:1-13	Ezek 28:1-10; Ps 60:1-5; Mt 19:23-30	Ps 124, 125, 126; 2 Sam 18:9-18; Jn 5:30-47
WED Aug 21 Feria	Ps 119:145-176; Jg 18:16-31; Acts 8:14-25	Ezek 34:1-11; Ps 23 Mt 20:1-16a	Ps 128, 129, 130; 2 Sam 18:19-33; Jn 6:1-15
THUR Aug 22 Feria	Ps 131, 132; Job 1:1-22; Acts 8:26-40	Ezek 36:22-28; Ps 51:8-13 Mt 22:1-14	Ps 134, 135; 2 Sam 19:1-23; Jn 6:16-27
FRI Aug 23 Feria	Ps 140, 142; Job 2:1-13; Acts 9:1-9	Ezek 37:1-14; Ps 107:1-8; Mt 22:34-40	Ps 141, 143:1-11; 2 Sam 19:24-43; Jn 6:27-40
SAT Aug 24 St. Bartholomew the Apostle	Ps 86; Gen 28:10-17; Jn 1:43-51	1 Cor 4:9-15; Ps 91; Lk 22:24-30	Ps 104; Job 3:1-26; Jn 6:41-51
SUN Aug 25 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Ps 146, 147; Job 4:1-6, 12-21; Rev 4:1-11	Jos 24:1-2a, 14-18; Ps 34:15-22; Eph 6:10-20; Jn 6:56-69	Ps 111, 112, 113; 2 Sam 24:1-2, 10-25; Mk 6:1-6a

CLERGY

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