

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Holy Cross
September 15, 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

Let us consider of what great blessings for us Christ's Cross has become the cause. For though the Lord's Cross sounds sad and bitter, it is in reality full of joy and radiance. For the Cross is the salvation of the Church; the Cross is the boast of those who hope in it; the Cross is reconciliation of enemies to God and conversion of sinners to Christ. For through the Cross we have been delivered from enmity, and through the Cross we have been joined in friendship to God. Through the Cross we have been freed from the tyranny of the devil, and through the Cross we have been delivered from death and destruction.

-St John Chrysostom, *excerpt from 'On The Holy Cross'*

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

As we gather together on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Tsleil Waututh, Squamish and Musqueam First Nations, we come to the foot of the Cross:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**because by your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, "God is love."

He bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.

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.

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

May we come to your altar, O God, the God of our salvation:
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,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
was lifted high upon the cross
that he might draw the whole world to himself,
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption,
have grace to take up our cross and follow 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 Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

(Numbers 21:4-9)

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.**

(Psalm 98:1-6)

SECOND READING

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

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

(1 Corinthians 1:18-24)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Sweetest wood, sweetest iron, that bare so sweet a burden: which only was counted worthy to sustain the King of heaven and its Lord. **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, 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

(John 3:13-17)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Father Neil Gray

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.

**Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.**

He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:**

that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
**and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant

Let us pray to the Father through his Son,
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Intercessor

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church.
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship.
In the preaching of the word
and the celebration of the sacraments,
draw your people close to you.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Give your grace to Zayd, Lyle and Metro,
Help them, with all the baptized,
to witness to the faith we have received
by our words and in our deeds,
and daily conform us more and more to Christ,
that we may glory in his cross.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice.
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,
and in his passion to know their salvation.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship.
According to your promises,
bring them with all your saints
to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

Holy God, holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

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 the Lord our 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

Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine!
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame
into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.
Amen.

THE GRACE

Christ crucified draw us to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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 loving memory of
Rita Lou-Hing, dearly missed
but living on in spirit
through her grand and great-grands.

Clergy Notes

This past Wednesday, our bible study group reflected on 1 Corinthians, specifically how our faith is rooted in 'the foolishness' of the cross.

What wonderful, rich language St. Paul uses! And how fitting for us today in this age of reason, when we are very likely to have colleagues and friends and neighbours who wonder whether we, rational reasonable people, 'really believe in all that stuff?' Indeed, it may be tempting for us to brush it off or to avoid that uncomfortable conversation altogether, but I would urge us all to think twice before doing so.

Several participants gave examples in their lives of how their acquaintances, just by observing their behaviour, became curious about their faith. Yes, they claimed, people thought them odd for going to church, or believing 'that stuff' but - even if they could not explain WHY they did so - over time, the witness of their lives made a difference for those around them.

How wonderfully fitting that we also celebrate three baptisms this week, and what a testimony to them in the beginning of their new life as part of Christ's body! For, even when - inevitably - the patina of their newborn faith wears off and the refined silver of discipleship begins to emerge in its place, the reminder that our Christian lives as a whole are witnesses to Christ's glory, will be refreshing and sustaining.

May they, with all the baptized, find fresh strength and hope in Christ crucified: the foolishness of God which is wiser than human wisdom.

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

AWAY

The Parish Administrator will be away from **Friday, September 20 through Wednesday, September 25**. The parish office will not be staffed during this time and messages will not be received until the following week. For pastoral matters, please contact Mtr Amanda directly.

TRUSTEES

The St. James' trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, September 17.

BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, we hold Bible Study in the library of the Parish Centre and via Zoom. Each week we explore a passage of scripture (we will be studying the letters of Paul from now until Advent) and wonder together about its meaning and implications for our lives as Christians today. All are welcome! No registration required. If you would like to be sent the reading and questions ahead of time, please contact Mother Amanda.

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 6396 2965

Zoom Passcode: 247805

SEASON OF CREATION PILGRIMAGE

On Saturday, September 28, we shall join with other parishes in our deanery to walk through our neighbourhoods and encounter God in Creation. Details to come. All are welcome!

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 Sept 16 St. Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c.430	Ps 56, 57; Job 40:1-24; Acts 15:36-16:5	1 Cor 11:17-28, 33; Ps 40:8-12; Lk 7:1-10	Ps 64, 65; 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Jn 11:55-12:8
TUES Sept 17 Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882	Ps 61, 62; Job 40:1, 41:1-11; Acts 16:6-15	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Ps 100; Lk 7:11-17	Ps 68:1-20, 24-36; 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Jn 12:9-19
WED Sept 18 Founders, Benefactors & Missionaries of the Church in Canada	Ps 72; Job 42:1-17; Acts 16:16-24	1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:1-12, 22; Lk 7:31-35	Ps 119:73-96; 1 Kgs 22:1-28; Jn 12:20-26
THUR Sept 19 St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690	Ps 71; Job 28:1-28; Acts 16:25-40	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:14-29; Lk 7:36-50	Ps 74; 1 Kgs 22:29-45; Jn 12:27-36a
FRI Sept 20 John Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, & Companions, Martyrs, 1871	Ps 69:1-23, 31-38; Jdt 4:1-15; Acts 17:1-15	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1-7; Lk 8:1-3	Ps 73; 2 Kgs 1:2-17; Jn 12:36b-43
SAT Sept 21 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	Ps 119:41-64; Is 8:11-20; Rom 10:1-15	2 Tim-3:14-17; Ps 119:33-40; Mt 9:9-13	Ps 23, 27; Acts 17:16-34; Jn 12:44-50
SUN Sept 22 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Ps 93, 96; Jdt 5:22-6:4, 10-21; Jas 1:19-27	Wis 1:16-2:1, 12-22; Ps 54; Jas 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mk 9:30-37	Ps 34; 2 Kgs 4:8-37; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

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