

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 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

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.
Through the unknown, unremembered gate
When the last of earth left to discover
Is that which was the beginning;
At the source of the longest river
The voice of the hidden waterfall
And the children in the apple-tree
Not known, because not looked for
But heard, half-heard, in the stillness
Between two waves of the sea.
Quick now, here, now, always—
A condition of complete simplicity
(Costing not less than everything)
And all shall be well and
All manner of thing shall be well
When the tongues of flames are in-folded
Into the crowned knot of fire
And the fire and the rose are one.

-T.S. Elliot

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́ilwətał (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

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

A voice cries out in the wilderness,
“Make straight the way of the Lord.”
So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into the peace of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament
to strengthen us in holiness:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory
with salvation for your people:

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

who sent your servant John the Baptist

to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,

inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,

to turn our disobedient hearts to you,

that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,

we may stand with confidence before his glory;

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 book of the prophet Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

(Baruch 5:1-9)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.
He has raised up a mighty saviour for us
in the house of his servant David,

**as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

**to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
to give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

**By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

(Luke 1:68-79)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

(Philippians 1:3-11)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
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.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

(Luke 3:1-6)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Mtr Amanda Ruston

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

In joyful expectation of the coming of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Intercessor:

Come to your Church as ruler and judge.

Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Bless the leadership of the Anglican Communion,

Anne our Acting Primate, Lynne our Metropolitan, John our Bishop,
and all ministers of your Church;

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as Sovereign of all.

Bless Charles, our King, the leaders of the nations, and all in authority;

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.

Bless Alain Leblanc; Betty Chong; Shailene; Darren; Dorothy & Christopher;

Mairhead; Adut; Gustavo; Davey; Christina; Tim; Patricia Craig; Peter,

Break into our lives,

where we struggle with sickness and distress,

and set us free to serve you for ever.

In our Street Outreach, bless Shepreny; Grace; Mike; Darren; Tommy; Donald; Jamie;

Stan & his wife; Jeffrey; Gwen; Chris; Rick; Danielle; Ruth Mackey; the Strathcona

Mental Health Team & all those they care for.

Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. Receive in your mercy those who have died recently: Paul Stanwood; Rupert Fawdry; Louise Bass; Jorge; Catherine Campbell; Lyndon James Daniels; Percy Byard; Julie Price; Tony Doan,

and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Mary Taylor; Dorothy Duchesne; Audrey Noviczky; Louella Friesen; Geoffrey Beaver-Jones; Ronald Belgrave; Janice Watkins; Daryl Keeling; Cecelia Ung; Helen Jenkins; Helen Carr; Hilda Hellaby; Bethia Moodie; Eileen Brown; Beatrice Brooke; Cecelia Symonds; Eric Potter; and Soren Rasmussen.

Give us with all the faithful departed
a share in your victory over evil and death.

+Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

Celebrant:

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love,
that with Holy Mary, the Mother of God,
St James our patron, and all the saints,
we may share in the joy of your kingdom
where you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

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

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God our strength,

we are nothing without you.

Receive all we offer you this day

as you sustain us with your mercy;

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GRACE

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon us,

scatter the darkness from before our path,

and make us ready to meet him when he comes in glory.

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.

ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER

O loving mother of the Saviour,
ever the open gate to heaven,
and star of the sea,
O hasten to aid us,
who though falling strive to rise again.

Bearing as a virgin, while nature stood in awe,
your own Maker, your own holy Lord,
ever virgin, after as before,
when the mouth of Gabriel
uttered that great 'Ave,'
O take pity on us sinners.

Clergy Notes

John is the first significant figure in the story of Jesus' public ministry. His prophetic proclamation is also the first point of agreement between the four evangelists, who relate markedly similar accounts. John is portrayed as the proverbial "one-eyed man in the kingdom of the blind," who alone can see the end of history. Living a life of begging, he is akin to the wild-eyed street-corner preacher holding a piece of cardboard on which he's scrawled, "Repent! The end has come!"

Luke is careful to distinguish between the ministries of John and Jesus; and there has been much speculation about the relationship between the men. It seems that John had a significant following in his own right; indeed, he's executed by King Herod, who sees him as a potential political threat. Years later, Jesus' disciples would find people in far-flung corners of the Empire, who knew of John and his of his baptisms. Jesus may have been among his followers, who took up leadership within the community after John's arrest and beheading

For us, John the Baptist stands as a model of faithful witness. Time and again in Scripture, we are told that the difference between a false prophet and a genuine one is simply that the oracles of the genuine prophet come to pass. John maintained the confidence needed to assert a truth many in his day dismissed as misguided self-interest, malicious lies, or the mad ravings of this month's sackcloth-clad wunderkind.

Emulating the faithful witness of John the Baptist, let's each of us be encouraged this Advent to speak the truth with love and compassion – especially in the face of hatred and exclusion. Like his father, Zechariah, we will find it impossible to remain mute when the truth of God's revelation takes fire in our heart and loosens our tongue in divinely-inspired eloquence. For we are bidden, like John, "to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Alas, they are all around us.

Rev. Neil Fernyhough

CHRISTMAS FOR ALL

Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 pm

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 22 at 3:00 pm

30 minute organ prelude at 2:30 pm

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY – SAID MASS

Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

MIDNIGHT MASS OF CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24 10:30 pm

Organ & choir prelude at 10:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Liturgy at Home at 9:00 am on Zoom

Solemn Mass at 10:30 am in church

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

CANONICAL COMMITTEE

Bishop John has given his permission for the Canonical Committee to begin their formal search for a new Rector. The parish will be kept up to date on their progress.

BAKE-TO-ORDER FESTIVE GOODIES

Order homemade Christmas goodies from Mothers' Union? Be sure to pick them up today after Mass.

CONTEMPLATION & CELEBRATION: A TWO-PART ADVENT QUIET DAY

Saturday, December 14, two sessions

In the morning session (**10:30 am – 12:30 pm**) we will use traditional songs and focus on creative reflection and contemplation to deepen our experience of Advent. In the afternoon session (**1 pm – 5 pm**), light refreshments will be provided as we make simple ornaments and decorate the tree. Let Leah (leahpostman@gmail.com) know you plan to attend either session (or both!) by **Thursday December 12**.

CHRISTMAS FOR ALL

Join us on **Sunday December 15 at 2:30 pm** for our annual Christmas for All event! This family-friendly service tells the story of Christmas through carol singing and readings, and is a great opportunity to invite someone new. All are welcome!

9 LESSONS AND CAROLS: DECEMBER 22

In the tradition of King's College, Cambridge, and led by the MOTET choir, this service is to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind go even unto Bethlehem to see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. **Organ prelude starts at 2:30 pm, service at 3:00 pm.**

TRUSTEES

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

FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Flower Guild encourages parishioners to donate for flowers to celebrate Christmas with vibrant colour. Please sign up at the back of the church or use the form at stjames.bc.ca/flower-dedications-at-st-james by **Monday, December 16.**

STEWARDSHIP – GRACE IN ACTION 2024

If you have not been able to bring your intention card to church, please take a clear photo of the completed side and email it to office@stjames.bc.ca by December 4th. Thanks!

THE COMING HOME SOCIETY ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The Coming Home Society's annual newsletter is now available. Please visit stjames.bc.ca/news to read it, or pick up a hard copy from the Narthex. To make a donation please 'Google' Canada Helps and find Coming Home Society. Or, as there is a postal strike, you can drop your donation off to the church office.

The Coming Home Society works in partnership with Urban Native Youth Association (UNYA), which offers a wide range of programs to meet the needs of urban Aboriginal youth. They also work with Warriors Against Violence Society, a place where Aboriginal men and women can overcome the Residential Schools' legacy of anger and abuse and learn to live healthy, non-violent lives. Your support is a way to further the work of healing and Reconciliation. *With grateful thanks, Linda Adams, President, Coming Home Society*

SALAL + CEDAR WILD LECTIONARY

The Salal + Cedar's Wild Lectionary provides weekly detailed commentary and preaching suggestions on ecological themes written by various scholars and activists -- including our own Mother Amanda. Salal + Cedar's goal is to keep the Wild Lectionary free to preachers and teachers, and are fundraising to support that goal. For more information and to donate, visit canadahelps.org/en/pages/help-salal-cedar-keep-our-climate-justice-bible-co/ **until December 11.**

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

This week, St. James' church has returned to its practice of keeping a special prayer list for individuals with long-term needs. Names on the long-term list will continue to be prayed for, although they may not routinely appear in the Sunday Mass bulletins. If you have questions about the long-term prayer list, please see Mother Amanda.

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 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

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 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 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

Lectionary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON Dec 9 Prophets of the Old Testament	Ps 25; Is 5:8-12, 18-23; 1 Th 5:1-11	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:8-13; Lk 5:17-26	Ps 9, 15; Am 7:1-9; Lk 21:20-28
TUES Dec 10 Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ps 26, 28; Is 5:13-17, 24-25; 1 Th 5:12-28	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14	Ps 36, 39; Am 7:10-17; Lk 21:29-38
WED Dec 11 Feria	Ps 38; Is 6:1-13; 2 Th 1:1-12	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-10; Mt 11:28-30	Ps 119:25-48; Am 8:1-14; Jn 7:53-8:11
THUR Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas, 1531	Ps 37:1-18; Is 7:1-9; 2 Th 2:1-12	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1-4, 8-13; Mt 11:7-15	Ps 37:19-42; Am 9:1-10; Lk 22:1-13
FRI Dec 13 Feria	Ps 31; Is 7:10-25; 2 Th 2:13-3:5	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19	Ps 35; Hag 1:1-15; Lk 22:14-30
SAT Dec 14 St. John of the Cross, Mystic, Teacher of the Faith, 1591	Ps 30, 32; Is 8:1-15; 2 Th 3:6-18	Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:1-3, 14-18; Mt 17:9-13	Ps 42, 43; Hag 2:1-9; Lk 22:31-38
SUN Dec 15 3rd Sunday of Advent	Ps 63:1-8, 98; Is 13:6-13; Heb 12:18-29	Zeph 3:14-20; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:7-18	Ps 103; Am 9:11-15; Jn 3:22-30

CLERGY

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