

# Liturgy at Home

---

## St. James' Anglican Church



The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ  
January 12, 2025 | 9:00 am



# Welcome

---

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect our presence on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (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](mailto: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](http://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

---

Today Christ entered the riverbed of the Jordan, to wash away the world's sin: John himself bears witness that he came for this: 'Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.' Today the servant holds the Lord, man holds God, John holds Christ: holds him, as about to receive, not to grant forgiveness.

Today, as the prophet says: 'The Lord's voice' is 'on the waters'. What voice? 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'

Today the Holy Spirit floats over the waters in the form of a dove, so that by this sign it might be known that the world's universal shipwreck has ceased, as the dove had announced to Noah that the world's flood had subsided. Nor does this dove carry a branch of the old olive, but it pours the whole richness of the olive on the head of the author of the new anointing, in order to fulfil what the prophet foretold: 'Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above other kings.'

*From the Sermons of St Peter Chrysologus*

# Opening Rite

---

## INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (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.**

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations

**And gather you from all the countries.**

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,

**And you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.**

A new heart I will give you,

**And put a new spirit within you.**

You shall be my people,

**And I will be your God.**

## HYMN

Sing of God made manifest  
when at Jordan John confessed,  
“I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do.”

Then from Heaven a double sign –  
dove-like Spirit, voice Divine –  
hailed the true Anointed One:  
“This is my beloved Son.”

## 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.

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to their calling;  
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.

But now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honoured, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',  
and to the south, 'Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.'

(Isaiah 43:1-7)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders;  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;  
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the Lord  
all are crying, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.  
The Lord shall give strength to his people;  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

(Psalm 29)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 8:14-17)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

**Alleluia.** Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour. **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.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

(Luke 3:15-17, 21-22)

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

Father Matthew Johnson

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant:*

As we give thanks for the Baptism of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

*Intercessor:*

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

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For Wilfrid and Metro,  
that they, with all the baptized,  
may be transformed into the likeness of Christ.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the Anglican Communion, and for:

- The Church of the Province of West Africa
- Anne our Acting Primate, David our Acting Metropolitan, and John our Bishop;
- Archbishop Christopher and Indigenous people in the Diocese of Algoma;
- Bishop Benny and our companion Diocese of Northern Philippines;
- and in our Diocese, for the parishes of:
  - Church of the Epiphany, Surrey; Christ the Redeemer, Surrey;
  - and our own parish of St. James.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For King Charles, our parliament and government, and for the leaders of the nations,

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For an end to war, famine, and wildfires through all the earth,  
Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; for the victims of our society; for all those who minister to them, and for Tim; Christopher; Sarah Corrigall-Brown; Nita Firestone; Vera & Kjirsten; Felicity; John; Martin; Mark; James; Hank; the Bee family; Geoff; the Stephens family,

and in our Street Outreach for Scott; Claudia; Really; Antonio; Rick; Eric; Billy; Sara; Debbie; Ashly; Gwen; the Carnegie Community Centre, its staff, and those they serve.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died recently, especially Elaine Jan; Nick Tataren; Hilda Good; Dante; Josh; Denise; Thelma; Gary,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time:  
Frank Burd; Patrick McCormick; Bus Ibbott; Charles H.H. Nixon; Unok Kanh Ung; Clement Fedden; Brian Kaneen; Eric Stafford; Barrington Francis Thiemann; Margie Edwards; William Keith Burwell; Lloyd Wright, priest; Doris Stafford; Margaret Green; Jean Moore; Tony Goodwin; Nancy Bell; and Dorothy May Lawton.

+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 commend 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.

God of life and freedom,  
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus  
as the Christ who makes all creation new.

Accept all we offer you this day  
and make us new in him,  
who is Lord for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## **THE GRACE**

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water  
welling up to eternal life,  
perfect in us the image of his 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**

We have come to Christ, the living water.  
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.

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

and in memory of  
Brian Rocksborough-Smith  
from his loving wife, Jennifer and family,

in loving memory of  
Carl J. Carlson  
by Betty and the family,

in loving memory of  
Fr Lloyd Wright  
by the Women's Guild,

in loving memory  
of Barbara Green  
by Pamela Jeacocke.

# Clergy Notes

---

Baptism is always a joyous celebration, because—like the birth of a new baby—it enriches the family of Christ and brings new hope. It is also an opportunity to renew our own baptismal covenant; to refresh our commitment as disciples, and to be reminded that we are joined together as Christ's body.

The Baptism of Christ is also a time when we celebrate the wonder of the Incarnation in yet another way. As with the infant child the Magi travel great distances to behold, the adult Jesus appears to the human eye like any other regular person. It is only through God's intervention that we in our limited capacity are able to see and hear the truth: that this is the Word made flesh; the beloved second person of the Trinity — *Emmanuel*, God with us.

As we celebrate both the Baptism of Christ and the baptism of two new members of the Body of Christ at St. James', may we linger a little longer in the wonder and mystery of the Incarnation, and the encouragement that we belong to one another and to God.

*"The world's universal shipwreck has ceased."*

We are not abandoned; God is with us. All things are being made new.

Thanks be to God!

*Mother Amanda*

# Notices

---

## REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm: Vigil Mass in church
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am: Liturgy at Home via Zoom 10:30 am: Solemn Mass in church
<b>Weekdays</b>	12:10 pm: Monday, Wednesday, Friday in church 9:30 am: Tuesday, Thursday in church

## AWAY

Mother Amanda will be away and out of email contact **from January 13 through 27**. She will attend to pastoral matters sent to [mtr.amanda@stjames.bc.ca](mailto: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](mailto:office@stjames.bc.ca).

## ORDO KALENDAR 2025

The new St. James' Ordo Kalendar is available now by donation at the back of the church.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Calling on all Clergy, Wardens, Treasurer, Guild Presidents, Committee Leaders, and other usual contributors, to submit Annual Reports to the office by January 27, 2025. Plans for the Annual Vestry Meeting will be forthcoming.

## ANGLICAN 101

There will be a series on the Anglican faith offered at Christ Church Cathedral on Tuesday evenings from **7:30-9:00 pm from January 14 to February 25**. All are welcome, especially anyone who plans to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation this spring. Find out more at [thecathedral.ca/events/anglican-101/2025-01-12](http://thecathedral.ca/events/anglican-101/2025-01-12).

## THANK YOU FROM MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The Reverend Peter Smyth offers a sincere thank you for the generous support provided by donors to the seafarers in the Port of Vancouver. Christmas at Sea would not be possible without your kindness. Please continue to pray for the Mission to Seafarers and the seafarers and their families, and check out [www.flyingangel.ca](http://www.flyingangel.ca) for more on the ongoing work of the Mission.

## **BIBLE STUDY RETURNS FEBRUARY 5**

After a pause, Bible Study will resume on **Wednesday, February 5.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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 prayer list will continue to be prayed for. If you have questions about the long-term prayer list, please see Mother Amanda.

## **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](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](mailto: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 Jan 13 St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367	Ps 1, 2, 3; Is 40:12-23; Eph 1:1-14	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97; Mk 1:14-20	Ps 4, 7; Gen 2:4-9, 16-25; Mk 1:1-13
TUES Jan 14 John Horden, Bishop of Moosonee, Missionary, 1893	Ps 5, 6; Is 40:25-31; Eph 1:15-23	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8; Mk 1:21-28	Ps 10, 11; Gen 3:1-24; Mk 1:14-28
WED Jan 15 Richard Meux Benson, Religious, Founder of the SSJE, 1915	Ps 119:1-24; Is 41:1-16; Eph 2:1-10	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-15; Mk 1:29-39	Ps 12, 13, 14; Gen 4:1-16; Mk 1:29-45
THUR Jan 16 Feria	Ps 18:1-20; Is 41:17-29; Eph 2:11-22	Heb 3:1-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45	Ps 18:21-50; Gen 4:17-26; Mk 2:1-12
FRI Jan 17 St. Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356	Ps 16, 17; Is 42:10-17; Eph 3:1-13	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3-8; Mk 2:1-12	Ps 22; Gen 6:1-8; Mk 2:13-22
SAT Jan 18 The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle	Ps 66, 67; Ezek 3:4-11; Acts 10:34-44	Acts 4:8-13; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19	Ps 110:1-5, 116, 117; Is 43:1-13; Mk 2:23-3:6
SUN Jan 19 2nd Sunday after Epiphany	Ps 148, 149, 150; Is 43:14-44:5; Heb 6:17-7:10	Is 62:1-5; Ps 36:5-10; 1 Cor 12:1-11; Jn 2:1-11	Ps 114, 115; Gen 7:1-10, 17-23; Jn 4:27-42



## **CLERGY**

Priest in Charge: Mother Amanda Ruston: [mtr.amanda@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:mtr.amanda@stjames.bc.ca)

Non-Emergency #: 604-685-2532 xt 504    Emergency #:604-825-2379

Street Outreach: Father Matthew Johnson: [matthew@streetoutreach.net](mailto:matthew@streetoutreach.net)

Non-Emergency #: 604-685-7522 or #: 604-685-2532 xt 502

Honorary Assistants: Father Neil Gray; Father Neil Fernyhough ;

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

## **PARISH STAFF**

Parish Administrator: Fiorella Mauro: Mon-Tues-Thurs-Fri: [office@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:office@stjames.bc.ca)

Organist & Choirmaster: Gerald Harder; Assistant Organist: PJ Janson

Music Series: [musicseries@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:musicseries@stjames.bc.ca)

Building Manager: Darren Campbell: Tues-Sat: 7 am - noon, 778-839-4432

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair: Louisa Farrell

## **PARISH OFFICERS**

Bishop's Warden: Reece Wrightman [wardens@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:wardens@stjames.bc.ca)

Warden: Peggy Smyth [wardens@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:wardens@stjames.bc.ca)

Warden: Leah Postman [wardens@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:wardens@stjames.bc.ca)

Trustees: Ross Hornby; Michelle Heshka; Joanna Lam

Treasurer: Andrew Campbell [treasurer@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:treasurer@stjames.bc.ca)

Envelope Secretary: Wayne Sample [envelope.secretary@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:envelope.secretary@stjames.bc.ca)

Parish Privacy Officer & Vestry Clerk: Linda Adams



St. James' Anglican Church | Diocese of New Westminster |

Anglican Church of Canada | 303 East Cordova Street, Vancouver, BC, V6A 1L4

T: 604-685-2532 E: [office@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:office@stjames.bc.ca) | Web: [www.stjames.bc.ca](http://www.stjames.bc.ca)