

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 26, 2025 | 9:00 am



Welcome

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect our presence on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyám (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətał (Tsleil-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

Today we remember Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul.

Almighty God, who didst call Timothy and Titus to do the work of evangelists and teachers, and didst make them strong to endure hardship: Strengthen us to stand fast in adversity, and to live godly and righteous lives in this present time, that with sure confidence we may look for our blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- The Episcopal Church of the United States of America

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

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+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN

God, you have caused to be written
your word for our learning;
grant us that, hearing,
our hearts may be inwardly burning.
Give to us grace,
that in your Son we embrace
life, all its glory discerning.

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.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
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,

by grace alone you call us
and accept us in your service.

Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;

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 Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

(Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

**Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.

**Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

(Psalm 19)

SECOND READING

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

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

(1 Corinthians 12:12-31a)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof. **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.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them,

‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

(Luke 4:14-21)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Father Neil Gray

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 the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Charles our King, and for our Parliament and Government;

for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority.

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 the unity of all Christian people, giving thanks for the common baptism we share; may the world know we are Christians by our love.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the leadership of the Anglican Communion, and for:

- The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria;
- Anne our Acting Primate; John our Metropolitan and Archbishop;
- Archbishop Christopher and Indigenous People in the Diocese of Brandon;
- Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- and in our Diocese, for the parishes of :
 - St. Agnes, North Vancouver; St. Paul, Vancouver;
St. Titus, Oakridge; St. Timothy, Brentwood;
 - and our own parish of St. James.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them; and for: Tim; Vera & Kjirsten; Felicity; John; Martin Smith; Mark; James; Hank; The Bee Family; Geoff; The Stephens Family; June Nixon; Joan; Leonardo;

and in our Street Outreach for: Scott; Claudia; Really; Antonio; Rick; Billy; Sara; Debbie; Ashly; Gwen; Chris Newton; Eric; Alexander Street Community, its operations and program staff, and all the residents they serve.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died recently, especially: Josh; Denise; Thelma Stephens; Gary; Nicholas W; Julien LeBourdais; Arthur Nash, priest; Charles Nixon, priest,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Margaret Scott; Carl Carlson; Roy Scott, priest; Agnes Retter; Gwyneth Gordon; Ronald Phelps; Marie Elizabeth Jones; Beatrice Church; Richard Fernyhough; and Rona Brown.

+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

Lord, should the powers of the earth
and the heavens be shaken,
grant us to see you in all things,
our vision awaken.

Help us to see,
though all the earth cease to be,
your truth shall never be shaken.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Loving God,

before the world began you called us.

Make holy all we offer you this day,

and strengthen us in that calling.

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

Amen.

THE GRACE

Christ the Son of God perfect in us the image of his glory
and gladden our hearts with the good news of his kingdom.

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

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen
yet strive to rise again.

To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
Yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.

Clergy Notes

The letters of Paul to the Christians of Corinth make for fascinating and instructive reading. The passage from Paul's first letter today precedes the well-known, and often misunderstood, passage set for next Sunday.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that to follow the way of Christ means being part of a community. Yes, our individual faith – our relationship with Christ – is vital to us, but we are made aware that we do not develop or grow in faith without being in relationship with others.

When we consider the community of which we are a part, we recognize that many people, including ourselves, make up the community. Each and every service at St. James', (which is at the heart of our lives as followers of Christ), depends on the presence, participation and offerings of many individuals. This is the case for both on-line as well as in-person services. We can't drink coffee or enjoy the snacks unless someone prepares them. Without someone to set up Zoom links or prepare worship bulletins we can't participate. We cannot appreciate the warmth of the building without financial offerings. We won't enjoy flowers in church unless people offer to arrange them. Without our choir or sanctuary guild our experience of the service would be very different. And so it goes on: many aspects of our life together rely on the skills, experience and offerings of our fellow attendees.

And what do we have to offer? First and foremost, our regular presence at the 9:00 am and 10:30 am (as well as weekday) liturgies. We cannot be part of the body of Christ without being here.

And what next? All of us have gifts we can offer: speaking to the person sitting close to us in church; asking people we don't know how their week was. Or can we help with coffee hour or a social event. Taking the bulletin home and using it to stay informed and take part in events, but also to pray for those who are mentioned in the Prayers of the People. Not sure what you can offer? Speak to a Warden or Mother Amanda. There are always ways to use the skills and experience we have to make our contribution.

Most of all, to be an active member of the body of Christ, come to worship, pray and be open to the possibilities of what we can contribute to enlarge and enhance the life of this community.

Fr Stephen Rowe

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

AWAY

Mother Amanda will be away and out of email contact **until January 28**. She will attend to pastoral matters sent to 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.

Father Matthew will be away **until February 4**.

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.

NEW METROPOLITAN ELECTED

On Saturday, January 18, 2025, the House of Bishops and the Provincial Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon elected Bishop John Stephens as our next Metropolitan. With his election as Metropolitan, Bishop Stephens becomes Archbishop. He remains the head of the Diocese of New Westminster. We offer Archbishop John our warmest congratulations.

NEIL COCKBURN IN CONCERT: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 @ 7:30 PM

A brilliant musician on the majestic organ at St. James': the perfect combination! Christ Church Cathedral's new Director of Music, Neil Cockburn, will perform a solo organ recital featuring works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, and Louis Vierne. Neil's concert at St. James' promises to be a unique and captivating experience, showcasing his mastery of the instrument and his versatility as a performer. Tickets start at \$20. For more information visit sjmusic.ca.

LOOKING FOR BOARDGAMES!

Games Night every month has been a hit! We are hoping to collect a few more for regular use, preferably modern boardgames with more strategy than luck involved. If you have any you wish to donate, please check first with Michelle (236-512-9915), as we may not be able to accept all game types. Thank you!

ORDO KALENDAR 2025

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

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 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 Jan 27; St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407	Ps 41, 52; Is 48:1-11; Gal 1:1-17	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98; Mk 3:19b-30	Ps 44; Gen 14:8-24; Mk 5:21-43
TUES Jan 28; St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Friar, Teacher of the Faith, 1274	Ps 45; Is 48:12-21; Gal 1:18-2:10	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:1-11; Mk 3:31-35	Ps 47, 48; Gen 15:1-11, 17-21; Mk 6:1-13
WED Jan 29; Feria	Ps 119:49-72; Is 49:1-12; Gal 2:11-21	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20	Ps 49; Gen 16:1-14; Mk 6:13-29
THUR Jan 30; Charles Stuart, King of England, & Martyr, 1649	Ps 50; Is 49:13-23; Gal 3:1-14	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25	Ps 118; Gen 16:15-17:14; Mk 6:30-46
FRI Jan 31; St. John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Order, 1878	Ps 40, 54; Is 50:1-11; Gal 3:15-22	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:1-7, 24-25, 41-42; Mk 4:26-34	Ps 51; Gen 17:15-27; Mk 6:47-56
SAT Feb 1; Feria	Ps 55; Is 51:1-8; Gal 3:23-29	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Ps 89:19-29; Mk 4:35-41	Ps 113, 122; 1 Sam 1:20-28a; Rom 8:14-21
SUN Feb 2; Candlemas: Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple	Ps 42, 43; 1 Sam 2:1-10; Jn 8:31-36	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 84; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40	Ps 48, 87; Hag 2:1-9; 1 Jn 3:1-8

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