

# Liturgy at Home

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## St. James' Anglican Church



Second Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2025 | 9:00 am



# Welcome

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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 (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](mailto:office@stjames.bc.ca).

# About St. James'

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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

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We delude ourselves if we think we can be Christian in isolation. We need the Church and everything the Church can give us: her sacraments, the proclamation and exposition of the Word of God, mutual sharing of gifts and insights, mutual support both material and spiritual. None of us can stand up alone against the forces of atheism and materialism within our society. What is more, a Christian is always as one “given”, committed to others, to a community.

*Ruth Burrows, OCD*

# Opening Rite

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## INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

## HYMN

To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.  
Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
for we have sinned against thee.

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord,  
though we have erred and strayed like lost sheep.  
Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask for mercy  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy spirit from me:

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.

God of mercy,

you are full of tenderness and compassion,

slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive:

grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,

so that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

# Liturgy of the Word

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

(Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

**When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
yet my heart shall not be afraid;

**And though war should rise up against me, \*  
yet will I put my trust in him.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

**To behold the fair beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

**Even now he lifts up my head  
above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."  
Your face, Lord, will I seek.

**Hide not your face from me,  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

You have been my helper; cast me not away;  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

(Psalm 27)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

(Philippians 3:17-4:1)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## TRACT

As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you."

## **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.**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

(Luke 13:31-35)

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:*

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

*Intercessor:*

For Charles our King, for the leaders of the nations, and for the peace of the world.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For continuing action in the face of the climate emergency, and for an end to famine, warfare, and flood throughout all the earth.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For Christians everywhere, that in this time of Lent, we may walk more faithfully in the way of Christ.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all bishops, clergy, and people, and for:

- the leadership of the Anglican Communion,
- The Church of the Province of Central Africa,
- Anne our Acting Primate; John our Metropolitan and Archbishop,
- Archbishop Christopher and former students of Residential Schools as they seek healing, hope, and recovery from abuses,
- Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines,
- and in our Diocese, for:
  - Sorrento Retreat and Conference Centre; Education for Ministry;
  - and our own parish of St. James.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; for the victims of our society; and for all those who minister to them, especially: Frank; Matthew Dixon; Theresa; Rick Peltier; Linda Lew; Chris Macdonald; Mercedes; Colin; Francis; Amir; Chloe; Darren; Doreen McEwan; Bev Coles; Doug; Ann Kennedy; Hanne Reid; Nicky; Danny; Brian & Antonio,

and in our Street Outreach for: Peter; Kimberly; Leigh; Sally; Leslie Shingoose; Margaret; John & Maggie; Sundance; Edgar; Grant Sinclair; Tara Rose Moran; Carrie Sparrow; Shanny; Ella Phillips; Victory House, its staff, and residents.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died recently, especially Monte Ritchies; Ray; Mark “Rocco” Weldon; Samantha; Martin Smith; Jack,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Harvey Adney; Edith Brown; William Meal; Karen Offermann; Frank Avery; Dakota Wildeman McNeil; William Harney; and Greg Murphy.

† 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

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## 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**

My faith looks up to thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour Divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly thine.



# Concluding Rite

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

God of wisdom,  
may the light of the eternal Word,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
guide us to your glory.

We ask this in his name.

**Amen.**

## **THE GRACE**

Christ give us grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him.

**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.**

## **AVE REGINA CAELORUM**

Hail, Queen of Heaven, beyond compare,  
to whom the angels homage pay.

Hail, Root of Jesse, Gate of Light,  
which opened for the world's new day.

Rejoice, O Virgin unsurpassed,  
in whom our ransom was begun.

For all your loving children pray,  
to Christ our Saviour and your Son.

# Clergy Notes

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In less than two weeks' time, God-willing, I shall be making my final vows in the Order of the Canons of St. Benedict - the 'lifetime subscription', if you will, of the simple vows I made three years ago.

The rite of simple vows is joyful - it makes one conscious that there is a new beginning happening. Joyful in a different way, the rite for solemn (life) vows employs symbolism from the funeral liturgy - the candidate, after being examined, lies prostrate and is covered with a pall (yes, the very same one that goes on top of a casket). There is no misinterpreting the message this sends: the finality of these vows is the finality of death. As I contemplate this, I am very conscious of the weight of these promises; perhaps rightfully so. I find I am staring into the unknown, and being asked to make a great leap of faith.

The vow of stability, you see, is made to the community. For a three-year period, there is a good chance the community will be as one currently knows it; there will be changes but likely nothing too surprising. Promising stability to a community for LIFE, however, requires a great deal more faith. I cannot know what the community will be like in 40 years, presuming I'm still alive to see it. And yet, I must trust that - along with my parish community - it will still be where I am called to live out my vows of obedience and conversion of life.

Through our baptism, we are all called to give and receive the love of Christ as members of his mystical body, allowing our common life to shape us in Christ's image, and trusting that God is present even in the members we have not met yet. Even as we watch our own parish change, not knowing what it will look like in 40 years, we must trust that it will still be a place where God is actively shaping the lives of the faithful - hopefully for generations to come. And, by our prayer and presence, faithful stewardship and proclamation of the Gospel, we are doing our part to ensure that hope becomes a reality.

*Mother Amanda*

# Notices

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## 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

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We pray the Stations of the Cross each **Friday in Lent at 1:00 pm**.

All are welcome!

## TRUSTEES

The St. James' trustees will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 18**.

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our beloved brother in Christ, Martin Smith. Please pray for the repose of his soul, and for his friends during this difficult time of loss. May God grant Martin eternal rest, and may he, with all the saints, rise in glory.

## TRAFFIC CHANGES ON CORDOVA STREET

As part of the pedestrianization of Water Street for the summer, there will be multiple changes in the traffic patterns near St. James'. Beginning in late March, city crews will begin adapting Cordova Street for 2-way traffic between Gore Avenue and Richards Street, with new parking rules coming for Cordova Street west of Gore. For the most recent information, visit [vancouver.ca/gastown](http://vancouver.ca/gastown).

## AWAY

Building Manager Darren Campbell is away and out of contact. Coverage is being provided by Art Cuthbertson.

## **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](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 Mar 17 St. Patrick, Missionary Bishop in, and Patron of, Ireland, 461	Ps 56, 57; Jer 1:11-19; Rom 1:1-15	Dan 9:3-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38	Ps 64, 65; Gen 41:46-57; Jn 4:27-42
TUES Mar 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 386	Ps 61, 62; Jer 2:1-13; Rom 1:16-25	Is 1:10-20; Ps 50:7-15; Mt 23:1-12	Ps 68:1-20, 24-36; Gen 42:1-17; Jn 4:43-54
WED Mar 19 St. Joseph of Nazareth, Patron of Canada	Ps 132; Is 63:7-16; Mt 1:18-25	2 Sam 7:4, 8-16; Ps 89:1-4, 26-29; Lk 2:41-52	Ps 34; 2 Chr 6:12-17; Eph 3:14-21
THUR Mar 20 St. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687	Ps 71; Jer 4:9-10, 19-28; Rom 2:12-24	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31	Ps 74; Gen 42:29-38; Jn 5:19-29
FRI Mar 21 Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1556	Ps 69:1-23, 31-38; Jer 5:1-9; Rom 2:25-3:18	Gen 37:3-4, 12-28; Ps 17:1-8, Mt 21:33-46	Ps 73; Gen 43:1-15; Jn 5:30-47
SAT Mar 22 Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711	Ps 75, 76; Jer 5:20-31; Rom 3:19-31	Mic 7:14-20; Ps 103:1-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Ps 23, 27; Gen 43:16-34; Jn 7:1-13
SUN Mar 23 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent	Ps 93, 96; Jer 6:9-15; 1 Cor 6:12-20	Is 55:1-9; Ps 63:1-8; 1 Cor 10:1-13; Lk 13:1-9	Ps 34; Gen 44:1-17; Mk 5:1-20

## **CLERGY**

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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)

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Building Manager: Darren Campbell (on leave)

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair: Louisa Farrell

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