

# Liturgy at Home

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## St. James' Anglican Church



Third Sunday in Lent  
March 23, 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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Mary was in the kitchen  
baking a loaf of bread.  
An angel flew in through the window,  
"We've a job for you", he said.

"God in his big blue Heaven,  
sitting in his golden chair,  
wants a mother for His baby son.  
He suddenly saw you there."

Mary shook and trembled.  
"It isn't true what you say."  
"Don't say that", said the angel,  
"the baby is on his way."

Joseph was in the workshop,  
planing a piece of wood.  
"The old man's past it," the neighbours said,  
"That girl's been up to no good."

"And who was the smart young fellow  
in all that shiny gear?"  
The things that they said about Gabriel  
were hardly fit to hear.

*An excerpt from "The Ballad of the Bread man" by Charles Causley.*

# Opening Rite

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## 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.**

## HYMN

God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.  
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.

Father of mercy,

alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves.

When we are discouraged by our weakness,

strengthen us to follow Christ,

our pattern and our hope;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# Liturgy of the Word

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.



For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

(Isaiah 55:1-9)

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**When I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.**

(Psalm 63:1-8)

## SECOND READING

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

(1 Corinthians 10:1-13)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## TRACT

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

## 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 time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

(Luke 13:1-9)

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## HOMILY

Mother Amanda Ruston

## **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 Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America;
- Anne our Acting Primate; John our Metropolitan and Archbishop;
- Archbishop Christopher and for victims of abuse that they might find healing for themselves and their families;
- for Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- in our Diocese, for:
  - the Deanery of Oakridge;  
care+share Outreach Program
  - 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. For Mercedes; Colin; Amir;  
Chloe; Darren; Doreen McEwan; Bev Coles; Doug; Ann Kennedy; Hanne  
Reid; Nicky; Danny; Brian & Antonio; Sharon; Dorothy; Dale; Marcella  
Faveris,

and in our Street Outreach for: Leigh; Sally; Margaret; John & Maggie;  
Sundance; Edgar; Tara Rose Moran; Carrie Sparrow; Shanny; Ella Phillips;  
Abdul; Lisa; Joanne; Freddy; Keith; Matthew; Victory House, its staff, and  
residents.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For Martin Smith; Jack; James Lawson; Tim Day; Callie, and all who have  
died recently,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time:  
William Harney; Greg Murphy; Mary Jenkins; Clinton Tobin; John Gardiner;  
Olga Vogel; Beverley Brummitt; Diana Ritchie; Adeline Chin; Cy Irwin;  
Ernest Pritchard; Jerry Ehmann; Arthur Jackson; and Patricia McSherry.

† 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**

Watch o'er thy Church, Lord, in thy mercy,  
Save it from evil, guard it still,  
Perfect it in thy love, unite it,  
Cleansed and conformed unto thy will.

# Concluding Rite

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Gracious God,  
we know your power to triumph over weakness.  
May we who ask forgiveness  
be ready to forgive one another,  
in the name of Jesus the Lord.  
**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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Next Tuesday, March 25th, is the Feast of the Annunciation. The church celebrates the encounter between the Virgin Mary and the angel Gabriel. Mary is told that she has earned God's favour and will receive a special blessing from Him. She is to be the mother of His son, the one who is to reign over the House of Jacob.

I wonder if it really felt like a blessing and a sign of divine favour? A very young woman, totally inexperienced in the ways of the world, to be pregnant before her wedding day? No wonder she said, "How can this be?"

This is why I like the picture of this scene that hangs in the Blessed Sacrament chapel here at St James'. It is by Botticelli and the original hangs in the Uffizi gallery in Florence. Mary's face conveys a mixture of astonishment and fear. She tries to avoid the gaze of the angel. But Gabriel is undeterred. He lowers his face and tries to catch her before she looks away and refuses. Of course, we know the end of the story. Mary, having been assured of God's help, declares that she is the Lord's servant.

But Botticelli helps us to relate to the humanity of a real person - the emotions that we would all feel at being asked to take on such a task. And this leads us to ask for the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit, granted to Mary.

"The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Holy Spirit will cover you with its shadow. Nothing is impossible with God."

*Fr. Neil Gray*

# 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

## DAILY MASS

Daily Mass cancelled on **Tuesday, March 25**, and **Thursday, March 27**.

## WEEKLY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

## PALM CROSSES

Willing and enthusiastic hands wanted to join us after Mass on an upcoming Sunday (TBD) to make this year's palm crosses. No experience required: just the desire to participate in this community event. Details to follow.

## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our beloved brother in Christ, Martin Smith. Details of the Requiem Mass will be announced when they become available. May God grant Martin eternal rest, and may he, with all the saints, rise in glory.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SILENT MEAL

On **Saturday, April 5, beginning at 11:30 am**, reflect on Christ's final journey as we walk the Stations of the Cross, and then experience a lenten Last Supper as we eat a simple lunch together in silence. A time for discussion will follow. Facilitated by Leah Postman. Please **register by April 2** at [leahpostman@gmail.com](mailto:leahpostman@gmail.com).

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

Easter is drawing near. Do you want to donate flowers for loved ones at this special time? Dedications can be made online at [stjames.bc.ca/flower-dedications-at-st-james](http://stjames.bc.ca/flower-dedications-at-st-james), or sent to the parish office, no later than **Monday, April 14** to appear in the service booklet. Please specify “Easter Offering” with your donation.

## **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 and parking rules near St. James'. 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

St. James'  
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## PRINCIPAL SERVICES HOLY WEEK, 2025

### **13 APRIL** PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

9.00 am: Liturgy at Home - Zoom

10.30 am: Liturgy of the Palms, Procession & Solemn Mass - in church

### **15 APRIL** HOLY TUESDAY

12.00 noon: Chrism Mass, Christ Church Cathedral

### **16 APRIL** HOLY WEDNESDAY

7.00 pm: Reflection - Zoom

### **17 APRIL** MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00 pm: Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper  
& Watch of the Passion in church

### **18 APRIL** GOOD FRIDAY

1.00 pm: Stations of the Cross - in church

3.00 pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - in church

7.00 pm: Cross Prayers - Zoom

### **19 APRIL** HOLY SATURDAY

9.00 pm: The Great Vigil & First Mass of Easter - in church

### **20 APRIL** EASTER DAY

9.00 am: Liturgy at Home - Zoom

10.30 am: Solemn Mass - in church



# Lectionary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON Mar 24 St. Oscar Romero, Archbishop & Martyr of San Salvador, 1980	Ps 80; Jer 7:1-15; Rom 4:1-12	2 Kgs 5:1-15a; Ps 42:1-2,11-15; Lk 4:24-30	Ps 8, 138; Gen 3:1-15; Gal 4:1-7
TUES Mar 25 Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ps 85, 87; Is 52:7-12; Heb 2:5-10	Is 7:10-14; Ps 40:5-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38	Ps 110:1-5, 132; Wis 9:1-12; Jn 1:9-14
WED Mar 26 Feria	Ps 119:97-120; Jer 8:18-9:6; Rom 5:1-11	Dt 4:1, 5-10; Ps 147:13-21; Mt 5:17-20	Ps 81, 82; Gen 45:16-28; Jn 8:12-20
THUR Mar 27 Charles Henry Brent, Bishop, 1929	Ps 42, 43; Jer 10:11-24; Rom 5:12-21	Jer 7:21-28; Ps 95:1-9; Lk 11:14-23	Ps 85, 86; Gen 46:1-7, 28-34; Jn 8:21-32
FRI Mar 28 Feria	Ps 88; Jer 11:1-8, 14-20; Rom 6:1-11	Hos 14:1-9; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34	Ps 91, 92; Gen 47:1-26; Jn 8:33-47
SAT Mar 29 John Keble, Priest, 1866	Ps 87, 90; Jer 13:1-11; Rom 6:12-23	Hos 5:13-6:6; Ps 51:1-2, 17-20; Lk 18:9-14	Ps 136; Gen 47:27-48:7; Jn 8:47-59
SUN Mar 30 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Ps 66, 67; Jer 14:1-9, 17-22; Gal 4:21-5:1	Jos 5:9-12; Ps 32; 2 Cor 5:16-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32	Ps 19, 46; Gen 48:8-22; Mk 8:11-21

## **CLERGY**

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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

## **PARISH OFFICERS**

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