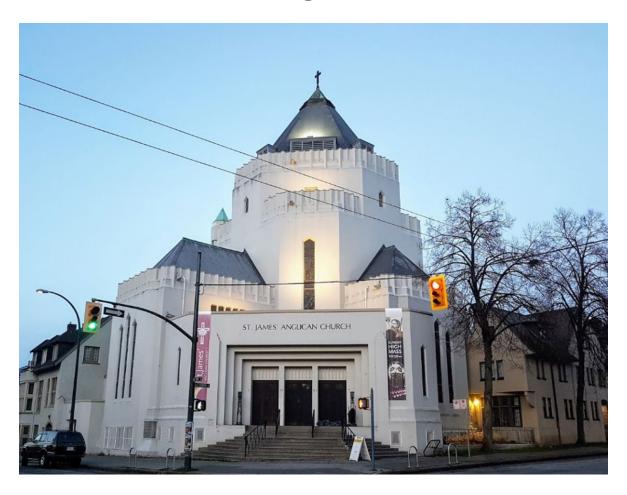
# Liturgy at Home

# St. James' Anglican Church



Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 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>əýəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (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

The Mothers' Union Prayer

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name.

Amen

# **Opening Rite**

### **INVOCATION**

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əýəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations, we meet +In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **HYMN**

Finish, Lord, thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be; Let us see thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in thee, Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

### **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. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him, 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 Joshua.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

(Joshua 5:9-12)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM**

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away! Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked: but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

(Psalm 32)

### SECOND READING

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

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

(2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **TRACT**

Keep the word of God with an upright and generous heart and your patience will bear fruit.

#### 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.

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me." So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, "How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his slaves, "Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

'Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound." Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, "Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!" Then the father said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

(Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32)

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 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 those with whom we share the faith of Abraham: remembering the Jewish community preparing for Passover, and Muslim peoples in this holy time of Ramadan. Lord in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

For all mothers and carers on this Mothering Sunday; for all whose home or family lives are strained and difficult; and for the Mothers' Union across the world. Lord in your mercy,

### Hear our prayer.

For all bishops, clergy, and people:

- the leadership of the Anglican Communion;
- the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo;
- Anne our Acting Primate; John our Metropolitan and Archbishop;
- Archbishop Christopher and the mothers and grandmothers who suffered through the absence of their children away at Residential Schools;
- for Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- and in our Diocese, for:
  - o the parish of St. Anselm, Vancouver;
  - o The West Point Grey Neighbourhood Ministry;
  - o 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: Mercedes; Colin; Amir; Chloe; Darren; Doreen McEwan; Bev Coles; Doug; Ann Kennedy; Hanne Reid; Nicky; Danny; Brian & Antonio; Sharon; Dorothy; Dale; Marcella Faveris; the Maracle family,

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 all who have died recently, especially: Martin Smith; Jack; James Lawson; Tim Day; Callie,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Mary Stanwood; John La Fournaise; Dave Hossack; William Shoebotham; Henry Gurney; Conrad Prout; Rita Tober; Brian Armstrong; Bruce Morven; and Vivan Vicary.

† 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**

Praise my soul, the King of Heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

# **Concluding Rite**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Giver of life,
you enlighten all who come into the world.

Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily praise your holy name,
through Jesus Christ 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**

When I arrived at my previous parish and Mothering Sunday came round, it has to be said: there were glazed looks at the preacher. It is fair to say I was the first priest in the parish who had roots in the Church of England and so speaking on this topic was something unfamiliar with a congregation who focused more on Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May.

As many of you may know the fourth Sunday in Lent is sometimes known as Laetare Sunday and marks the mid point of the season. In some parts of England, it was the custom to visit one's mother, and also to sometimes visit your cathedral or mother church. In the western Church it was also when purple was replaced by rose-pink to mark this temporary relaxation from the penitential discipline.

Lent 4 is also called Refreshment Sunday as in the Book of Common Prayer lectionary the gospel passage is the feeding of the 5000.

The relaxation of the Lenten discipline also saw (in England) the preparation and eating of simnel cakes on this day. It is a fruit cake, simpler in style to Christmas cake, and decorated with marzipan and eleven balls of marzipan, representing the disciples, minus Judas!

The Mothers' Union (MU) was founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner in England as a group for women to support marriage and family life. Today there are over 4 million members of the MU in 83 countries. Next year marks the 150th anniversary of its founding, and in our parish this year marks 50 years since a branch was established. Today at Coffee Hour I hear there will be simnel cake to mark the 50th Anniversary of the MU at St. James'.

Here is a prayer written by Mary Sumner:

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.

If you want to know more about the aims an objectives of the MU, and its work around the world please follow this link: <a href="https://www.mothersunion.org/our-story">https://www.mothersunion.org/our-story</a>.

Fr Stephen Rowe

### **Notices**

### **REGULAR SERVICE TIMES**

4:00 pm: Vigil Mass in church Saturday

Sunday 9:00 am: Liturgy at Home via Zoom

10:30 am: Solemn Mass in church

12:10 pm: Monday, Wednesday, Friday in church Weekdays

9:30 am: Tuesday, Thursday in church

### WEEKLY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

### 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.

### **PALM CROSSES**

Willing and enthusiastic hands wanted to join us after Mass **next Sunday**, **April 6** to make this year's palm crosses. No experience required: just the desire to participate in this community event.

### **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-stjames, 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.

#### **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.

### 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 <u>vancouver.ca/gastown</u>.

#### **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 <a href="www.stjames.bc.ca/donate">www.stjames.bc.ca/donate</a> 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 <a href="mailto:envelope.secretary@stjames.bc.ca">envelope.secretary@stjames.bc.ca</a>.

### 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' ANGLICAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, B.C.

# 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 31	Ps 89:1-18;	Is 65:17-21;	Ps 89:19-52;
John Donne, Priest	Jer 16:10-21;	Ps 30;	Gen 49:1-28;
and Poet, 1631	Rom 7:1-12	Jn 4:43-54	Jn 6:1-15
TUES Apr 1	Ps 97, 99;	Ezek 47:1-9, 12;	Ps 94;
Frederick Denison	Jer 17:19-27;	Ps 46;	Gen 49:29-50:14;
Maurice, Priest,	Rom 7:13-25	Jn 5:1-18	Jn 6:16-27
Teacher of the Faith,			
1872			
WED Apr 2	Ps 101, 109:1-4, 20-30;	ls 49:8-15;	Ps 119:121-144;
Henry Budd, First	Jer 18:1-11;	Ps 145:8-15;	Gen 50:15-26;
Canadian Native	Rom 8:1-11	Jn 5:19-30	Jn 6:27-40
Priest, 1875			
THUR Apr 3	Ps 69:1-23, 31-38;	Ex 32:7-14;	Ps 73;
St. Richard, Bishop of	Jer 22:13-23;	Ps 103:1-12;	Ex 1:6-22;
Chichester, 1253	Rom 8:12-27	Jn 5:31-47	Jn 6:41-51
FRI Apr 4	Ps 102;	Wis 2:1a, 12-22;	Ps 107:1-32;
Reginald Heber,	Jer 23:1-8;	Ps 34:15-22;	Ex 2:1-22;
Bishop of Calcutta, 1826	Rom 8:28-39	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	Jn 6:52-59
SAT Apr 5	Ps 107:33-43, 108:1-6;	Jer 11:18-20;	Ps 33;
Emily Ayckbowm,	Jer 23:9-15;	Ps 7:1-2, 9-12;	Ex 2:23-3:15;
Founder, Community	Rom 9:1-18	Jn 7:40-53	Jn 6:60-71
of the Sisters of the			
Church, 1870			
SUN Apr 6	Ps 118;	ls 43:16-21;	Ps 145;
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent	Jer 23:16-32;	Ps 126;	Ex 3:16-4:12;
	1 Cor 9:19-27	Phil 3:4b-14; Jn 12:1-8	Mk 8:31-9:1

### **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

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Building Manager: Darren Campbell (on leave)

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Chair: Louisa Farrell

### **PARISH OFFICERS**

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