

# Liturgy at Home

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## St. James' Anglican Church



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13, 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), Sḵw̓x̓wú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətał (Tseil-Waututh) First Nations.

Welcome to this St. James' "Liturgy at Home", which gathers together a community of worship for those prevented for various reasons from being in church for the celebration of Solemn Mass at 10:30 am on Sundays. For times for weekday Mass (in church) and Daily Office (online), please see the Notices pages at the end of this bulletin.

You are invited either to share in this Liturgy at 9:00 am on Sunday via Zoom, or to use its as an aid to your prayers at home. You will draw strength, we hope, from the knowledge that fellow-parishioners will be praying alongside you.

The Parish Intercession Lists are being prayed daily. Please make any requests to the Parish Office at [office@stjames.bc.ca](mailto:office@stjames.bc.ca).

# About St. James'

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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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Am I a stone, and not a sheep,  
That I can stand, O Christ, beneath thy cross,  
To number drop by drop Thy Blood's slow loss,  
And yet not weep?

Not so those women loved  
Who with exceeding grief lamented Thee;  
Not so fallen Peter weeping bitterly;  
Not so the thief was moved;

Not so the Sun and Moon  
which hid their faces in a starless sky.  
A horror of great darkness at broad noon -  
I, only I.

Yet give not o'er  
But seek Thy sheep, true Shepherd of the flock;  
Greater than Moses, turn and look once more  
And smite a rock.

— *“Good Friday”* by Christina Rossetti, in *“The Heart in Pilgrimage”*

# 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 sə́ilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations, we meet

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

**Amen.**

**Hosanna to the Son of David!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord;**

**O King of Israel, Hosanna in the highest.**

During Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death. Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by way of the dark road of suffering and death. United with him in his suffering on the cross, may we share his resurrection and new life.

## **HYMN**

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle:  
sing the ending of the fray:  
now above the cross, the trophy,  
sound the loud triumphant lay:  
tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,  
as a victim won the day.

## **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.

Almighty and everliving God,  
in tender love for all our human race you sent your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ to take our flesh  
and suffer death upon a cruel cross.

May we follow the example of his great humility,  
and share in the glory of his resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

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## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backwards.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?  
All of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

(Isaiah 50:4-9a)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

**For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

I have become a reproach to all my enemies  
and even to my neighbours,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

**I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.

**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.  
I have said, "You are my God.**

My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

**Make your face to shine upon your servant,  
and in your loving-kindness save me."**

(Psalm 31:9-16)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:5-11)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## TRACT

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? And are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

**NARRATOR:** When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

**JESUS:** I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

**NARRATOR:** Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said,

**JESUS:** Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.

**NARRATOR:** Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying,

**JESUS:** This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

**NARRATOR:** And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying,

**JESUS:** This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood. But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

**NARRATOR:** Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

**JESUS:** The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.

**NARRATOR:** And Simon Peter said to Jesus,

**PETER:** Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said,

**JESUS:** I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.

**NARRATOR:** Jesus said to them,

**JESUS:** When I sent you out without a purse, bag, or sandals, did you lack anything?

**NARRATOR:** They said,

**DISCIPLES:** No, not a thing.

**NARRATOR:** He said to them,

**JESUS:** But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you, this scripture must be fulfilled in me, 'And he was counted among the lawless'; and indeed what is written about me is being fulfilled.

**NARRATOR:** They said,

**DISCIPLES:** Lord, look, here are two swords.

**NARRATOR:** He replied,

**JESUS:** It is enough.

**NARRATOR:** He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

**JESUS:** Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

**NARRATOR:**

Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed,

**JESUS:** Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.

**NARRATOR:** Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

**JESUS:** Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.

**NARRATOR:** While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

**JESUS:** Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?

**NARRATOR:** When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

**DISCIPLES:** Lord, should we strike with the sword?

**NARRATOR:** Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

**JESUS:** No more of this!

**NARRATOR:** And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

**JESUS:** Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!

**NARRATOR:** Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

**SERVANT GIRL:** This man also was with him.

**NARRATOR:** But he denied it, saying,

**PETER:** Woman, I do not know him.

**NARRATOR:** A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

**SERVANT 2:** You also are one of them.

**NARRATOR:** But Peter said,

**PETER:** Man, I am not!

**NARRATOR:** Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

**SERVANT 3:** Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.

**NARRATOR:** But Peter said,

**PETER:** Man, I do not know what you are talking about!

**NARRATOR:** At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.' And he went out and wept bitterly. Now the men who were holding Jesus began to mock him and beat him; they also blindfolded him and kept asking him,

**SOLDIERS:** Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?

**NARRATOR:** They kept heaping many other insults on him. When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, gathered together, and they brought him to their council. They said,

**PRIESTS:** If you are the Messiah, tell us.

**NARRATOR:** Jesus replied,

**JESUS:** If I tell you, you will not believe; and if I question you, you will not answer. But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.

**NARRATOR:** All of them asked,

**PRIESTS:** Are you, then, the Son of God?

**NARRATOR:** He said to them,

**JESUS:** You say that I am.

**NARRATOR:** Then they said,

**PRIESTS:** What further testimony do we need? We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!

**NARRATOR:** Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

**PRIESTS:** We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

**NARRATOR:** Then Pilate asked him,

**PILATE:** Are you the king of the Jews?

**NARRATOR:** He answered,

**JESUS:** You say so.

**NARRATOR:** Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

**PILATE:** I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

**NARRATOR:** But they were insistent and said,

**PRIESTS:** He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

**NARRATOR:** When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

**PILATE:** You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

**NARRATOR:** Then they all shouted out together,

**CROWD:** Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!



**NARRATOR:** (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

**CROWD: Crucify, crucify him!**

**NARRATOR:** A third time he said to them,

**PILATE:** Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

**NARRATOR:** But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished. As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

**JESUS:** Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?

**NARRATOR:** Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

**JESUS:** Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

**NARRATOR:** And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

**PRIESTS:** He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!

**NARRATOR:** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

**SOLDIERS:** If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

**NARRATOR:** There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

**CRIMINAL 1:** Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

**NARRATOR:** But the other rebuked him, saying,

**CRIMINAL 2:** Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

**NARRATOR:** Then he said,

**CRIMINAL 2:** Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

**NARRATOR:** Jesus replied,

**JESUS:** Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

**NARRATOR:** It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

**JESUS:** Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

**NARRATOR:** Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

**CENTURION:** Certainly this man was innocent.

**NARRATOR:** And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

**NARRATOR:** Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The Passion of the Lord.

(Luke 22:14-23:56)

*(We keep a time of silence.)*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant:*

Let us bring to God our prayers of intercession  
through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

*Intercessor:*

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to keep this Holy Week, sharing Christ's suffering in and for the world,  
that we may be strengthened to live and proclaim the joy of the resurrection,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people, that through the suffering of disunity  
there may grow a rich union in Christ, and for:

- the leadership of the Anglican Communion,
- The Church of England,
- Anne our Acting Primate; John our Metropolitan and Archbishop,
- Archbishop Christopher and Indigenous people in the Diocese of Edmonton,
- for Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines,
- and in our Diocese, for the parishes of:
  - St. Mark, Ocean Park; St. Philip, Vancouver;
  - and our own parish of St. James'.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, for the leaders of the nations,  
and for our local communities,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty  
to work openly for justice and peace,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,  
that they may find support and encouragement,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or sorrow,  
feel that God is far from them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the homeless and the hungry, the sick, and those in any kind of need,  
especially Sharon; Dorothy; Dale; Judi Paterson; Marcella Faveris;  
the Maracle family; Judy Richards; Shepreny; Doug; Lynn Wilson; Kalen & Sheldon;  
Carman & Paul; Mercedes; Colin; Amir; Chloe; Darren,

and in our Street Outreach: Sally; Edgar; Abdul; Cairo; Peter; Barbara Hanslip;  
Courteny Dumas; Troy; Channele; Will; Catherine; John; Corrisa; Samantha Good;  
Jacob's Well Outreach, their staff, volunteers, & all those they welcome.  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the cross,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we, with those who have died in faith,  
may find mercy in the day of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have died recently: Tim Day; Callie; Christopher Arsensault;  
Frederick Charles Card; Dakota Simons,

and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Shirley Hunt; Jessie  
Parkes; Cyril Brummitt; Donald Whiteside; and Jordan McFerran.

† Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

**And may light perpetual shine upon them.**

May they rest in peace.

**Amen.**

*Celebrant:*

Holy God,

**holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.**

**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.”

“O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for thee.”

## **HYMN**

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.



# Concluding Rite

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
God our help and strength,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life.  
Strengthen our faith,  
that through the death and resurrection of your Son,  
we may be led to salvation,  
for he is Lord now and for ever.  
**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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I am always a little surprised at how quickly the season of Lent goes by. This year, at St James', there are so many things going on that I imagine many of us feel like we hardly had a chance to experience Lent in its fulness.

And, now here we are at the beginning of Holy Week, perhaps feeling a little like the disciples - not really sure how we got here, but trusting that God is still doing a new thing - in us, and in the world.

And so, we begin this week with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, and then celebration of the Last Supper, which quickly gives way to the horror and desolation of the cross. Like the disciples, we may find ourselves experiencing true sorrow, even though - unlike them - we know death is not the end.

We know that just as the excitement of Palm Sunday gives way to the anguish of the cross, so too does the sorrow of Good Friday give way to Paschal joy. The hope of resurrection is more than just relief; it is the defiance of the darkest powers the world can throw at us. It is an unexpected experience of being utterly amazed at what God is doing.

I hope for all of us that we may allow ourselves to enter into the fulness of Holy Week. The rich liturgies this week are an opportunity to truly walk with Jesus moment by moment, allowing our hearts to experience each one as if we did not know what was going to happen next. For we, too, cannot really grasp what is about to happen.

God is doing a new thing: do you perceive it?

*Mother Amanda*

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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

# 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

## 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.

## CHANGES TO REGULAR SERVICE TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

Please note that the week of **April 13 to 19**, there will be no Mass at 9:30 am on Thursday, 12:10 pm on Friday, and 4:00 pm on Saturday.

## WATCH OF THE PASSION

Please sign up on the list at the back of church if you are able to cover 30-60 minutes of prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on **Maundy Thursday**. We are aiming for an all-night watch, beginning immediately after Mass, contingent on sufficient participation.

## BE CAUTIOUS OF SCAMS

With the election in full swing, watch out for scams by phone, email, and text message. Never give personal information or money to unexpected callers no matter who they say they are, *especially if they try to rush you*. Just hang up, ignore it, delete it.

## BIBLE STUDY RETURNS APRIL 30

After a pause, Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, April 30.

## **AWAY**

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

## **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

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DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON Apr 14 Holy Monday	Ps 51:1-18; Jer 12:1-16; Phil 3:1-14	Is 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11; Heb 9:11-15; Jn 12:1-11	Ps 69:1-23; Lam 1:1-2, 6-12; Jn 12:9-19
TUES Apr 15 Holy Tuesday	Ps 6, 12; Jer 15:10-21; Phil 3:15-21	Is 49:1-7; Ps 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Jn 12:20-36	Ps 94; Lam 1:17-22; Jn 12:20-26
WED Apr 16 Holy Wednesday	Ps 55; Jer 17:5-10, 14-17; Phil 4:1-13	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 70; Heb 12:1-3; Jn 13:21-32	Ps 74; Lam 2:1-9; Jn 12:27-36
THUR Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Solemn Mass 7:00 pm	Ps 102; Jer 20:7-11; 1 Cor 10:14-17; 11:27-32	Ex 12:1-4, 11-14; Ps 116:1, 10-17; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35	Ps 142, 143; Lam 2:10-18; Jn 17:1-11
FRI Apr 18 Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion 3:00 pm	Ps 22; Wis 1:16-2:1, 12-22; 1 Pet 1:10-20	Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 22; Heb 10:16-25; Jn 18:1-19:42	Ps 40:1-14, 54; Lam 3:1-9, 19-33; John 19:38-42
SAT Apr 19 Holy Saturday: The Great Vigil 9:00 pm	Ps 88; Job 19:21-27a; Heb 4:1-16	Job 14:1-14; Ps 31:1-4, 15-16; Mt 27:57-66	Ps 27; Lam 3:37-58; Rom 8:1-11
SUN Apr 20 Easter Sunday	Ps 148, 149, 150; Ex 12:1-14; Jn 1:1-18	Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor 15:19-26; Jn 20:1-18	Ps 113, 114; Is 51:9-11; Lk 24:13-35

## **CLERGY**

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## **PARISH STAFF**

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