

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025 | 9:00 am



Welcome

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect our presence on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations.

Welcome to this St. James' "Liturgy at Home", which continues to gather together a community of worship for those prevented for various reasons from being in church. Solemn Mass is now celebrated in church at 10:30 am on Sundays. For weekday Mass (in church) and (online) Daily Office times, 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 this as an aid to your prayers at home, drawing strength, we hope, from the knowledge that fellow-parishioners will be praying alongside you.

The Parish Intercession Lists, which are being kept up to date, are being prayed daily. Please make any requests to the Parish Office, 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

Let us not underestimate how hard it is to be compassionate. Compassion is hard because it requires the inner disposition to go with others to place where they are weak, vulnerable, lonely, and broken. But this is not our spontaneous response to suffering. What we desire most is to do away with suffering by fleeing from it or finding a quick cure for it.

Henri Nouwen: "Out of Solitude: Three Meditations on the Christian Life"

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

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x^wməθk^wə́əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

Lord, we bow before you lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
all your mighty works I ponder—
how, by mystery surrounded,
depth no one has ever sounded,
none may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that in you are hidden.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

God the Father forgives us in Christ and heals us by the Holy Spirit.
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,
all slander and malice, and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and keep us in eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
+art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
Author and Giver of all good things,
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us in all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Sirach.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.
For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.
The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.
He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.
Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

(Sirach 10:12-18)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honour.

(Psalm 112)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

(Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things. **Alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

(Luke 14:1, 7-14)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Father Neil Fernyhough

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
**from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son,
**who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
**who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

We believe in one God;
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

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

Intercessor:

For Charles our King, the leaders of the nations and all in authority,
that the people of the world may lead quiet and peaceable lives.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For your holy Church throughout the world,
that the visible unity of all Christians may be a witness to your love.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the leadership of the Anglican Communion, and for:

- The Church of South India (United);
- Shane our Primate; John our Metropolitan and Archbishop;
- Archbishop Christopher and Indigenous People in the Diocese of Ontario;
- Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- and in our Diocese, for:
 - the parishes of St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby;
St. Stephen, West Vancouver; St. Oswald, Port Kells;
 - and our own parish of St. James.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who are sick or in need, especially: Maureen; Barb Worwood; Carrie; Barie;
Teresa; Anita; Dan; Richard; Dianne; Norah; Erskine Sandiford; Walter Dyall;
John Keenan; Kimberly Nikkel; Emily Reid; Ron Richter; Mule Ruben Kule,

and for our Street Outreach, especially: Derreck; Ray; Charlie; Pedro; Christa; Elias; Bernard; Bobby; Tuan; community cooling centres and the people and pets who use them.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died recently, especially: Alfonso; Kathleen Bolton; David Crawley, bishop; Wilfredo; Alexandros Marinos; Mugume Roderick; Trevor Widen,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Julie Wilson; Eleanor Dobson; Connie Moffat; Jerry McKechnie; Jean Odlum; Michael Forshaw, priest; Ruth MacPhail; Johanne White; Wilby Clarke; Joseph Sandiford; Laureen Williamson; Walter Sobol; Thomas & Alice Rolfe; Douglas Waitt; and Alice Kotovitch.

+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

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Merciful God,
receive all we offer you this day.
Give us grace to love one another
that your love may be made perfect in us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GRACE

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

SALVE REGINA

Hail, Mary, mother and queen of tender mercy,
our life, our comfort, and our hope, we hail thee.
From this foreign land, Eve's sons and daughters cry to thee.
So lost, so full of fear, we mourn, we grieve, we sigh
from this tearful vale of exile.

Ah then, our help, our advocate and guide,
turn now to us, the gaze of thine all loving-eyes, so full of mercy.
And Jesus, thy Son and Lord, thy womb's most blessed fruit,
show him to us when we complete our sojourn.
O gentle, O loving, O beloved, O Virgin Mary.

Clergy Notes

A friend of ours was ordained in the diocese of Canterbury. At his ordination retreat he arrived late for a meal and only one seat remained: next to the archbishop! Some of us, and I include myself, would be pleased for this to happen to us. He, not so much. Whether we admit or not, most of us spend part of our lives being concerned about our status and how others view us. Often in job applications we are encouraged to give the best versions of ourselves, and only the brave outline their shortcomings. Not self-promoting ourselves can be viewed as a weakness and lead us to be sidelined.

In a culture where people were placed in rank at a formal meal, such as described in the gospel account, Jesus warns through a parable, not to place themselves where they might be asked to move to a lower place, rather to start lower in order to be moved up higher.

Jesus also encourages people to invite others to eat who may not be useful to them. Again, it was common to invite people to eat with you who might raise your profile in the community.

Again, a church can be a good opportunity to examine this notion. As I mentioned last time, aside from the presider and the preacher, and these vary week by week, no one has a set spot in church. Sure, we tend to sit in the same or similar places each Sunday, but sometimes we move somewhere else. At coffee hour or at a meal, there are no saved seats, people gather and sit down in groups in no particular order. It wasn't always so in the church, (even here in Canada), where people paid 'pew rents' to reserve their place and no one else could sit there. Although it was a way to generate income, it favoured the wealthy who could 'buy' the best seats. The passage from the letter to the Hebrews also makes the point that as followers of Christ we are to welcome and practice hospitality to strangers.

A church is a free association of people; there are no membership fees and we attend as often as we want. As in the gospel passage, the encouragement is to invite everyone to come, not just our family and friends. The church therefore is unlike other aspects of our lives that often focus around those closest to us, or those with whom we work or gather socially. We don't get to choose who comes to church; none of us is in charge of the guest list. In fact, a different group of people attend on a weekly basis, added to those who attend the 9 am Liturgy at Home, as well as the midweek services on-line and in-person. We often see the same people but we never know exactly who will be present.

The readings are good reminders to be more humble, less self-absorbed, and to share ourselves with others, including those with whom we gather at St. James'. Don't be shy... speak to someone you don't know today!

Fr Stephen Rowe

Notices

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Saturday	4:00 pm: Vigil Mass in church
Sunday	9:00 am: Liturgy at Home via Zoom 10:30 am: Solemn Mass in church
Weekdays	12:10 pm: Monday, Wednesday, Friday in church 9:30 am: Tuesday, Thursday in church

CHANGES TO REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Daily Mass is cancelled **Monday, September 1 and Tuesday, September 2.**
Happy Labour Day!

TRUSTEES

The St. James' trustees will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 16.**

THE MOTHERS' UNION CELEBRATES 50 YEARS AT ST. JAMES'!

We invite everyone to a special coffee hour in the Parish Hall on **September 21, following the 10:30 am service.** We will be sharing a short video and providing information about The Mothers' Union: who we are, what we do here at St. James', and The Mothers' Union internationally. We look forward to hosting you!

FLOWERS, FLOWERS, FLOWERS

New members wanted! The Flower Guild is responsible for the flowers at the main altar, sometimes the Lady Chapel, and in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. If you are looking for a fun volunteer opportunity that beautifies the church to the glory of God, please speak with Mary Hamilton. The time commitment is approximately 2 hours per week.

Here's the job description: Friday or Saturday each week we go to Meyers Floral Warehouse (close to church). There we step into a chilly and fragrant flower room filled with all kinds of flowers and greenery. We choose the ones we like or the colours we like, grab some greenery, sign the receipt, and head back to church. We clip off the ends, fill the vases 🏺 with water, and create a beautiful arrangement 🌸 for the custodian to place in the church! Training will be provided, but you can't make mistakes because all flowers look great!!

PRAY THE ROSARY IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Bring your rosary if you have one on **Saturdays at 3:30 pm**. No experience necessary: instructions and booklets will be provided. All are welcome!

BIBLE STUDY SUMMER BREAK

The Bible Study is on pause until **Wednesday, September 10**. Enjoy your summer!

AWAY

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

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 Sept 1 Feria	Ps 25; 2 Chr 6:32-7:7; Jas 2:1-13	1 Th 4:13-18; Ps 96; Lk 4:16-30	Ps 9, 15; Job 12:1-6, 13-25; Mk 14:53-65
TUES Sept 2 Martyrs of New Guinea, 1942	Ps 26, 28; 1 Kgs 8:65-9:9; Jas 2:14-26	1 Th 5:1-11; Ps 27:1-6, 17-18; Lk 4:31-37	Ps 36, 39; Job 12:1, 13:3-17, 21-27; Mk 14:66-72
WED Sept 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Teacher of the Faith, 604	Ps 38; 1 Kgs 9:24-10:13; Jas 3:1-12	Col 1:1-8; Ps 34:9-22; Lk 4:38-44	Ps 119:25-48; Job 12:1, 14:1-22; Mk 15:1-11
THUR Sept 4 First Anglican Eucharist in Canada, 1578	Ps 37:1-18; 1 Kgs 11:1-13; Jas 3:13-4:12	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98; Lk 5:1-11;	Ps 37:19-42; Job 16:16-22, 17:1, 13-16; Mk 15:12-21
FRI Sept 5 SS. Zechariah & Elizabeth, Parents of St. John the Baptist	Ps 31; 1 Kgs 11:26-43; Jas 4:13-5:6	Col 1:15-20; Ps 100; Lk 5:33-39	Ps 35; Job 19:1-7, 14-27; Mk 15:22-32
SAT Sept 6 St. Teresa of Calcutta, Founder of the Missionaries of Charity, 1997	Ps 30, 32; 1 Kgs 12:1-20; Jas 5:7-12, 19-20	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54; Lk 6:1-5	Ps 42, 43; Job 22:1-4, 21-23:7; Mk 15:33-39
SUN Sept 7 13th Sunday after Pentecost	Ps 63:1-8, 98; 1 Kgs 12:21-33; Acts 4:18-31	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Philem 1:1-21; Lk 14:25-33	Ps 103; Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6; Jn 10:31-42

CLERGY

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