

# Liturgy at Home

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## St. James' Anglican Church



Holy Cross  
September 14, 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), Sk̓wxwú7mesh (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](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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The cross of Christ is the Jacob's ladder by which we ascend to the highest heavens. We see joyful patriarchs, expecting saints, and prophets ministering, apostles publishing, and doctors teaching, all nations centering and angels praising. The cross is a tree set on fire with invisible flame, that illuminates all the world. The flame is love, the love in his bosom who died on it, in the light of which we see how to possess all the things in heaven and earth after his similitude.

*Thomas Traherne, a seventeenth century priest of the Church of England*

# Opening Rite

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## INVOCATION

As we gather together on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Tsleil Waututh, Squamish and Musqueam First Nations, we come to the foot of the Cross:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

**because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.  
Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN

Inscribed upon the cross we see  
in shining letters, "God is love."  
He bears our sins upon the tree;  
he brings us mercy from above.

## 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.

Like as the hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

O send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

May we come to your altar, O God, the God of our salvation:  
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.  
Almighty God,  
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
was lifted high upon the cross  
that he might draw the whole world to himself,  
may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption,  
have grace to take up our cross and follow him,  
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 Numbers.

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

(Numbers 21:4-9)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvellous things.

**With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

(Psalm 98:1-5)

## SECOND READING

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

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,  
'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

(1 Corinthians 1:18-24)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA

**Alleluia.** Sweetest wood, sweetest iron, that bare so sweet a burden: which only was counted worthy to sustain the King of heaven and its Lord. **Alleluia.**

## THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

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

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, 'No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

(John 3:13-17)

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*

Let us pray to the Father through his Son,  
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

### *Intercessor*

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church.  
Give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing  
to take up the cross and to understand its mysterious glory.  
By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

Bless those who lead the Church's worship.  
In the preaching of the word  
and the celebration of the sacraments,  
draw your people close to you.

Bless and uphold the leadership of the Anglican Communion;

- The Anglican Church of South America;
- Shane our Primate; John our Metropolitan and Archbishop;
- Archbishop Christopher and Indigenous People in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle;
- Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- and in our Diocese, for:
  - the children and youth of our church, and those ministries by, with, and for them;
  - the Diocesan Youth Movement;
  - the British Columbia & Yukon Anglican Youth Movement
  - and our own parish of St. James.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,  
**Lord, save us and help us.**

Give your grace to the people of St. James',  
Help us, with all the baptized,  
to witness to the faith we have received  
by our words and in our deeds,  
and daily conform us more and more to Christ,  
that we may glory in his cross.

Bless and protect Teresa; Dianne; John Keenan; Emily Reid; Ron Richter; Christine Rowe; Eleanor Faveris; Ana, Ann, Catherine, Joan, and Leonard.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ

to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice.

Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,

to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,

and in his passion to know their salvation.

Bless and comfort Christa; Thomas Steele; Tim Espina; Richelle Gibbon; Jack Aylu;

Melaney; Sherri Bird; Crystal Fenner; Patrick; Roy; Heather; Cassandra; and Bruce Wilson.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship.

According to your promises,

bring them with all your saints

to share in the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection,

especially David Crawley, bishop; Trevor Widen; Steve Grzowski; Richard Hagensen,

and all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time:

Burdette Trout; Louise Hoare; Janet Lothian; Philip Rive; Francis Heathcote;

Betty Tickell; Jane Burwell; Melvin Wilson; and Marguerite Hornby.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

**Lord, save us and help us.**

Holy God, holy and strong,

holy and immortal,

**have mercy on us.**

*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 the Lord our 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

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.  
Merciful God,  
through the death of your beloved Son  
you transformed an instrument of shame  
into a sign of hope and glory.  
Receive all we offer you this day,  
and renew in us the mystery of his love;  
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.  
**Amen.**

## **THE GRACE**

Christ crucified draw us to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
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

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Early in the fourth century, Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. To show his imperial benevolence, Constantine ordered a grand church to be built in Jerusalem. The site that he chose was Golgotha, the hill where Jesus of Nazareth was crucified and buried. Many years previously, the hill had been levelled and buried under many tons of debris. The entire area had to be excavated for the new church.

Interestingly, Constantine put his mother, Helena, in charge of the work. During the many months of painstaking digging, the labourers discovered a single large wooden beam. It was carefully taken to the authorities, who issued a proclamation that this was a remnant of the very cross on which Jesus had been crucified. Portions of this beam were carefully preserved and enshrined near the altar of the new church. The church was dedicated in honour of the Resurrection on September 14th in the year 335. Ever since then, Christians in both the East and West have kept this date as Holy Cross Day.

There is an Anglo-Saxon poem called "The Dream of the Rood". The word "rood" is derived from the Old English word "rod" or beam, but it came to be used to refer specifically to the crucifix. In the poem, the narrator is having a dream. He sees the Cross on which Jesus was executed. As he gazes upon it, he is dazzled by the fact that it is adorned by the most magnificent jewels - sparkling and twinkling in the light. However, he gradually notices that amidst the beautiful gems, the wood is deeply stained with blood. A conversation, rather bizarrely, takes place between the narrator and the Cross. He is helped to understand that it is the instrument of shame and painful death that ultimately leads to a wonderful bringing together of God and creation. Suffering leads to salvation.

I like to think that Good Friday focuses on the crucifixion as the final climax of Jesus' physical, emotional and spiritual pain. The blood is real. Holy Cross Day encourages us to stand back from that a little and to give thanks for what was achieved on that day - forgiveness and reconciliation. Today, let us enjoy the jewels that decorate the Rood.

*Fr. Neil G.*

# Notices

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## REGULAR SERVICE TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

<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

## WELCOME TO JENN ASHTON!

St. James' is very pleased to announce our new diaconal postulant, Jenn Ashton: an historian, writer, and artist from Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) First Nation. She will be doing her internship with us over the next few months. Meet Jenn by viewing her [introductory video here \(2:40\)](#).

Jenn's engagement with the parish will be entirely online. We encourage members of the parish to take a moment to welcome her by attending the Liturgy at Home on Sunday mornings or reaching out via email at [jenn@stclementschurch.ca](mailto:jenn@stclementschurch.ca). Jenn will also be offering a formation class in the fall, so stay tuned for those details to come.

To learn more about Jenn and her work, please visit [stjames.bc.ca/news](http://stjames.bc.ca/news) for all the links.

We are so glad you're here, Jenn! Welcome to St. James'!

## 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 high tea 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!

## **NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

September 30th is National Truth and Reconciliation Day, and many of us are looking for ways to support Indigenous communities and artists - always, but specifically in obtaining tokens of support, ie: t-shirts, pins, etc. Our gratitude to Elders Jerry and Kelvin for pointing out how important it is to choose sources for merchandise carefully, as some retailers seek to make profits for themselves on these kinds of items.

Our new diaconal postulant, Jenn Ashton, has helpfully provided a link to a shop that sells items designed by Indigenous artists, whose profits go entirely towards Indigenous communities and education. She also recommends that - when possible - we gift our previous year's items to someone who cannot afford to buy them, and purchase again from a new Indigenous artist or community each year. To purchase orange shirts for this year, please visit: [gianttiger.com/pages/truth-and-reconciliation](https://gianttiger.com/pages/truth-and-reconciliation).

## **MUSIC SERIES: MANUEL PIAZZA, ORGANIST**

Experience the musical brilliance of Manuel Piazza, winner of the 2023 Sir Ernest MacMillan Memorial Prize, the 2021 RCCO National Organ Playing Competition, and the Sherman Memorial Prize for excellence in organ playing (Yale School of Music). Manuel's programme at St. James' on **October 15 at 7:00 pm** will include works by Edward Elgar, Robert Schumann, and Maurice Duruflé. Tickets are \$25 General Admission / \$20 Seniors & Students at [manuel.eventbrite.ca](https://manuel.eventbrite.ca).

## **FLOWERS, FLOWERS, FLOWERS**

New members wanted! If you are looking for a fun volunteer opportunity that beautifies the church to the glory of God, please speak with Mary Hamilton. Time commitment is approximately two hours each time it's your turn. 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!

## **WELCOME BACK**

Building Manager Darren Campbell will return to work beginning September 15. Welcome back, Darren!

### **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

### **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

# Lectioary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON Sept 15 Our Lady of Sorrows	Ps 56, 57; 1 Kgs 21:1-16; 1 Cor 1:1-19	1 Tim 2:1-8; Ps 28; Lk 7:1-10	Ps 64, 65; Job 40:1-24; Mt 4:1-11
TUES Sept 16 St. Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, c.430	Ps 61, 62; 1 Kgs 21:17-29; 1 Cor 1:20-31	1 Tim 3:1-13; Ps 101; Lk 7:11-17	Ps 68:1-20, 24-36; Job 40:1, 41:1-11; Mt 4:12-17
WED Sept 17 Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882	Ps 72; 1 Kgs 22:1-28; 1 Cor 2:1-13	1 Tim 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35	Ps 119:73-96; Job 42:1-17; Mt 4:18-25
THUR Sept 18 Founders, Benefactors & Missionaries of the Church in Canada	Ps 71; 1 Kgs 22:29-45; 1 Cor 2:14-3:15	1 Tim 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50	Ps 74; Job 28:1-28; Mt 5:1-10
FRI Sept 19 St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690	Ps 69:1-23, 31-38; 2 Kgs 1:2-17; 1 Cor 3:16-2	1 Tim 6:1-12; Ps 49:1-9; Lk 8:1-3	Ps 73; Est 1:1-4, 10-19; Mt 5:11-16
SAT Sept 20 John Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, & Companions, Martyrs, 1871	Ps 75, 76; 2 Kgs 2:1-18; 1 Cor 4:1-7	1 Tim 6:13-16; Ps 100; Lk 8:4-15	Ps 23, 27; Est 2:5-8, 15-23; Mt 5:17-20
SUN Sept 21 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	Ps 93, 96; 2 Kgs 4:8-37; Acts 9:10-31	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tim 2:1-7; Lk 16:1-13	Ps 34; Est 3:1-4:3; Lk 3:7-18

## **CLERGY**

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## **PARISH STAFF**

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