

# Liturgy at Home

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## St. James' Anglican Church



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 7, 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), Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səłilwətał (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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Because the liturgical year is a catalog of the dimensions of the spiritual life, it is not unlike life itself. It, too, is made up of the habitual and the common coordinates of what it means to live a spiritual life. What's more, it is precisely this routine of holiness-as-usual that is the ultimate measure of the quality of a soul.

It is what we do routinely, not what we do rarely, that delineates the character of a person. It is what we believe in the heart of us that determines what we do daily. It is what we bring to the nourishment of the soul that predicts the kind of soul we nurture. It's what we do ordinarily, day by day, that gives an intimation of what we will do under stress...

...There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time at all. It makes dailiness, stability, fidelity, and constancy the marks of what it takes for Christians to be "Christian" the rest of the year.

*-Joan Chittister, from The Liturgical Year*

# Opening Rite

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## INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the  
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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, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need.  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift which you impart.

## 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.  
Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people,  
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,  
we may by you be richly rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive 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 Deuteronomy.

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

(Deuteronomy 30:15-20)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;  
everything they do shall prosper.

**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

(Psalm 1)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

(Philemon 1:1-21)

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA**

**Alleluia.** Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come unto thee. **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.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

(Luke 14:25-33)

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## HOMILY

Mother Amanda Ruston

## **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, for the leaders of the nations, and for the peace of the world.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all bishops, clergy, and people, and for:

- the leadership of the Anglican Communion;
- The Anglican Church of Southern Africa;
- Shane our Primate; John our Metropolitan and Archbishop;
- Archbishop Christopher and Indigenous People in the Diocese of Ottawa;
- Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- and in our Diocese, for:
  - the parish of St. Laurence, Coquitlam;
  - The Vancouver School of Theology;
  - and our own parish of St. James.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are traveling; for all prisoners; and for the sick and the suffering, especially: Maureen; Teresa; Dianne; Norah; Erskine Sandiford; Walter Dyll; John Keenan; Kimberly Nikkel; Emily Reid; Ron Richter; Mule Ruben Kule; Christine Rowe,

and for our Street Outreach, especially: Ray; Pedro; Christa; Bernard; Bobby; Tuan; Thomas Steele; Tim Espina; Richelle Gibbon; Jack Aylu; all community cooling centres and the people & pets who use them.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

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

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Donald Clapp; John Houghton; Ed Chrusch; Lynann Burton; Jane Toms; Arthur Gutteridge; Beatrice Westcot; Doris Wheeler; Rudy Paradis; Nonita Bryon; Hazel Jamieson; and Jean Bailey.

+Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

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

May they rest in peace.

**Amen.**

*Celebrant:*

Remembering Holy Mary, the Mother of God,  
St. James our Patron, and all the saints,  
we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life  
to you, our Lord and God.

**Amen.**

# Spiritual Communion

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*As we are unable to receive the Blessed Sacrament at this time,  
meditate quietly for a moment on these words of Jesus from St. John 6:*

"I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, whoever believes in me will never thirst."

*Then, in union with the Body of Christ in every time and place, pray:*

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



## HYMN

I see Thee not, I hear Thee not,  
Yet art Thou oft with me;  
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot  
As where I meet with Thee.

# Concluding Rite

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Great and holy God,  
accept our offering of labour and love.

May we bring you true and spiritual worship  
and be one with you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

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This week marks the beginning of a new school term, and perhaps because of that, many folks think of this time of year as an opportunity for a fresh start. Habits are renewed, rituals taken up again, schedules tighten up. Even if you are not in school, you may have family members going back to school, or simply be caught up in the collective energy of this season of new beginnings.

What a wonderful opportunity to renew our commitment to discipleship as well! Like everything else in our life, discipleship requires commitment; the root of the word is, in fact, 'discipline'. Whether you are seeking to recommit to reading your bible regularly, praying the daily office, or growing in your learning and knowledge of the faith and how to live the Christian life, St. James' has many opportunities to join in with your community and grow together.

We continue to say the Daily Office together on Zoom at 9 am and 5 pm every day, and our weekly Bible study will resume this coming Wednesday. We are also planning some exciting Formation studies this fall, so stay tuned to hear more about those - and let us know if there are topics you'd like to see covered!

Whether you are returning to school or renewing your commitment to something important, may your efforts be blessed!

*Mother Amanda*

The flowers on the High Altar  
are given to the Glory of God,

by Fr Douglas Fenton  
in thanksgiving  
on the anniversary  
of his ordination.

# 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

## 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 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!

## 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 two hours per week, one week per month.

Here's the job description: Friday or Saturday each week we go to Meyers Floral Warehouse (close to church). We choose the flowers 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**

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

### **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 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ps 41, 52; 1 Kgs 13:1-10; Phil 1:1-11	Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:1-7; Lk 6:6-11	Ps 44; Job 32:1-10, 19-33:1, 19-28; Mk 15:40-47
TUES Sept 9 Feria	Ps 45; 1 Kgs 16:23-34; Phil 1:12-30	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-9; Lk 6:12-19	Ps 47, 48; Job 29:1-20; Mk 16:1-8
WED Sept 10 Edmund James Peck, Missionary to the Inuit, 1924	Ps 119:49-72; 1 Kgs 17:1-24; Phil 2:1-11	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:10-13; Lk 6:20-26	Ps 49; Job 29:1, 30:1-2, 16-31; Mt 2:1-12
THUR Sept 11 Feria	Ps 50; 1 Kgs 18:1-19; Phil 2:12-30	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150; Lk 6:27-38	Ps 93, 96; Job 29:1, 31:1-23; Mt 2:13-23
FRI Sept 12 The Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ps 40, 54; 1 Kgs 18:20-40; Phil 3:1-16	1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16; Lk 6:39-42	Ps 51; Job 29:1, 31:24-40; Mt 3:1-12
SAT Sept 13 St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258	Ps 55; 1 Kgs 18:41-19:8; Phil 3:17-4:7	1 Tim 1:15-17; Ps 113; Lk 6:43-49	Ps 46, 87; 1 Kgs 8:22-30; Eph 2:11-22
SUN Sept 14 Holy Cross Day	Ps 66; Num 21:4-9; Jn 3:11-17	Num 21:46-49; Ps 98:1-5; 1 Cor 1:18-24; Jn 3:13-17	Ps 118; Gen 3:1-15; 1 Pet 3:17-22



## **CLERGY**

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The Reverend Joyce Loch, Deacon (ret'd); Sister Mary Christian Cross, Deacon (ret'd)

## **PARISH STAFF**

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