

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 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), 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.

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

All this day, O Lord,
Let me touch as many lives as possible for Thee,
and every life I touch, do Thou by Thy Spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.
Amen.

- *Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union*

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

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x^wməθk^wə́yəm (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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The whole of creation groans with eager longing for redemption,
but we disfigure it through our lack of care and respect.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Lord, you delight in creation, its colour and diversity;
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of chaos,
yet we have preferred darkness in our words and deeds.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with blessings,
yet we have been grudging towards others.

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,
you have created the heavens and the earth,
and ourselves in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
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

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

(Amos 8:4-7)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

**Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for evermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.

**The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

**He takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

He sets them with the princes,
with the princes of his people.

**He makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children.**

(Psalm 113)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all
—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

(1 Timothy 2:1-7)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his name: tell the people what things he hath done. **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.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

(Luke 16:1-13)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Father Neil Gray

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 peace let us pray to the Father, through the Son,
and in the power of the Holy Spirit:
One God, who makes, sustains, and renews all things.

Intercessor:

Lord of Creation,
you make the sun rise at the dawn of each day.
May we be awakened to the beauty of the earth and rejoice in its wonder and diversity.
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord of the Universe,
you have created all things by your eternal Word.
May your wisdom guide us as we strive to care for the environment;
and to share the rich resources of this world gladly and justly,
in the cause of stability and peace between all nations and peoples.
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord of the Church,
You have fed us with your own body and blood.
May we, your people, reflect your self-giving love for all that you have made.

We pray for the leadership of the Anglican Communion and for;

- The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan;
- Shane our Primate; John our Metropolitan and Archbishop;
- Archbishop Christopher and Indigenous People in the Diocese of Quebec;
- Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- and in our Diocese, for:
 - Holy Cross, Vancouver;
 - Salal & Cedar Watershed Discipleship Ministry;
 - Synod Office Staff
 - and our own parish of St. James.

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord of Relationship,
You have given us the communities in whose lives we share.
May we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace.

We give thanks for the Mothers' Union – their ministry and presence,
especially at St. James' for the past 50 years.

In our Street Outreach, we pray for Thomas Steele; Melaney; Sherri Bird; Crystal Fenner;
Patrick; Roy; Heather; Cassandra; Bruce Wilson; Mariah; Brent; Lori; All Nations Outreach
Society, James Harry, and their outreach workers.

Among the sick and those in need, we pray for Teresa; Dianne; John Keenan; Emily Reid; Ron
Richter; Eleanor Faveris; Anita Sandiford; Judy Patterson; Martin; Tommy; and Daniel Baguma.
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord of Resurrection and Life,
you have made us from the dust of the earth,
and to the earth we shall return.
May we be mindful of our mortality
even as we look forward to the glory which is to come.

Among those who have died recently, we pray for Richard Hagensen,
and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Hugh Brown;
Lilian Taylor; Erica Carignan; Joan Ehmann; Marjorie Tunstall Browne; Donald Christie;
John Prince; and Florence Stanwood.

+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

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glow with the fire divine.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
God of power,
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day,
and help us to live in peace and harmony
with all your creation,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE GRACE

May God our Creator,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,
tend us with loving care
and increase the harvest of our righteousness;
And the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
+ 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.

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

by Sharon Lou-Hing
in loving memory of her mom
Rita Lou-Hing

Clergy Notes

This week we celebrate fifty years of the Mothers' Union at St. James'!

It is a great joy to witness the devotion and ministry of this lively and faithful group of people, and a great blessing to our Parish and Diocese that they are amongst us.

At both services this Sunday, a representative of the MU will speak a little bit about the organization as well as their life and ministry together, and we will join together in a fitting High Tea with fellowship after the 10:30am Mass in church.

So, I will leave that part to the experts! But, I have included as our reflection today, a prayer from Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union, which was provided me by our members.

The prayer is short, yet powerful. It summarizes beautifully what Christian discipleship ought to be: purest devotion to our Lord, and the deepest desire to offer everything we have in service of Christ. It is a prayer that earnestly asks that God may transform our actions, words and intentions into a blessing for all those whom we touch, and that we ourselves may be transformed as well. It is humble yet bold; generous yet audacious.

May we all pray this prayer in our own lives, and may God grant that every one of these prayers be answered.

Mother Amanda

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

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!

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: tshirts, 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: gianttiger.com/pages/truth-and-reconciliation. She also recommends that - when possible - we gift our previous year's items to someone who cannot afford to buy them, and purchase from a new Indigenous artist or community each year.

WELCOME BACK

Building Manager Darren Campbell has returned to work beginning September 15. Welcome back, Darren!

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.

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

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

Lectionary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON Sept 22 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Ps 119:41-64; Is 8:11-20; Rom 10:1-15	Pr 3:1-6; Ps 119:33-40; Mt 9:9-13	Ps 19, 112; Job 28:12-28; Mt 13:44-52
TUES Sept 23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest, 1968	Ps 78:1-39; 2 Kgs 5:19-27; 1 Cor 5:1-8	Ezra 6:1-8, 12-19; Ps 124; Lk 8:19-21	Ps 78:40-72; Est 5:1-14; Mt 5:27-37
WED Sept 24 Our Lady of Walsingham, 1061	Ps 119:97-120; 2 Kgs 6:1-23; 1 Cor 5:9-6:8	Ezra 9:5-9; Ps 48; Lk 9:1-6	Ps 81, 82; Est 6:1-14; Mt 5:38-48
THUR Sept 25 St. Sergius, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, Teacher of the Faith, 1392	Ps 116, 117; 2 Kgs 9:1-16; 1 Cor 6:12-20	Hag 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-5; Lk 9:7-9	Ps 85, 86; Est 7:1-10; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
FRI Sept 26 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626	Ps 88; 2 Kgs 9:17-37; 1 Cor 7:1-9	Hag 2:1-9; Ps 43; Lk 9:18-22	Ps 91, 92; Est 8:1-8, 15-17; Mt 6:7-15
SAT Sept 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest and Prophetic Witness, 1660	Ps 87, 90; 2 Kgs 11:1-20a; 1 Cor 7:10-24	Zech 2:1-11; Ps 121; Lk 9:43b-45	Ps 136; Hos 1:1-2:1; Mt 6:19-24
SUN Sept 28 St. Michael & All Angels	Ps 8, 148; Job 38:1-7; Heb 1:1-14	Gen 28:10-17; Ps 103:19-22; Rev 12:7-12; Jn 1:47-51	Ps 104; 2 Kgs 6:8-17; Rev 5:1-14

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