

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 26, 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^wə́yəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (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

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
 If I lacked anything.
"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
 Love said, "You shall be he."
"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
 I cannot look on thee."
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 "Who made the eyes but I?"
"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve."
"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"
 "My dear, then I will serve."
"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."
 So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert "Love (III)"

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the
x^wməθk^wəyəm (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

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if you would my disciple be;
deny yourself, the world forsake
and humbly follow after me.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant

'How often have I longed to gather your children,
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,' says the Lord,
'but you would not come to me.'

Let us as wayward children return to God
and confess our sins.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of God's glory:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Woe is me, for I am lost;
I am a person of unclean lips:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven:
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in eternal life;
through 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.

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
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

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.
For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.
Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;
for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.
He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.
He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

(Sirach 35:12-17)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house!
they will always be praising you.

**Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

**They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

(Psalm 84:1-6)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter to Timothy.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

(2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. He grants peace within your borders: he fills you with the finest wheat.

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.

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

(Luke 18:9-14)

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 the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Charles our King, and for our Parliament and Government;

for the leaders of the nations, and all in authority.

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 the whole People of God, that we may be true and faithful servants of Christ and for:

- Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-designate;
- The Church in Wales;
- Archbishop Shane, our Primate; Archbishop John, our Metropolitan;
- Archbishop Christopher and Indigenous People in the Diocese of Toronto;
- Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- and in our Diocese, for:
 - the Archdeaconry of Fraser; The Deanery of Yale
 - and our own parish of St. James.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them; and for: Dan; Kimmie Lightbown; Gillian Budd; Diana Conway; Ezra; Kelvin; Morgan; Lisa Wright; Jim Lyon; Anne; Lou Demerais; Lloyd Minor; the Patricia Hotel residents & staff;

and in our Street Outreach for: Bruce Wilson; Cairo; Ray; Mike; Martin; Cyrus; Freddy; Jeffrey; Lindsay; the Urban Native Youth Association & all they serve.
Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died recently, especially: Leslie Anne Roach,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time: Norah Watson; Theodore Van Heel; Stephen Jenkins, priest; Jacqueline Ellwood; Mary Bee, Jr; Celia Dodds; Dawn Brewster; Drusilla Nichols; Edgar & Isobel Coan; and Roy Coan.

+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

Come down, O Love Divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of constant love,
you have guided your people
in all times and ages.

May we who offer you our praise today
always be ready to follow where you lead;
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GRACE

God the Holy Trinity make us strong in faith and love,
defend us on every side,
and guide us in truth and peace.

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

When I was the rector of St. Paul's in the West End, I invited Archbishop Douglas Hambidge to lead a Bible Study for the Burrard Deanery. We looked in some detail at Luke's Gospel and I remember quite vividly the comments he made on today's passage. He asked us not to rush to be harsh on the Pharisee in the story, reminding us that Luke paints a rather different picture of the Pharisees than does Matthew. For Matthew, they are frequently linked with Scribes and both groups are condemned as hypocrites; saying one thing and doing another. Archbishop Douglas pointed out that there is no suggestion in the text that this man does not do exactly what he says. In fact, he went on to explain that the Pharisee went much further in his religious actions than the Law required. Fasting was obligatory only on the Day of Atonement and tithing was expected just on earned income, not everything a man acquired. Then Archbishop Douglas wondered aloud as to why God was not able to use such a pious man in His preparation for the Coming of the Kingdom. He answered his own question, as he thumped the table - "God says 'I cannot get in. There is no space for me in his self-righteousness' ".

Other people in the Bible Study group showed that they already understood why the tax-collector was reluctant to look up to Heaven. Many commentaries point out this group of people were absolute outsiders and were held in supreme contempt because they worked for the occupying power. They not only imposed the extortionate tax rules of the Roman Empire, they frequently spied and reported upon their own people. Unlike the Pharisee, the tax collector is clearly aware of divine judgement, of the gap that exists between himself and God. All he can do is throw himself on God's mercy.

Archbishop Douglas concluded his comments on this passage by saying, very simply, that the first step on our spiritual journey is to acknowledge our true state before God. We need to realize that in ourselves we are nothing, but by God's love and grace we can become everything.

As I think back on his remarks, I am grateful to have had such a skilled exponent of the scriptures as my first Bishop in this Diocese.

Father Neil G.

Notices

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY

The much-anticipated induction of our Rector, Mother Amanda Ruston, will take place on **Monday, December 1 at 7:00 pm**. Archbishop John Stephens will preside, and a suitably joyful reception will follow. Please come and join the celebration!

CHURCH TOURS FOR HEART OF THE CITY 2025

PJ Janson will be guiding tours of our unique building on **November 2 at 12:30 pm and November 5 at 7:00 pm** for Heart of the City. Everyone is welcome to join us to learn about the architecture and beauty of St. James' Anglican Church! The intrepid will also have the chance to climb the belltower and see the bells.

ALL SOULS' REQUIEM MASS

On **November 6 at 6:30 pm** we shall have a Solemn Requiem Mass for All Souls in the church. At this service we shall remember all who have died, among them our own loved ones. If you would like to add a name for remembrance, please send it to office@stjames.bc.ca. The bells will be tolled for the dead from 2:00 pm to 2:15 pm that afternoon.

ALONGSIDE HOPE FUNDRAISER

Alongside Hope, formerly PWRDF, is fundraising to provide Solar Suitcases to bring light to forty-nine rural medical clinics without electricity in Mozambique and Madagascar. With the assistance of solar suitcases, expectant mothers know they can safely give birth at night and therefore are more likely to seek health care, saving their lives and the lives of their babies. For more information and to donate visit alongsidehope.org/solar-suitcase. Donations to support the purchase of the suitcases are being matched by a generous donor **until October 31**.

INDIGENOUS VETERANS' DAY

November 8 is Indigenous Veterans' Day, honouring the contributions of Indigenous people who volunteered their service to Canada's military. Diaconal postulant Jenn Ashton presents an educational video on Indigenous veterans at stjames.bc.ca/news.

SAVE THE DATE: ONLINE ART PRESENTATION WITH JENN ASHTON

Join artist and St. James' diaconal postulant Jenn Ashton online on **November 8 at 10:00 am** for a presentation of her art project *Tangle: A journey of Reconciliation, (and all the ways to get there)*, where she will illustrate her process and show where the two journeys intersect and eventually unite. A Q&A will follow the presentation. Join via Zoom app or by phone at 778-907-2071.

Zoom Meeting ID: 826 7218 7137 / Zoom Passcode: 147373

FEATHER CIRCLE

Feather Circles – facilitated by Rikki Kooy, Indigenous Elder-in-Residence – take place the second Wednesday of each month at the Synod Office (1410 Nanton Ave). Come **November 12 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm** and share your journey of reconciliation with others from around the Diocese. Explore the meaning of Love, Purpose, Reconcile. Bring your lunch. Beverages and treats provided. Please RSVP via email to melanie@sthildegards.ca.

LIGHT THE NIGHT YOUTH EVENT

The Diocesan Youth Movement is hosting an Advent event for youth ages 11-18 on **November 22 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 11040 River Road, Delta. For details and to register, visit vancouver.anglican.ca/events/light-the-night/2025-11-22.

ADVENT SERIES WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

Spend **Tuesday evenings from November 25 to December 16** taking a journey with the pilgrim characters of the Advent season: Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, and John the Baptist. Archbishop John will offer teaching on their stories and the Prologue from the Gospel of John. The sessions will include small group discussion and use scripture, image, song, and poetry to help us deepen our own pilgrim journeys as we search for Emmanuel.

This series takes place on Zoom beginning at 7:00 pm. Register at us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/yW6NvpXeRbK8aXrItJmm3A#/registration

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. Join via Zoom app or by phone at 778-907-2071.

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 October 27 Feria	Ps 41, 52; Zech 1:7-17; Rev 1:4-20	Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:1-6, 19-20; Lk 13:10-17	Ps 44; Sir 19:4-17; Mt 12:43-50
TUES October 28 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles	Ps 66; Is 28:9-16; Eph 4:1-16	Dt 32:1-4; Ps 119:89-96; Jn 15:17-27	Ps 116, 117; Is 4:2-6; Jn 14:15-31
WED October 29 James Hannington & Companions, Martyrs, 1885	Ps 119:49-72; Ezra 6:1-22; Rev 5:1-10	Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13; Lk 13:22-30	Ps 49; Sir 28:14-26; Mt 13:10-17
THUR October 30 John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384	Ps 50; Neh 1:1-11; Rev 5:11-6:11	Rom 8:31-39; Ps 30; Lk 13:31-35	Ps 103; Sir 31:12-18, 25-32:2; Mt 13:18-23
FRI October 31 Saints of the Reformation Era	Ps 40, 54; Neh 2:1-20; Rev 6:12-7:4	Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:13-21; Lk 14:1-6	Ps 34; Wis 3:1-9; Rev 19:1, 4-10
SAT November 1 All Saints Day	Ps 111, 112; 2 Esd 2:42-47; Heb 11:32-12:2	Dan 7:1-3, 15-18; Ps 149; Eph 1:11-23; Lk 6:20-31	Ps 148, 150; Wis 5:1-5, 14-16; Rev 21:1-4, 22-22:5
SUN November 2 Sunday of All Saints	Ps 24, 29; Neh 5:1-19; Acts 20:7-12	Dan 7:1-3, 15-18; Ps 149; Eph 1:11-23; Lk 6:20-31	Ps 8, 84; Sir 36:1-17; Luke 12:22-31

CLERGY

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