

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



The Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2026 | 9:00 am



Welcome

We acknowledge with gratitude and respect our presence on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səl̓ílwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations.

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

The Parish Intercession Lists are being prayed daily. Please make any requests to the Parish Office at 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

Q: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him for ever.

Westminster Shorter Catechism, first sequence

These that came from the East were Gentiles, and that concerns us, for so are we. We may then look out, if we can see this star. it is ours, it is the Gentiles' star. We may set our course by it, to seek and find, and worship him as well as they...

...They came a long journey, and they came an uneasy journey; they came a dangerous journey and they came now, at the worst season of the year. They stayed not their coming till the opening of the year, till they might have better weather and way, and have longer days and so more seasonable and fit to travel in. So desirous were they to come with the first, and to be there as soon as they possibly might; broke through all these difficulties, and behold, come they did.

And we, what excuse shall we have if we come not? If so short and easy a way we come not, as from our chambers hither? And these wise men were never a whit less wise for so coming; nay, to come to Christ is one of the wisest parts that ever these wise men did. And if they and we be wise in one Spirit, we will follow the same star, tread the same way, and so come at last whither they are happily gone before us.

Lancelot Andrewes, from a sermon given on Christmas Day, 1620

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

Gathering together on the traditional, ancestral and unceded lands of the Tsleil-Waututh “People of the Inlet”, the Musqueam “People of the River Grass”, and the Squamish “Mother of the Wind”, we meet
+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
All kings shall fall down before the Lord;
all nations shall do service to our God.

HYMN

Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

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 Jesus, you are Mighty God and Prince of Peace:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and Splendour of the Father:
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 taketh away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that taketh 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.
Eternal God,
who by a star
led wise men to the worship of your Son.
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
that the whole world may know your glory;
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 the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

(Isaiah 60:1-6)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;

**That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.**

He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

**He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace
till the moon shall be no more.**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute,
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
All kings shall bow down before him,
and all the nations do him service.

**For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress,
and the oppressed who has no helper.
He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

(Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

(Ephesians 3:1-12)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? **Alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

(Matthew 2:1-12)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Mother Amanda Ruston

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us bless the living God:

Christ is born of the Virgin Mary,
revealed in his glory,

worshipped by the angels,
proclaimed among the nations,

believed in throughout the world,
exalted to the highest heavens.

Blessed be God, our strength and our salvation,
now and for ever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

Let us worship the Saviour with joy
and make our prayer to God, our Creator.

Intercessor:

The magi came from the east to worship the Christ child:
Creator God, grant to Christians everywhere
the spirit of adoration.

For Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-elect, and for;

- The Church of the Province of Central Africa;
- Archbishop Shane, our Primate; Archbishop John, our Metropolitan;
- Archbishop Christopher and for our Elders, that we may continue to recognize the wisdom they contribute to their communities;
- Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- in our Diocese, the parishes of:
 - St. Andrew, Langley; Church of the Epiphany, Surrey;
Christ the Redeemer, Surrey;
 - and our own parish of St. James.

Lord of glory,

hear our prayer.

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh:

Creator God, accept the offering of our hearts and minds
at the beginning of this year.

Lord of glory,

hear our prayer.

The kingdoms of this world have become

the kingdom of our Lord Christ:

Creator God, grant an abundance of peace to your world.

Guide Charles our King, the leaders of the nations, and all in authority.

Lord of glory,

hear our prayer.

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death:
Creator God, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, and all who suffer in body, mind and spirit, among them: Peter Symons; Rocky Rocksborough-Smith; Julia Glass; Alex McKenzie; Gillian Budd; Aisha & Hellen; David Gagnon; Rikke & Bjorn; Kasen Baker; Kenzie Baker; Gordon Wrightman; Roger Laviolette; and Gary.
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The child Jesus shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth:
Creator God, protect in your love our neighbours in the DTES, among them: Martin; Lindsay; Antonio; Ian Bee; Darren; Francesca; the Howard family; Baker Mike; Joey; Jenny; Vinnie; Dr Susan Burgess, Dr Brian Conway, and all doctors serving this community.
Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

Creator God, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, and all the faithful departed: hear us as we pray for those who have died recently: Sheila Wallace; Elizabeth Feeley; Peggy Hughes; Nathan Howard; Adam Williams,

and for those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Percy Dobson; Henry Ehmann; Barbara Gillett; Norman Southcott; Gerry Smith; Diana Brown; Roy Paul; Hilda Sandiford; Jésus Cristobal-Esteban; William Brummitt; Ernest Symonds; Kay York; and James Cruikshank, bishop.

+Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

Celebrant
Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of all the nations of the earth,
guide us with your light.

Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us
in the sacraments and in our neighbours.

May we welcome him with love,
for he is Lord now and for ever.

Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE DATE OF EASTER

Beloved in Christ, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons, let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the Easter Triduum of the Lord: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the second of April and the evening of the fourth of April.

Each Easter—as on each Sunday—
the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed
by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent,
will occur on the eighteenth of February.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated
on the fourteenth of May.

Pentecost, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter,
will be celebrated on the twenty-fourth of May.

On the fourth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

And this year the First Sunday of Advent
will be on the twenty-ninth of November.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ
in the feasts of the Holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles
and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.
To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GRACE

Christ our Lord,
to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to us his glory
and pour upon us the riches of his grace.
Amen.

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

We have seen the glory of Christ,
the glory revealed to all the nations.
Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALMA REDEMPTORIS MATER

O loving mother of the Saviour,
ever the open gate to heaven,
and star of the sea,
O hasten to aid us,
who though falling strive to rise again.

Bearing as a virgin, while nature stood in awe,
your own Maker, your own holy Lord,
ever virgin, after as before,
when the mouth of Gabriel
uttered that great 'Ave,'
O take pity on us sinners.

AN EPIPHANY BLESSING FOR OUR HOMES

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This may be written on the lintel above the front door into your home. A piece of blessed chalk from today's Mass may be obtained from the Church for this purpose. Following the writing, this prayer is to be used:

Let us pray.

O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God,
we beseech thee to hear us: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to
guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this
house. I call upon thy Saints: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, to protect my loved
ones and my home from every harm and danger, and I place this mark over my door
to remain as a constant reminder to us and all who enter here that my house is truly
a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thine Eternal
Kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

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

A HAPPY, PEACEFUL AND SAFE NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!

Special thanks to all who donated flowers and contributed extra time and talent to ensure our holiday season went smoothly and joyfully! Our parish community continues to be a witness to Christ's love and light in this neighbourhood and beyond. The ministry we offer in Christ's name is only made possible through your dedication. God bless you!

ORDO KALENDAR 2026

The new St. James' Ordo Kalendar is available now at the back of the church. A minimum donation of \$20 is suggested for those able.

ARCHIVED LIVE STREAMS AVAILABLE NOW

Mother Amanda's induction, Nine Lessons and Carols, and Midnight Mass were live streamed and the archived videos are available on demand now at legacystreaming.com/st-james-anglican-church-vancouver.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Calling on all Clergy, Wardens, Treasurer, Guild Presidents, Committee Leaders, and other usual contributors, to submit Annual Reports to the office by **January 26, 2026**. Plans for the Annual Vestry Meeting will be forthcoming.

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

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!

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 January 5 St. Andre Bessette, Religious, 1937	Ps 2, 110:1-5; Jon 2:2-9; Eph 6:10-20	1 Jn 3:11-18; Ps 100; Jn 1:43-51	Ps 136; Gen 28:10-22; Jn 6:15-27
TUES January 6 Feria	Ps 66, 67 Wis 7:3-14 Col 3:12-17	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Mt 2:1-12	Ps 145 Sir 3:3-9, 14-17 Jn 6:41-47
WED January 7 Feria	Ps 103; Dt 8:1-3; Col 1:1-14	1 Jn 3:18-4:6; Ps 2; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	Ps 114, 115; Is 52:3-6; Jn 6:30-33, 48-51
THUR January 8 Feria	Ps 117, 118; Ex 17:1-7; Col 1:15-23	1 Jn 4:7-12; Ps 72:1-8; Mk 6:30-44	Ps 112, 113; Is 59:15-21; Jn 7:37-52
FRI January 9 Feria	Ps 121, 122, 123; Is 45:14-19; Col 1:24-2:7	1 Jn 4:11-19; Ps 72:1-2, 10-13; Mk 6:45-52	Ps 131, 132; Is 63:1-5; Jn 8:12-19
SAT January 10 William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645	Ps 138, 139:1-17; Jer 23:1-8; Col 2:8-23	1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14-19; Lk 4:14-22	Ps 104; Is 61:1-9; Gal 3:23-29, 4:4-7
SUN January 11 Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ	Ps 146, 147; Gen 1:1-2:3; Eph 1:3-14	Is 42:1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-43; Mt 3:13-17	Ps 111, 112, 113; Is 40:1-11; Jn 1:29-34

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