

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
January 11, 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

Today both earth and sea have shared between them the grace of the Saviour, and over the whole world joy is spread, and today's feast manifests a greater increase of miracles than the festival we held before.

For in the former festival day of the Saviour's nativity the earth was joining in the gladness, because she carried the Lord in a crib; but on this present day... the sea leaped with the highest joy and danced with delight—delighting indeed that it had received the blessing of sanctification in the midst of the Jordan.

Come then and see new and overwhelming miracles: the sun of righteousness bathing in Jordan, the fire immersed in water and God being sanctified by human ministry.

From the Orations of St Proclus of Constantinople

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

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+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

This day Jesus is revealed as the Christ in the waters of baptism.

I will take you from the nations
And gather you from all the countries.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
And you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.

A new heart I will give you,
And put a new spirit within you.

You shall be my people,
And I will be your God.

HYMN

Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do.”
Then from Heaven a double sign –
dove-like Spirit, voice Divine –
hailed the true Anointed One:
“This is my beloved Son.”

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 Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,
faithful to their calling;
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.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,
 to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

(Isaiah 42:1-9)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"

**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

(Psalm 29)

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

(Acts 10:34-43)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendour. **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.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

(Matthew 3:13-17)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY

Father Neil Gray

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant:

As we give thanks for the Baptism of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

Intercessor:

For Christians everywhere that, faithful to our baptismal calling we may become a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

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

- Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America;
- Archbishop Shane, our Primate; Archbishop John, our Metropolitan;
- Archbishop Christopher and the world-wide Anglican Indigenous Network;
- Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- in our Diocese, for:
 - Diocesan Council;
 - the Deanery of Kingsway;
 - the Cathedral Chapter;
- and our own parish of St. James.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For King Charles, our parliament and government, and for the leaders of the nations,

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For an end to wars, famine, and strife through all the earth,

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; for the victims of our society; and for all those who minister to them, especially Rikke & Bjorn; Gordon Wrightman; Julia Glass; Elizabeth; Brenda Hain; the Gagnon family; Leigh; Bob Evans; D'Arcy; the Adams family; Joanna & Brian,

and for our Street Outreach, especially Martin; Lindsay; Ian Bee; Darren; Joey; Vinnie; Adam; Evan; Don; Lori; Vance; Omar; Bruce; Luma Housing Society & all those they house,

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Adam Williams; David Gagnon; Sylvia Guno; Angela Van Luven, and all who have died recently,

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

Frank Burd; Patrick McCormick; Bus Ibbott; Charles H.H. Nixon; Unok Kanh Ung; Clement Fedden; Brian Kaneen; Eric Stafford; Barrington Francis Thiemann; Margie Edwards; William Keith Burwell; Lloyd Wright, priest; Doris Stafford; Margaret Green; Jean Moore; and Tony Goodwin.

+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 commend 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

Hail to the Lord's anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away oppression,
And rule in equity.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day
and make us new in him,
who is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE GRACE

May God, who in Christ gives us a spring of water
welling up to eternal life,
perfect in us the image of his glory.

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

We have come to Christ, the living water.

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.

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

and in loving memory of
Fr Lloyd Wright
by the Women's Guild,

in loving memory
of Barbara Green
by Pamela Jeacocke.

Clergy Notes

The Baptism of Jesus - like the visit of the Magi to the Christ child - is an epiphany; a moment when God breaks through and self-reveals to humanity. It is only through God's intervention that humans are able to see and hear the truth: that this is the Word made flesh; the beloved second person of the Trinity; Emmanuel, God with us. The Dove; the Voice; the Word: all revealed in ways our mortal senses can perceive, though it is our hearts that must respond.

And how do we respond? When our own Creator gives up everything to become flesh for us, what can we do but give everything we have in return?

We may be tempted to hold back, believing that if we do not have perfect lives or perfect piety, or many riches or talents to contribute, we shouldn't bother.

But God doesn't want or need our very best. God wants ALL of us; the messy and the awful and the embarrassing — as well as the best. God takes our bad decisions and fumbling attempts to grasp for control, and transforms them into something life-giving. God takes our hurts and transforms them into healing for others. God takes our brokenness and transforms it into an expanded wholeness. God takes the meagre scraps of our lives and transforms them into abundance.

May we be encouraged anew to give all of ourselves to the One who gives all to us in love.

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

ORDO KALENDAR 2025

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.

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**. The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held after Mass on February 22, 2026.

SING WITH THE CHOIR

As we enter 2026, St. James' choir looks to welcome new members to sing at 10:30 Mass and evensong on Sundays. The work of our High Mass Choir reflects an ancient practice of sacred music in the Anglican tradition; emphasizing the singing of plainchant, renaissance polyphony, and anthems from the Anglican tradition. The group meets to rehearse on Thursdays from 7-9 pm and operates inclusive and community-oriented atmosphere. Those interested are encouraged to reach out to Abraham Ross (music.director@stjames.bc.ca).

For anyone unable to commit to a weekly schedule, or for those interested in the tradition of plainsong, the music program is seeking cantors to sing chants occasionally at services where the choir is absent. We welcome inquiries about either -- or both -- opportunities!

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of our beloved sister in Christ, Angela Van Luven. Please pray for the repose of her soul, and for her family during this difficult time of loss. Details for the Requiem Mass will be announced in the coming days. May Angela, with all the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

TRUSTEES

The St. James' trustees will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 20**.

A CONCERT AT ST. JAMES'

On **January 23 at 7:30 pm**, Abraham Ross will present a concert of baroque music in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, along with colleagues Marc Destrubé (baroque violin) and Natalie Mackie (viola da gamba). The program, titled *Golden Hour*, centres on the remarkable repertory of conversational, emotive trios written for two melodic instruments with harpsichord accompaniment, including works of Buxtehude, Rosenmüller, and Rebel.

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 January 12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Educator in New France, 1700	Ps 1, 2, 3; Gen 2:4-9, 16-25; Heb 1:1-14	1 Sam 1:1-8; Ps 116:10-17; Mk 1:14-20	Ps 4, 7; Is 40:12-23; Jn 1:1-18
TUES January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367	Ps 5, 6; Gen 3:1-24; Heb 2:1-10	1 Sam 1:9-20; Ps 123; Mk 1:21-28	Ps 10, 11; Is 40:25-31; Jn 1:19-28
WED January 14 John Horden, Bishop of Moosonee, Missionary, 1893	Ps 119:1-24; Gen 4:1-16; Heb 2:11-18	1 Sam 3:1-20; Ps 40:1-10; Mk 1:29-39	Ps 12, 13, 14; Is 41:1-16; Jn 1: 35-42
THUR January 15 Richard Meux Benson, Religious, Founder of the SSJE, 1915	Ps 18:1-20; Gen 4:17-26; Heb 3:1-11	1 Sam 4:1C-11; Ps 44:7-14, 23-26; Mk 1:40-45	Ps 18:21-50; Is 41:17-29; Jn 1:43-51
FRI January 16 Feria	Ps 16, 17; Gen 6:1-8; Heb 3:12-19	1 Sam 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:15-18; Mk 2:1-12	Ps 22; Is 42:10-17; Jn 2:1-12
SAT January 17 St. Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356	Ps 20, 21:1-7; Gen 6:9-22; Heb 4:1-13	1 Sam 9:1-4, 15-19, 10:1ab; Ps 21:1-7; Mk 2:13-17	Ps 110:1-5, 116, 117; Is 43:1-13; Jn 2:13-22
SUN January 18 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Ps 148, 149, 150; Gen 7:1-10, 17-23; Eph 4:1-16	Is 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-12; 1 Cor 1:1-9; Jn 1:29-42	Ps 114, 115; Is 43:14-44:5; Mk 3:7-19

CLERGY

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