

Liturgy at Home

St. James' Anglican Church



Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026 | 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), Sk̓wxwú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətał (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

Let us therefore desire nothing, wish for nothing, take pleasure in and delight in nothing except our creator, redeemer, and saviour, the one true God, who is the plenitude of goodness, all good, complete good, the true and supreme good. For God alone is holy, just, true, and righteous; God alone is beneficent, innocent, pure; and from God, through God, and in God is all pardon, all grace, all glory for the penitent and the righteous, as for all the blessed saints who rejoice together in heaven.

God is worthy of all blessing, praise and glory, exalted, sublime, sweet, lovable, full of delight, and to be desired above all things for ever and ever.

From the First Rule of St Francis of Assisi

Opening Rite

INVOCATION

Gathering together on the ancestral, traditional and un-ceded territory of the xʷməθkʷə́yəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and sə́lilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) First Nations, we meet

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

Amen.

HYMN

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy;
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

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.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
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,

your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ

is the light of the world.

May your people,

illuminated by your word and sacraments,

shine with the radiance of his glory,

that he may be known, worshipped,

and obeyed to the ends of the earth;

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.

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The Lord called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the Lord,
and my reward with my God.'

And now the Lord says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—
he says,
'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

Thus says the Lord,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
'Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the Lord, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

(Isaiah 49:1-7)

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

I waited patiently upon the Lord;
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

**Happy are they who trust in the Lord!
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us!
there is none who can be compared with you.

**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
but they are more than I can count.**

In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure
(you have given me ears to hear you);

**Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required,
and so I said, "Behold, I come.**

In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'

**I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

**You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me;
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**

(Psalm 40:1-12)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

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

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Praise the Lord, all you angels of his: praise him all his hosts. **Alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The next day John the Baptist saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

(John 1:29-42)

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 all in authority,
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, fire, and flood throughout all the earth.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For Christians everywhere, that we may be filled with your Holy Spirit, and for;

- Bishop Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury-elect;
- La Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo;
- Archbishop Shane, our Primate; Archbishop John, our Metropolitan;
- Archbishop Christopher and all lay readers and catechists in Indigenous Parishes throughout Canada;
- Bishop Benny and our companion diocese of Northern Philippines;
- and in our Diocese, for the parishes of:
 - St. Agnes, North Vancouver; St. Paul, Vancouver; St. Titus, Oakridge; St. Timothy, Brentwood;
 - and our own parish of St. James.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those in religious vows, and those discerning monastic vocations, that they
may be strengthened and supported in their prayer and promises.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick or bound by fear, despair and need of any kind,
especially: Julia Glass; Elizabeth; Brenda Hain; Leigh; Bob Evans; D'Arcy;
the Adams family; the Haisla Nation; Moses; Susanna, Claire & Andrew;
Richard & Chris; Gordon Wrightman; Sheldon Simons, the Denness family,

and in our Street Outreach for: Martin; Ian Bee; Darren; Evan; Don; Lori; Vance;
Omar; Bruce; Blair Kotchea; and staff & residents of Alexander Street Community.
Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For all who have died recently, especially: Sylvia Guno; Norma Denness;
Angela Van Luven; Wilfred Wilson; Kevin Paul; Morris Green; Lenard Vroon,

and for all those whose anniversary of death we commemorate at this time:
Nancy Bell; Frances Burd; George Robinson, priest; Brian Rocksborough-Smith;
Margaret Jackson; Phyllis Elsted; Ellen Taylor; Shirley Hazel-Loader;
Mabel Buxton; William Tyre; Winnifred Frewer; and Leslie Mennie.

+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

Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down—
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O lamb of God, I come, I come.

Concluding Rite

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Living God,
you have revealed your Son as the Messiah.
May we hear his word and follow it,
and live as children of light.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

THE GRACE

Christ the Son of God perfect in us the image of his glory
and gladden our hearts with the good news of his kingdom.
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

Loving mother of the Redeemer,
gate of heaven, star of the sea,
assist your people who have fallen
yet strive to rise again.

To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator,
Yet remained a virgin after as before.
You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting,
have pity on us poor sinners.

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

in loving memory of
Carl James Carlson
by his family,

in loving memory of
Brian Rocksborough-Smith
by his wife Jennifer and family,

and in memory of
their beautiful son and brother, Daniel Northcott
on what would have been his 46th birthday.

Always in our hearts.
Tanya, Rocky, Matthew, Erin & Naomi.

Clergy Notes

I love how Jesus addresses the disciples who leave John the Baptist to come and follow him. The first thing he asks them is, “What are you looking for?” He doesn’t tell them to go away, but he also doesn’t just allow them to follow unnoticed. He wants them to articulate what it is they seek; to acknowledge their own agency.

But they answer a question with a question. “Rabbi, where are you staying?” They do not ask where Jesus is *going*; they ask where he is *staying*. Perhaps because they do not want to simply follow. They want to be where Jesus is. They want to abide with him.

Benedictines are asked a similar question when we stand in front of our Prior and community to make our solemn profession of vows: “Beloved, what do you ask of God and God’s holy church?” The response is that we seek the mercy of God, and fellowship in community. We are not looking for easy answers or someone to make our choices for us. We are looking for true conversion of life, not just the stuff on the surface. We wish to abide with and become more like Christ, in all the messiness and holiness of community.

“What are you looking for?” is a question not just for religious, but for all of us as disciples of Christ. How often do we ask ourselves that, and how often are we asked? What would be your answer if someone asked you that today? Would your answer be different depending on the circumstances of your life in that moment? Do we simply want someone to follow? To tell us where we are going? Or do we truly seek to abide with Christ?

And if our answer to that last question is ‘yes!’ we will find that our Lord gives us the same enticing and glorious answer as the disciples received: “Come and see.”

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

SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

Today at 4:00 pm, there will be Solemn Evensong & Benediction in church.

All are welcome!

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.

VST DAY JANUARY 25

Next Sunday, we will welcome Janice Suhardja, General Assistant at Vancouver School of Theology, to share in worship with us and to answer questions about the school at coffee hour after Mass.

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.

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**.

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!

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.

ARCHIVED LIVE STREAMS AVAILABLE NOW

Mother Amanda's induction, A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, and Midnight Mass of Christmas were all live streamed in December, and the archived videos are available now at stjames.bc.ca/2026/01/archive-of-live-streams-available-now.

THANK YOU FROM MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The Reverend Peter Smyth offers a sincere thank you for the generosity shown by the parishioners of St. James' in supporting the work of caring for the seafarers who come to these shores. For more information about the Mission and its work, visit www.flyingangel.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

Lectioary

DATE	MORNING PRAYER 9:00 AM	DAILY MASS	EVENING PRAYER 5:00 PM
MON January 19 The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle	Ps 66, 67; Ezek 3:4-11; Acts 10:34-44	1 Pet 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19	Ps 118; Ezek 34:11-16; Jn 21:15-22
TUES January 20 Feria	Ps 26, 28; Gen 9:1-17; Heb 5:7-14	1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 89:19-27; Mk 2:23-28	Ps 36, 39; Is 44:9-20; Jn 3:16-21
WED January 21 St. Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304	Ps 38; Gen 9:18-29; Heb 6:1-12	1 Sam 17:32-51; Ps 144:1-10; Mk 3:1-6	Ps 119:25-48; Is 44:24-45:7; Jn 3:22-36
THUR January 22 St. Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa and 1st Martyr of Spain, 304	Ps 37:1-18; Gen 11:1-9; Heb 6:13-20	1 Sam 18:6-9, 19:1-8; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12	Ps 37:19-42; Is 45:5-17; Jn 4:1-15
FRI January 23 Feria	Ps 31; Gen 11:27-12:8; Heb 7:1-17	1 Sam 24:2-20; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19	Ps 35; Is 45:18-25; Jn 4:16-26
SAT January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622	Ps 30, 32; Gen 12:9-13:1; Heb 7:18-28	2 Sam 1:1-4, 11-12, 19-27; Ps 80:1-7; Jn 8:51-59	Ps 42, 43; Is 46:1-13; Jn 4:27-42
SUN January 25 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	Ps 63:1-8, 98; Gen 13:2-18; Gal 2:1-10	Is 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 5-13; 1 Cor 1:10-18; Mt 4:12-23	Ps 103; Is 47:1-15; Mk 7:31-37

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