



March 16, 2025

"Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem"

Luke 13:31-35

**WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE
A TIME FOR GATHERING AND QUIET MEDITATION**
*Welcome. We are so glad you have joined us for worship today.
We would love to connect with you and support
how God is moving in your life.*

*Please visit www.saintjamespres.org/contact to share
how we can be of support!*

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Leah Bruno

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jean Seater

The Lord is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?
**The Lord is the stronghold of our life;
of whom shall we be afraid?**
We seek your face, O Lord.
Do not hide your face from us!
**Do not forsake us,
O God of our salvation!**
Make us strong,
and let our hearts take courage.
We wait for the Lord.
Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" - GTG 35

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
you have formed a covenant with us,
committing yourself to us
and inviting us to walk with you.

Yet we have resisted,
seeking other companions,
going in different ways,
thinking that we know best.

Now we find ourselves far from life,
further still from you.

Have mercy on our waywardness.

Help us find our way back.

Give us faith so that we can hold the hand
you have extended to us in Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

***THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27 pgs. 503-504

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"When Jesus Wept" GTG 194
St. James Chancel Choir

SERMON READING

Luke 13:31-35 pg. 77

SERMON

"Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem"
Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Come Down, O Love Divine" - GTG 282

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Your Song"

Mark Burrows

Holly Hagshenas & Jessica Parks, sopranos

Jenny Sue LeSchander & Pam Pries, altos

*DOXOLOGY

"For the Life That You Have Given" - GTG 717

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own;
Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
Give us grace to love and serve you, Living what we pray and sing.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SINGING WELCOME AS CHILDREN RETURN TO SANCTUARY

Welcome, children, welcome, we are glad you're here.

Welcome, children, welcome. *Lenten time is here.*

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Fight the Good Fight" - GTG 846

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

*BLESSING & CHARGE

POSTLUDE

*As our worship concludes, our service begins.
We invite you to join us for fellowship following worship. Please introduce
yourself to those new to you and extend a welcome of peace and
friendship to everyone.*

Next Week, March 23, 2025
Guest preaching: Kyle Anderson
Luke 13:1-9

NOTES

GODLY PLAY: The Greatest Parable 1

This is the first of a four lesson series that “present Jesus’ public ministry and the relation of his presence to the whole Christian language system... The goal of this presentation is to allow the inexhaustible meaning and linguistic complexity of Jesus to shine through with a kind of deep simplicity that it is open to people of all ages and stages of faith development.”

We hope you will join us at 10:15 for our intergenerational memory verse time. After memory verse time The Godly Play room will open at 10:30am for students, adults will stay upstairs for worship. Students will be brought upstairs for the final hymn.

JOY IN THE JOURNEY

Is it possible to experience joy no matter the circumstances? This 4 week class for Lent, focused on the book of Philippians, helps us know the source of true joy, establishes a foundation for our faith, and how we might love and serve others. The class starts in the fellowship hall, Sunday, March 9 at 9:00am and will continue on March 16th, 23rd, and April 6th. and is facilitated by Randy Pries.

MOVIE NIGHT! TONIGHT

Join us this evening, Sunday, March 16th from 4-6:30 pm to view the 1989 film **Romero**. We will view the movie and then have a short discussion afterward. We will have popcorn, but feel free to bring your favorite movie snack to share!

YOUTH GROUP

Calling all middle and high schoolers! Our monthly meeting will be on March 23rd from 5:30-7:30pm. Join us for dinner, discussion, and games.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Can't make it to Pub Theology but want to be a part of an open conversation about life, theology, current events, and the Church? Grab coffee with Seth, Jessica, and Jimmy on Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 am at Makeworth Coffee (1201 N State St).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: TODAY MARCH 16

We will hold a brief Congregational Meeting following worship today Sunday, March 16 to nominate new elders for the oncoming class of the Session.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary or worship texts for this week
March 16th:

Psalm 27 (worship)

Luke 13:31-35 (sermon)

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES

If you have a prayer request or update you would like to share, please
email office@saintjamespres.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

- Monday, 3/17 4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
 7:00pm, SJPC Book Club (zoom)
- Wednesday, 3/19 8:30am, Toddler time
 7:00pm, SJPC Writers Circle (zoom)
- Thursday, 3/20 8:30am, Coffee & Conversation at Makeworth
 4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
 6:00pm, SJPC Bell Choir
 7:00pm, Choir rehearsal
- Next Sunday, 3/23 10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday
 Worship Service
 <https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>
 12:00pm, Deacons

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

- AA Fairhaven Group.....Mondays/ Thursdays
AA Grateful Hearts.....Mondays
AA Men's Book Study Group.....Mondays
AA SOS Men's Group.....Wednesdays
AA Meditation Group.....Saturdays
Bayside Co-op Preschool.....Monday-Friday during school year
Bellingham Community Chorus.....Tuesdays September-April
Bellingham Ukulele Group (BUG).....1st Saturday of each month
Boy Scouts Troop 7.....Mondays
Happy Hour AI-Anon.....Tuesdays
Linda's Tai Chi.....Mondays
Little Sapling Music.....Wednesdays/ Thursdays quarterly
Overeaters Anonymous.....Saturdays
The Table Church.....Sundays
Wild Hearts group.....TBD

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existing pledge:



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