



April 27, 2025

"Jesus Appears to Disciples & Thomas"

John 20:19-31

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**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](http://www.saintjamespres.org/contact) to share  
how we can be of support!

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit*

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## **ORDER FOR WORSHIP**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Faye Hill

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**Praise God in God's sanctuary!**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**Praise God for God's mighty deeds!**

**Praise God according to**

**God's surpassing greatness!**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

**Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**

**Hallelujah!**

Let us worship God!

### **\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Holy, Holy, Holy" - GTG 1

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, your love is boundless  
and your grace exceeds our imaginations.  
You keep finding ways to be among us,  
even when the doors of our hearts are locked.  
Graciously, you seek us out.  
We cannot hide,  
but we can confess that sin has us in its grip.  
It has led us from your ways  
and corrupted our best intentions,  
tempting us to believe that you don't notice,  
that you aren't even present.  
Correct our vision.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Create in us a place where we can welcome you  
and receive the fullness  
of what you have given 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 150 pg. 583

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

"He is Risen"  
Stan Pethel  
St. James Chancel Choir

### **SERMON READING**

John 20:19-31 pg. 115

### **SERMON**

"Jesus Appears to Disciples & Thomas"  
Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"  
- GTG 817

**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**

Slavonic Dances, Op.46  
No. 4 in F Major  
Antonín Dvořák  
Ta Wei Tsai and Jenny Sue LeSchander, piano

**\*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. *Easter time is here.*

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

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

# WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

## \*BLESSING & CHARGE

## POSTLUDE

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*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, May 4, 2025**

**"Jesus Appears to the Seven"**

**John 21:1-19**

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

<https://fpcbellingham.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2856984>

### GODLY PLAY Easter Eggs

Easter Eggs: The folk celebration of Easter Eggs brings delight this time of year. Our culture's Easter Eggs have little to do with Easter that is celebrated in churches, but the eggs of Eastern Europe do. In this lesson children are introduced to those eggs in a way to reclaim a wonderful sign of new life in Easter.

The Godly Play room will open at 10:30am for students. Students will be brought upstairs for the final hymn.

**ST. JAMES FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS** is back! On Saturday, May 31st, from 3-5 pm, we will again hold an afternoon of St. James performances and a silent auction of items donated by St. James artists, benefiting our St. James retreat fund. Artists of all kinds are needed! We are looking for anyone who would like to donate a piece of artwork or a performance. Artwork can include any kind of physical art, drawing, photographs, paintings, sculptures, woodwork, jewelry, textiles, etc. and performances can be a piece of music, poetry, reading, etc. You can email Tracy [cfm@saintjamespres.org](mailto:cfm@saintjamespres.org) with the type and approximate length of what you would like to contribute or any questions. Submissions for performances are due by May 11th, and auction pieces by May 18th!

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's Bible Study "Let Justice Roll Down": The Women's Bible Study class is meeting this Tuesday, April 29th at 10:30am in the Lounge. We will be discussing the seventh chapter entitled "Economic Climate Justice". If you need a book or have questions, please contact Faye Hill.

## **BOOK CLUB**

The St. James book club is currently reading *the Bright Side Sanctuary for Animals* by Becky Mandelbaum, a tender and funny debut novel, set over one emotionally charged weekend at an animal sanctuary in western Kansas, where maternal, romantic, and community bonds are tested in the wake of an estranged daughter's homecoming. We will meet the third Monday in May, May 19th, at 7pm on Zoom. Email Tracy at [cfm@saintjamespres.org](mailto:cfm@saintjamespres.org) for the Zoom link. Books are available in the church office.

## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

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).

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Calling all middle and high schoolers! Instead of our regular monthly meeting in April, we will have a bowling party on Sunday May 18th after worship. Please let Tracy know if your youth is able to make it.

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary or worship texts for this week April 27th:

Psalm 150 (worship)

Acts 5:27-32

John 20:19-31 (sermon)

2 Kings 7:1-16

Psalm 118:14-29

Revelations 1:4-8

## **PRAYERS, PRAISES, AND UPDATES**

If you have a prayer request or update you would like to share, please email [office@saintjamespres.org](mailto:office@saintjamespres.org).

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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Monday, 4/28	4:00pm, St. James Fitness, open to all
Tuesday, 4/29	10:30am, Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, 4/30	8:30am, Toddler time
Thursday, 5/01	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, 5/04	10:30am, In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service <a href="https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/">https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/</a>

## 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 Al-Anon.....	Tuesdays
Linda's Tai Chi.....	Mondays
Little Sapling Music.....	Wednesdays/ Thursdays quarterly
Overeaters Anonymous.....	Saturdays
The Table Church.....	Sundays
Wild Hearts group.....	TBD

## ST. JAMES STAFF

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Pastor Seth's Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

To schedule ahead of time: <http://www.calendly.com/pastorseththomas>  
or [pastor@saintjamespres.org](mailto:pastor@saintjamespres.org)

*In consideration of others, please refrain from wearing heavy perfumes and scents, and please silence your cell phones before the service.*

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our website at [www.saintjamespres.org/live](http://www.saintjamespres.org/live)**

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existing pledge:



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St. James Online:

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offering:



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