



April 5, 2026

“Resurrection Day!”

John 20:1-18, Psalm 118:21-29

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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**

Júbilo by Matthew Prins  
St. James Bell Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Carla Shafer

Through God’s miracle of grace,  
we have come through the night  
and arrived at this glorious dawn.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

All doors are open, all creation sings,  
all that was broken is made whole,  
and we have new life.

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord!**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

“He is Risen! Risen Indeed!”  
Words and Music by Mark Hill  
Saint James Chancel Choir

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” - GTG 232

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Resurrected Christ,  
there is nothing we can do  
to deserve the grace you give us.  
There is no way we can earn your love,  
there is no way we can be worthy  
of your forgiveness.  
And yet you shower these mercies on us.  
You, who have taken away the sting of death,  
meet us where we are,  
in our doubt and fear,  
in our regrets and shame,  
in our delight and awe.  
Meet us here in this place,  
and call us once again to trust in you.

**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**

John 20:1-18 pgs. 114-115

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON READING**

Psalm 118:21-29 pgs. 565-566

**SERMON**

“Resurrection Day!”

Rev. Dr. Seth Thomas

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Christ is Alive!"- GTG 246

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**JOYS & SORROWS**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

Cantus Invenilis  
by Valerie W. Stephenson  
St. James Bell Choir

**\*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**

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts.

**We open them to our God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

**It is right to lift up thanks and praise.**

**THE INVITATION & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**WELCOME TO THE TABLE**

“The body of Christ, given for you.” **Amen.**

“The blood of Christ, shed for you.” **Amen.**

**COMMUNION PRAYER & 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.

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Thine is the Glory" - GTG 238

## 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, April 12, 2026**  
**"Jesus and Thomas"**  
**Carla Shafer, Guest Preacher**

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## **GODLY PLAY: Faces of Easter VII**

This lesson focuses on the face of Christ on the cross and Easter. We will begin in the sanctuary for the first hymn, and then the children will be taken downstairs for the story and work time, and then will return for communion.

## **TODDLER TIME!**

Join us on Wednesday mornings from 8:30-10:30am for ages four and younger. Come join us in the St. James Fellowship Hall for an open play time. Parents have a chance to socialize with other parents and enjoy free coffee while their children play. This is a free, unstructured playtime; while it will be staffed, parents/guardians must be present at all times. We provide a few toys but feel free to bring your own to share.

## **SAVE THE DATES**

Coming up Saturday, May 16th, the **Third Annual Festival of the Arts Fundraiser** raising money for the **All Church Retreat** on August 28-30th. We are looking for performances and art donations for the Festival of the Arts. If you are wanting to donate a piece of artwork please let us know here: <https://tinyurl.com/stjamesart>.

If you have a performance please let us know here:

<https://tinyurl.com/StJamesperformance>.

## **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 8:30-9:30am at St. James in the Lounge.

## **BELLINGHAM COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

We are once again joining with Lowell Elementary School to provide snacks for children who may need them during the school day. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped Goldfish, Graham crackers, or gluten-free pretzels. Items can be left in the tub in the narthex or outside Tracy's office. This will be an ongoing need until the school year ends next June. Our goal is 100 snacks/month.

Lowell is also in need of mentors and volunteers to read with children at the school. Please contact [cfm@saintjamespres.org](mailto:cfm@saintjamespres.org) if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering.

## LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts for this week,  
April 5th:

John 20:1-18 (worship)

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118: 21-29 (sermon)

Colossians 3:1-4

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Matthew 28:1-10

## 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)



<https://fpcbellingham.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3549540>

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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Monday, 4/6	OFFICE CLOSED 4:00pm, St. James Fitness - if interested, speak with Mark Beaty 5:30pm, Building & Grounds
Wednesday, 4/8	8:30am, Toddler Time
Thursday, 4/9	8:30am, Coffee & Conversation at St. James 4:00pm, St. James Fitness - if interested, speak with Mark Beaty 6:00pm, SJPC Bell Choir 7:00pm, SJPC Choir Rehearsal
Next Sunday, 4/12	10:30am In-person and streamed Sunday Worship Service <a href="https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/">https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/</a> 11:35am, Worship & Music Committee

## 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.....	Fridays
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

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

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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existing pledge:



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