



# *Easter Sunday*



**St. James**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**St. James Presbyterian Church  
Order for Worship**

**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. Please fill out our Friendship Pad, located at the end of your pew, so we can get to know you. Prayer cards are also available in the pew pockets. If you would like to have your prayer shared in worship, please fill out the card and hand it to an usher during the Passing of the Peace.*

*We worship using a variety of liturgy, printed in your bulletin, and two song books. The purple hymnal called Glory to God (GTG) and the black book, The Faith We Sing (FWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service.*

**PRELUDE**

“Mozart Clarinet Concerto, 1st Movement”  
Jim Gresham, clarinet; Julian Fajardo, piano

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sue Smith, Lector

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” #232 GTG

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus' rising from the dead assures us  
that we, too, have been given new life.

Let us repent of our sin before God and one another,  
certain of God's mercy.

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

All-knowing, all-powerful God,  
we confess that, even on this most holy day,  
we are unable to believe in the victory over death  
shown to us in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
We confess our utter dependence on you not only for life  
but also for faith, hope, and love.

Without your astonishing appearance to our ancestors  
and your stunning presence throughout the ages,  
we would be lost.

Forgive us and transform us,  
that in every way our work and prayer will  
make whole what is broken and give peace on earth. Amen.

### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**\*RESPONSE TO WORDS OF FORGIVENESS** "Glory Be to the Father" #580 GTG

### **INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY**

#### **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

*Please pass prayer cards to an usher*

#### **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

With compassion for our needs,  
the Risen One stands beside us, calling our names.  
Let us, with that same mercy,  
bring forth tithes and offerings to relieve the suffering of this world  
and to proclaim far and wide the good news of resurrection life.

#### **OFFERTORY**

"Enduring Gladness" (Mallory) St. James Bell Choir

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**                    “For the Life That You Have Given”                    #717 GTG

**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**

Holy God, you shower us with gifts so abundant,  
we cannot measure them all.  
You give us life itself  
and the power to befriend our companions in this world.  
Bless these gifts for the sake of those in need,  
in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Open our eyes and soften our hearts, O God,  
through the work of your Holy Spirit,  
that in the hearing of your Word  
we may receive new life. **Amen.**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 118:14-24 (pg. 565 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” (Wesley/Purifoy)

**SERMON READING**

John 20:1-18 (pg. 44 in pew Bible)

**SERMON**

“A Foolish Message” The Rev Seth J. Thomas

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Hymn of the Ages” *see insert*

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

### **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.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNION PRAYER**

#### **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.**

### **WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" #248 GTG

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

"Fanfare" St. James Bell Choir

*As our worship concludes, so our service begins.*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*We invite you to join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Horizon Room, to your right as you leave the sanctuary, overlooking the bay. Please introduce yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace, friendship, and welcome to everyone.*

**Next Sunday - April 8, 2018**

Sermon Title: "The Beloved Community"

First Reading: Psalm 133

Sermon Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FAMILY PROMISE** The new FP Center is ready! St. James has 15 volunteers who want to help homeless families at the host church, Sacred Heart from April 15-22. The next step is FP training on Thursday, April 12 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. This is a necessary opportunity to know everything about Whatcom FP and be prepared even if you are just thinking of volunteering. Sign up in the Horizon room.

**Mark Your Calendars!! "Next Ladies Night Out"**

Friday, April 13th at 6pm. We will eat out at a local restaurant - yum!

**ST. JAMES CAN NOW ACCEPT ONLINE DONATIONS!** All options are available online at: <https://saintjamespres.churchcenter.com/giving>

**The nursery** for children birth through 3 years of age is located downstairs at the south end of the building.

**Godly Play, is our educational program for kids age 4 through 5th grade.** Easter Celebration and Feast.

**Parents** We would appreciate having your children registered for Godly Play, as a measure of security. You only need to register once. Please ask a teacher for a registration sheet.

**Children of all ages** are welcome throughout the service to worship with their families. Kid Packs are available in the Kids' Cupboard in the Narthex. Please see an Usher for details.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### **This Week at St. James (April 1-April 7)**

<b>TODAY</b>	Easter Egg Hunt following service
<b>Monday</b>	4pm Cross-fit 5:15pm Tai Chi 7pm Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:15am Yoga 5:30pm Building and Grounds 5:30pm Finance 7pm Community Chorus Rehearsal 7:30pm WA Gender Alliance
<b>Wednesday</b>	7pm Christian Faith Formation
<b>Thursday</b>	10:15am Yoga 5:30pm Congregational Life
<b>Friday</b>	4pm Cross-fit
<b>Saturday</b>	1pm Bellingham Ukulele Group

### **Next Sunday**

9am Adult Church School  
10:30am Worship

### **Programs sharing our St. James facility:**

#### **12 Step Programs**

AA Men's Book Study Group: 7pm Mondays  
Al Anon: 5:30pm Tuesdays  
AA SOS Men's Group: 6pm Wednesdays  
AA Fairhaven Group: 7:30pm Thursdays and Sundays  
OA: 10am Saturdays

### **Bayside Co-op Preschool Information (360-733-3972)**

**Hawthorne Learning Solutions** Contact Matt and Emily Hawthorne at [hlearningsolutions@gmail.com](mailto:hlearningsolutions@gmail.com) for times and dates.

## **PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

### **Lector**

Sue Smith

### **Sacristan**

Cheryl McGregor

### **Coffee Hour**

Deacons

### **Ushers**

Robb McGregor

Bill Read

Jean Seater

Martha Speer

### **Communion Servers**

Tracy Caruso

Jenny Sue LeSchander

Kate Haworth

Wilma French

Bob Monahan

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### **The St. James Staff**

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**Office Hours:** Tuesday-Friday, 9am-2pm

