



PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 25, 2018

 **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

Julian Fajardo, Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Kyle Anderson, Lector

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs!

Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor” 196 GTG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess that we have sinned,

and although we would like to deny it, we have forsaken you.

We are horrified by the suffering we cause—

to you, ourselves, and the world you have created.

Open the gates of your forgiveness and restore us in your love,

for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Please stand as you are able.*

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

THE PEACE

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

And also with you.

Please pass prayer cards to an usher

MINUTE FOR MISSION - ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Ray Dellecker

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Jesus gave himself for the life of the world.

With humble hearts bowed in awe,

let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

OFFERTORY

Randy Bowers

***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, we give thanks for your saving love

made known to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

Bless these gifts that they may bring life

on earth as in heaven; in Christ’s name we pray. **Amen.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Come Holy Spirit, source of all life.

As we hear again the story of the passion,

let the same mind be in us that was in Christ,

who was a servant that we might be free.

Awaken our ears, open our hearts,

and sustain the weary with your Word. **Amen.**

**Please stand as you are able.*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (pg. 565 in pew Bible)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM "Hosanna!"

SERMON READING Mark 11:1-11 (pg. 47 in pew Bible)

SERMON "A Time To Be Born and A Time To Die" The Rev Seth J. Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" #41 GTG

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

NEW MEMBERS JOINING ST. JAMES (See bulletin insert for bios)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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** "Hymn of the Ages" (see insert)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

As our worship concludes, so our service begins.

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.

**Please stand as you are able.*

Next Sunday - April 1 - Easter Sunday

“A Foolish Message”

First Reading: Psalm 118:14-24

Sermon Reading: John 20:1-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Vespers services during the season of Lent We invite you to these special evening services **TODAY and March 30 (Good Friday)**, at 7pm. Come for a time of quiet prayer, contemplative practice, and communion.

Seder Meal - Thursday, March 29, 6pm Gather around the table for a time of fellowship and a meal of remembrance. We will eat together in the style of a traditional Seder Meal, remembering the practices of the Jewish Passover and looking forward to the final days of the Lenten season. Please sign up by filling out the handout in your pew to let us know if you can attend.

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 Tuesday, March 27, 6-8:30 at Sacred Heart. 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. Other training dates are available.

Mark Your Calendars!! “Next Ladies Night Out”

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

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. The Faces of Easter VI and VII.

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.

St. James Presbyterian Church
Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Maundy Thursday

Seder Meal

Thursday, March 29, 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Vespers Service

Friday, March 30, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 1

7:00 a.m.

Ecumenical Sunrise Worship at Fairhaven Park

9:30 a.m.

Coffee Time at St. James

10:30 a.m.

Easter Celebration in St. James' Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt to follow



LOOKING AHEAD

This Week at St. James (March 25-March 31)

TODAY 7pm Vespers Service

Monday

9am Personnel

4pm Cross-fit

5:15pm Tai Chi

6pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday

10:15am Yoga

10:30am Women's Bible Study

12pm Women's Salad Potluck

7pm Community Chorus Rehearsal

7:30pm WA Gender Alliance

Wednesday

3pm Membership

Thursday

Maundy Thursday

10:15am Yoga

6pm Seder Meal

Friday

Good Friday

4pm Cross-fit

7pm Vespers Service

Saturday

4:45pm Music Teachers Assoc.

Next Sunday - Easter Day

7am Sunrise Service at Fairhaven Park

9am Coffee Time in the Horizon Room

10:30am Easter Worship

Egg Hunt following service!

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 for times and dates.

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lector

Kyle Anderson

Sacristan

Jenny Sue LeSchander

Ushers

Marlene Amman

Adam Beaty

Robb McGregor

Coffee Hour

Deacons

The Saint James Staff

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