



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Marks of Vitality: Caring Relationships, John 21:15-19

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 the liturgy printed in your bulletin and two songbooks: the Glory to God hymnal (GTG), and The Faith We Sing (FWS). Please silence electronic devices before the service. Nursery care is available for children ages birth through 3 years and Godly Play is available for children ages 4 through middle school.

**Please stand, in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look! Your king is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice—our Savior comes!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"All Glory, Laud and Honor" - GTG #196

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Suffering God,
the way of the cross is a hard road.

It is draining.

It is demanding.

It is fraught with danger.

You ask us to stay by your side

as you walk toward Calvary.

But weariness and fear overtake us.

Like the first disciples, we are quick

to betray you,

to deny you,

to abandon you.

Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead.

Give us courage to face the pain and suffering

of this world and to respond with compassion.

As the darkness gathers,

renew our faith,

fill us with hope,

and startle us with your grace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Seth Thomas

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso

***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

Deuteronomy 10:17-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

John 21:15-19

SERMON

"Marks of Vitality: Caring Relationships"

Rev. Seth Thomas

***HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Bind Us Together" - FWS #2226

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Rev. Seth Thomas

*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

Rev. Seth Thomas

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

Rev. Seth Thomas

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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

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

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.**

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - GTG #221

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS GOD'S AMBASSADORS

***BLESSING & CHARGE**

Rev. Seth Thomas

POSTLUDE

Luke Arnold

As our worship concludes, 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.

Next week April 12th, EASTER!
Marks of Vitality: A Healthy Church, John 20:11-18

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GODLY PLAY: FACES OF EASTER VII

Lent is the season we prepare for Easter. This lesson continues to help children prepare for the Mystery of Easter, We move toward the Mystery by hearing the stories of Christ's journey toward the cross and resurrection. This last lesson focuses on the faces of Christ as he offers the Twelve-and us-the bread and wine, and on the cross and on Easter.

BRING GODLY PLAY HOME

I will end our Godly Play lesson by asking if there is anything in the viewer's home that could help tell more of the story. If parents want to email me their child's response I will compile them to share next week.

ZOOM OVER TO THE LENTEN SOUP AND STUDY!

Lenten Soup and Study, minus the Soup! We have been holding a Wednesday evening Lenten Study looking at the 7 Marks of Vital Congregations. As we are suspending in-person gatherings, if anyone is interested in joining (without the soup) and meeting on-line over Zoom, please let Seth or Tracy know and we will send you the Zoom link.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

This Sunday, April 5th, the lectionary texts are:
Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

During Lent our Worship will follow the *7 Marks for Vital Congregations* so our worship texts for April 5th will be:
Deuteronomy 10:17-22 and John 21:15-19 (preaching)

Holy Week Texts:

Monday, April 6th: Isaiah 42:1-9 ; Psalm 36:5-11; Hebrew 9:11-15 ;
John 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 7th: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
John 12:20-36

Wednesday, April 8th: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John
13:21-32

Maundy Thursday, April 9th: Exodus 12:1-4(5-10)11-14; Psalm 116:1-2,
12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday, April 10th: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25
or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

April 6th - April 12, 2020

Attention: all church activities have moved to on-line forums where applicable. Contact your group leader for details.

Monday-Thursday 9:00am Daily Prayer- Streamed at
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

Next Sunday, 4/12 10:30am Streamed Sunday Worship Service
<https://www.facebook.com/saintjamespres/>

PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY

**ALL GROUPS MEETING IN OUR BUILDING ARE
POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

AA Fairhaven Group: 7:15pm, Thursdays and Sundays

AA Men's Book Study Group: 6:30pm, Mondays

AA SOS Men's Group: 6:00pm, Wednesdays

AI-Anon: 5:30pm, Tuesdays

Bellingham Community Chorus: 6:30pm, Tuesdays

Overeaters Anon: 10:00am, Saturdays

WA Gender Alliance: 7:30pm, Thursdays

You Are Not Alone (YANA): 6:00pm, 2nd Mondays

Bayside Co-op Preschool, Mon - Fri

Boy Scouts Troop 7, Every Monday night except for school holidays

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