



## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, July 5, 2020

The False Choice of Sin and The Freedom of Christ: Romans 7:15-25a

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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 you in this strange season. Please visit [www.saintjamespres.org/contact](http://www.saintjamespres.org/contact) to share how we can be of support in this season!

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#### **PRELUDE**

Luke Arnold

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Seth Thomas

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

Faye Hill, Lector

Come to me, Jesus says.

All who are weary,

**come to me.**

And you, who carry heavy loads,

**come to me.**

For I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.

**Let us draw near to Jesus,**

**whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.**

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

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" - GTG #35  
Jim Gresham and Merry Thomas

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Rev. Seth Thomas

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we fill our lives

**with comfort and convenience,**

**distractions that consume our energy and time.**

**We chase after wealth and power**

**as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls.**

**But you beckon us toward new life,**

**a life made rich through Sabbath and service.  
Free us from the yokes that bind us  
and draw us near to you,  
until we learn to walk with Christ. 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**

Faye Hill

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 145:8-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON READING**

Romans 7:15–25a

**SERMON**

"The False Choice of Sin and The Freedom of Christ"  
Rev. Seth Thomas

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
GTG #475

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

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Rev. Seth Thomas

**OFFERTORY**

"My Tribute"  
Dave and Pat Nelson

**\*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 & 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**

"We Will Go Out with Joy" - GTG #539

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

**\*BLESSING & CHARGE**

Rev. Seth Thomas

**POSTLUDE**

Luke Arnold

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*As our worship concludes, our service begins.  
We invite you to join us for fellowship in a chat room. Please introduce  
yourself to those new to you and extend the hand of peace, friendship,  
and welcome to everyone.*

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**ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN BUILDING IS CLOSED DUE TO THE  
CORVID-19 SHELTER IN PLACE STATEWIDE MANDATE. ALL  
ACTIVITIES HAVE MOVED TO ONLINE VENUES.  
CONTACT [pastor@saintjamespres.org](mailto:pastor@saintjamespres.org) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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## **GODLY PLAY**

Godly Play will be taking a 5-week break while we dive into Illustrated Ministries VBS Compassion Camp. Each Sunday I will introduce the theme and the schedule of activities for the week. Students will be encouraged to work on or join in on different activities. Look for crafts, songs, stories, and even yoga!

## **LECTIONARY TEXTS**

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, July 5th, the texts are:

Romans 7:15-25a

Psalm 145:8-14

## **ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB FOR JULY**

St. James Book Club is currently reading *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict.

With captivating insight and stunning heart, *Carnegie's Maid* tells the story of the brilliant woman who spurred Andrew's transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist.

We will be meeting **Monday evening July 20th at 7:00pm via Zoom**. If you are interested in joining us please email Tracy Caruso [tracy@saintjamespres.org](mailto:tracy@saintjamespres.org) for the Zoom link.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY PROMISE**

St. James will be providing food for Family Promise, **July 6-12**. The families are currently being housed at **First Christian Church** and do not have access to cooking facilities so all food is provided by supporting churches. We are in need of breakfast and lunch items that will be delivered to the church. If you would be willing to support Family Promise, by providing needed items, please contact Gretchen Pfueller at [gmpfueller@gmail.com](mailto:gmpfueller@gmail.com). Currently, there are three moms, three children, and one grandfather living at the church. Thank you!

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES**  
July 6th - July 12th

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

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

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

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**PROGRAMS SHARING OUR ST. JAMES FACILITY**

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

**CONTACT THE GROUP LEADER FOR  
ONLINE MEETING INFORMATION**

**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

**Al-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

**Hawthorne Learning Solutions**

**Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County**