



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

Sunday, November 1, 2020

"The Servant Leader" - Election Week - Matthew 23:1-12 & Micah 3:5-12

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 to share how we can be of support!

PRELUDE

Luke Arnold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Seth Thomas

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lector

The Lord gathers us from east and west,
from north and south.

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good!

Those hungry for hope,
those whose souls are parched,
the Lord leads to fountains of grace.

God's faithful love endures forever!

Come, O people—
draw near and hear the words of the Lord.

We come, with gratitude and praise!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Why Do Nations Rage Together" - GTG #758

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Seth Thomas

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we have watched you kneel

at the feet of your disciples

and rise from the table

to offer them bread and cup.

You came among us as a servant

and commanded us to follow your example.

**Yet we are hesitant to humble ourselves as you did;
we are too concerned with worldly status
and too intent on achieving "success."
So, we ignore opportunities to serve you
by serving one another,
because ministry does little
to advance our social standing.**

**Remind us, Lord, that the greatest among us is one who serves,
and free us to embrace our calling
to be your hands in this world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Seth Thomas

INVITATION TO GODLY PLAY

Tracy Caruso, Ryan Knight

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

Lector

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 3:5-12

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON READING

Matthew 23:1-12

SERMON

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"
GTG #718

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

JOYS & CONCERNS

Rev. Seth Thomas

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"All Good Gifts" - Jim Gresham

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

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

Rev. Seth Thomas

POSTLUDE

Luke Arnold

*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.*

**Next Week, November 8th: Parables & Prophets
"Stay Awake, Justice is Coming" - Matthew 25:1-13 & Amos 5:18-24**

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ACTIVITIES HAVE MOVED TO ONLINE VENUES.
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GODLY PLAY: THE 10 BEST WAYS

In this story we continue to witness God's elusive presence with God's People on 3 occasions at Mt. Sinai: First in the burning bush when God revealed to Moses the name of God. Second, when God gave the Ten Commandments to the people through Moses. Third, when, after breaking the tablet in anger, Moses climbed up to Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments a second time.

BRINGING GODLY PLAY HOME

Try the activities that were sent via email and send pictures of your work and answers to any wondering questions to tracy@saintjamespres.org.

LECTIONARY TEXTS

For anyone wishing to study the lectionary texts. This week, November 1st, the lectionary texts are:

Micah 3:5-12 (worship)

Matthew 23:1-12 (preaching)

Psalm 43:1

Thessalonians 2:9-13

NOVEMBER ST. JAMES BOOK CLUB

St. James Book Club is currently reading Rebecca Skloot's The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, a fascinating and moving story of medicine and family, of how life is sustained in laboratories and in memory.

We will be meeting Monday evening November 16th @ 7:00. Email tracy@saintjamespres.org for the Zoom link.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

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

Next Sunday 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.**

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

**AA Fairhaven Group
AA Men's Book Study Group
AA SOS Men's Group
Al-Anon
Bellingham Community Chorus
Boy Scouts Troop 7
Overeaters Anonymous
WA Gender Alliance
You Are Not Alone (YANA)**

**Bayside Co-op Preschool (in session)
Hawthorne Learning Solutions (in session)
Interfaith Coalition of Whatcom County (in office half time)**