

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 20, 2022

Hymn of Invocation

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ a -
What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is
Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He
lone, Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi -
good, God is good. Where is His grace and good - ness
lives; Christ, He lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en
dence? That our souls to Him be - long. Who holds our days with - in His
known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a -
bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him. Then we will rise to meet the
hand? What comes, a - part from His com - mand? And what will
rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the
Lord, Then sin and death will be de - stroyed, And we will
keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
waves that bring us night un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
feast in end - less joy, When Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.
O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e -
ter - nal; O sing ha - le - lu - jah! Now and
ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Kyrie

- P** Lord, have mercy upon us.
- C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us confess our sin to God:
O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- C** **We confess that we have worshiped too many other gods.**
We have devoted ourselves to all too many different values.
Turn our hearts to you again!
- P** O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- C** **We confess that we have visited all too many sanctuaries.**
We have tried to find the sources of life in all too many other places.
Turn our hearts to you again!
- P** O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, be the God of your people today!
- C** **We turn to you, and to you alone, to be our God, our only God.**
Forgive our sins. Give us spiritual integrity. Give us wholeness and holiness.
Answer us in the name of Christ, for he has promised to intercede for us.
It is in him that we pray in the fellowship of his body.
Amen.

Absolution

- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
"I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of Jesus' name."
- C** **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Matthew 11:28-30

- P** [Jesus said:] "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- C** **Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,**
- P** for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- C** **For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 46

- P** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- C** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
- P** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- C** **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.
- C** **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- P** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- C** **Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**
- P** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
- C** **“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**
- P** The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

Gloria in Excelsis



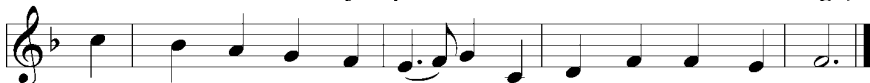
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13–18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn #549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (sts. 1-3, 6, 7)



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
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Sermon

Offering

Prayer Response

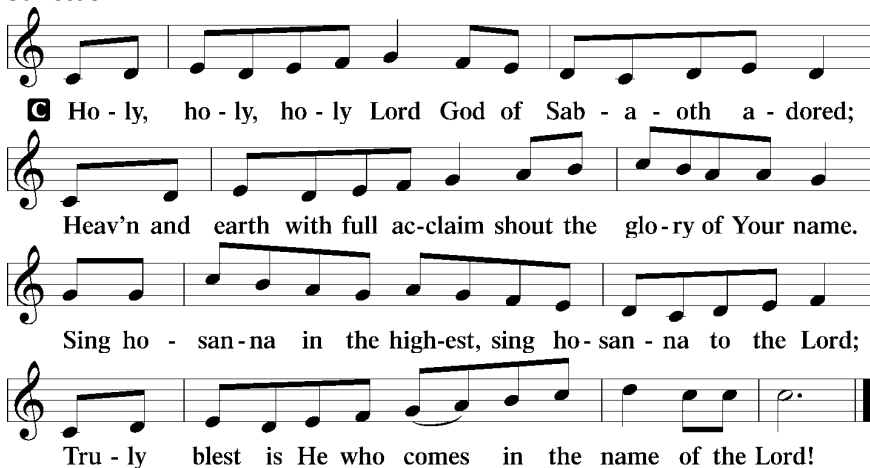
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

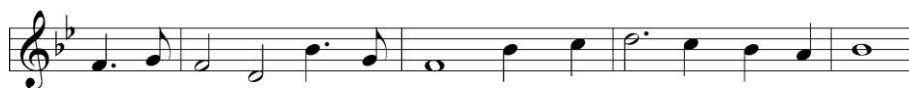
Agnus Dei

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

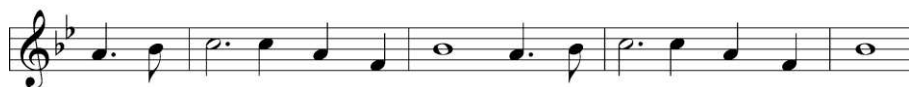
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Distribution Hymn #761

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78; Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872; Text and tune: Public domain

Distribution Hymn #763

When Peace, like a River



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

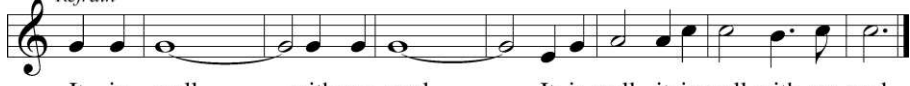


sor - rows, like sea bil-lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de-scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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The Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Announcements

Today

- [Adult Bible Study and Sunday School](#) - 10:30 AM Downstairs

Tuesday

- No Youth Group this week.

Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Saturday

- [Women's Bible Study](#) – 9:00 AM

[Ministry Spotlight – Madison County Schools Ministry](#)

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

- We are honored to serve 31 children in our area schools for Christmas. Each child is signed up for an outfit and toy/item. The list is available on [Sign-up Genius](#). Please join us in providing a wonderful Christmas for these children! All items should be delivered to the collection box at the top of the stairwell at St. James by Sunday, December 11th wrapped and with a gift tag showing the child's name, age, and sex.

If you would like to help sort and deliver gifts to the schools, or for more information about this ministry, please check out our website or contact Sandy Hall, Deaconess, Madison County Schools Ministry at Sandy@stjamesglencarbon.org or contact the church office.

Altar Guild is looking for volunteers to help set up [Christmas decorations](#) Saturday, Nov. 26th 10:00 AM. Please see our website or contact Bev Tiemann via email at bacakelady@att.net or 618-288-4201 for more info.

[Christmas Caroling](#)

December 4th 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM: This is a great way to warm hearts and bring smiles during Advent! Meet at the church at 3:45 PM. We will be going to Meridian Village and Stillwater Senior Living Center. Please bring a mask. Contact Pam Meister or the church office for more information.

December 16th 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM: Youth Group Caroling followed by hot chocolate, cookies and a movie at the church.

December 17th 5:30 PM & 7:00 PM: Calling all Carolers! St. James will be providing carolers at the Yanda Cabin and we need you! We will provide two 'performances.' The first will be at 5:30 PM and the second at 7:00 PM. We will wear caroling costumes (i.e. top hat, cape, long skirts) if possible. If you don't have a costume, please don't let that stop you from joining us. Let Debbie Rathert know if you would like to join in the fun.

Congregational Meeting

We will have a congregational meeting in the church sanctuary on December 11th at 11:30 AM. We will address the following:

- 2023 Budget--drafts may be found in the narthex or may be requested from the church office.
- 2023 Elders and Deacons



Are people basically good or bad? We know that we're all sinners. But each of us knows someone who seems to be a paragon of virtue. So which is it? Saints or sinners? That's the topic on the most recent episode of "[Craving Answers, Craving God](#)" available now on the church's web page at saintjamesglencarbon.org. Give it a listen and let us know what you think.



[St. James Attendance](#)



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