

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Hymn of Invocation # 443

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Kyrie

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

- P** Let us confess our sin to God:
You are the Lord and you alone! You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them, and you preserve them all.
- C** **You have called us to yourself and given us a covenant. You have become our God and made us your people, and yet we have turned away from you. We have rebelled against you. You have delivered us many times according to your covenant mercies. You have warned us, and yet we have acted presumptuously. You have sent us prophets, and we have turned a stubborn shoulder and stiffened our necks and would not obey your law.**
- P** You are the Lord and you alone! You are our God, great and mighty. You keep covenant and steadfast love.
- C** **We deplore our sins before you, and before each other. They have only gotten us into trouble. They have only enslaved us. They have not given us the happiness they promised. Deliver us from our sin and the power and attraction of sin through the faithful suffering and death of our Savior Jesus Christ, whose intercession we plead, and in whose name we pray. Amen.**
- P** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:
"We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but for the sins of the whole world."
- 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 118:19-29

- P** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- C** **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**
- P** I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- C** **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**
- P** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- C** **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- C** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- P** The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- C** **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**
- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 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**



⁴The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle*Philippians 2:5–11*

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” ³⁵So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

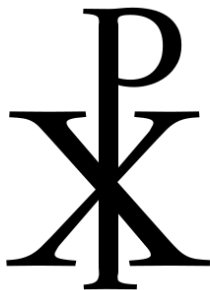
⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

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 of the world to come. Amen.



Sermon Hymn # 849

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



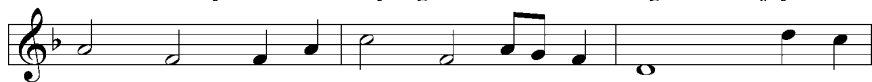
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon

Offering

Please take a moment to sign and pass the "Record of Friendship" booklet or use the QR code located on the inside cover of the booklet.

Prayer Response

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

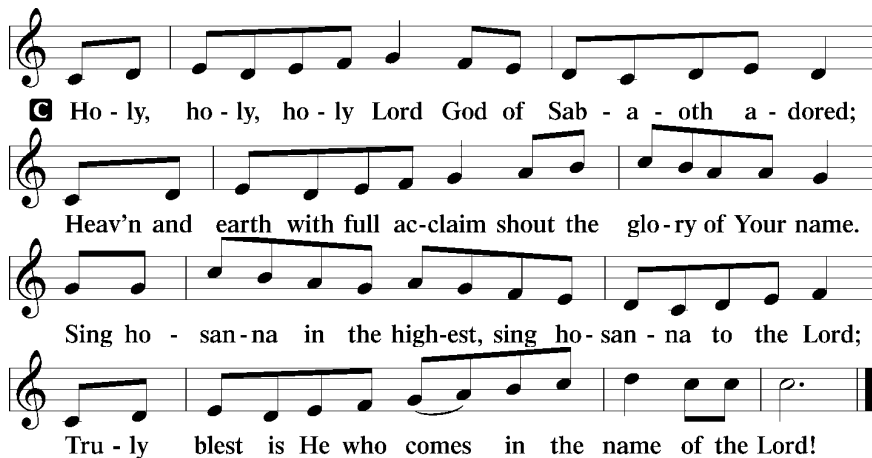


Service of the Sacrament

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 accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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



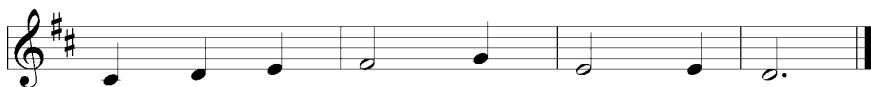
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



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.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution Hymn

Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)



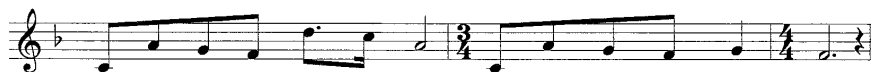
Lord, from sor-rows deep I call when my hope is shak - en;
 Storms with - in my trou-bled soul, ques - tions with - out an - swers;
 Should my life be torn from me, ev - 'ry world - ly plea - sure;



torn and ru - ined from the fall, hear my des - pe - ra - tion.
 on my faith these bil - lows roll, God be now my shel - ter.
 when all I pos - sess is grief, God be then my trea - sure.



For so long I've pled and prayed, "God come to my res - cue!"
 Why are you cast down my soul? Hope in Him who saves you.
 Be my vi - sion in the night; be my hope and re - fuge.



E - ven so, the thorn re - mains; still my heart will praise You.
 When the fires have all grown cold, cause this heart to praise You.
 'Til my faith is turned to sight, Lord my heart will praise You.



Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.



Sing, oh, sing, through the rag - ing storm; You're still my God, my sal - va - tion.

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Distribution Hymn # 542

When I Behold Jesus Christ



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great-er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?

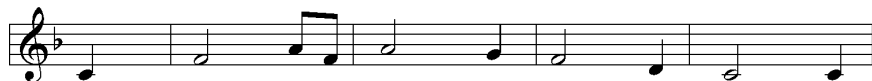


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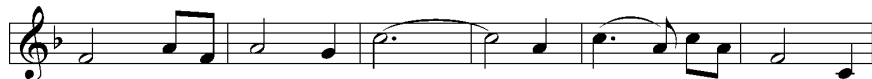
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Distribution Hymn # 744

Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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The Dismissal

Nunc Dimittis



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.

This Week at a Glance

Today

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- [Adult Bible Study and Sunday School](#) - 10:30 AM, Downstairs
- Glen Carbon Easter Egg Hunt Service Opportunity 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
- [New Member Class – 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM](#)

Tuesday

- **NO YOUTH GROUP**

Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM

Thursday

- Holy Thursday Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Friday

- Good Friday Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- Easter Brunch – Immediately following worship – Everyone is invited!

St. James' VisionPath Process has begun!

St. James has contracted with LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund) to facilitate our VisionPath process.


The intention of the VisionPath process is to clarify the purpose of our church with the goal of creating a one sentence guiding statement by seeking God's vision for St. James.

- What is our purpose?
- Why does St. James exist?
- What is our identity?
- "Who are we, Lord?" and "Why do you have us here, Lord?"

This process began with our LCEF facilitator, Rev. Tom Eggebrecht challenging us to gather a VisionPath team. The following people are serving on the VisionPath Team: Eric Robinson, William Ellington, Tina Enke, Jamie Moldenhauer, Rod Nathan, Doug Roher, Nic Schatte, and Cheryl Schnicker. This team will meet four times over the course of the process: first to choose the questions for a congregation vision survey; second, gather with the rest of the congregation for a vision event; third, to condense comments and information from the vision event (May 4th); and finally to write the guiding statement.

How can you be involved?

- **Prayer** - The VisionPath process' purpose is to seek the Lord's guidance in clarifying our identity and purpose as a congregation. We can not do that without being in conversation with God through prayer. The St. James Prayer Team will be specifically praying for this process and for St. James. Additionally, we would like every person who calls St. James home to also be in prayer with the team.
- **Participate** in the [VisionPath survey](#) (April 2 - 23), accessing the survey by the QR code below or in the worship bulletin or announcements, or completing and returning a hard-copy survey available in the church narthex. If you need any assistance in accessing or completing the survey, please contact the church office to have a VisionPath Team member contact you.

VisionPath Survey 



- **Attend the Vision Event (May 4). Every member counts!** Please mark your calendars to attend this important event which will include a meal and free babysitting will be available.

The VisionPath survey will be distributed digitally and available in hardcopy in the narthex starting Sunday, April 2nd and ending Sunday, April 23rd. All surveys submitted will be anonymous with only Tom Eggebrecht receiving the responses. He will then condense the surveys into meaningful themes to be shared with the VisionPath Team.

Please watch the weekly announcements for updates on this process and details about the vision event to be held on May 4th

St. James' Member Pictorial Directory was distributed via email earlier this year. The digital version is updated quarterly and available in the digital newsletter. We do have a few printed copies available in the church office for members who do not use email. If you need a printed version or you did not receive it via email, and would like to, please contact Cheryl at the church office - 618-288-6120 or cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Announcements

April 2, 2023



The Fellowship Team invites you stay after worship next week for Easter brunch and an Easter egg hunt for the children. Please join us in-community and please bring a basket if your child will participate in the egg hunt.

Youth Annual Yard Sale

As you start your Spring Cleaning, please be looking for items that you would be willing to donate to the Youth Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will be on Saturday, June 17. Items can be dropped off at church the week before. Funds raised will help with expenses for the Mission Trip and the 2025 Youth Gathering.

The St. James Youth Group is planning a **Mission Trip to Northern Minnesota** from July 7-15. We are looking for Junior High and High School Youth as well as adults to make the trip with us. Please contact Ruth Thompson (ruth.thompson@melhs.org or 314-985-0805) if you would like more information.

Community Groups

There is a community group ready to welcome you! If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Shanna at Shannacovarrubias@saintjamesglencarbon.org for locations and times available, or call the church office.

Save the Date: St. James' Vision Event. Please mark your calendars to join us for this **ALL MEMBER EVENT**. Dinner and babysitting will be provided. Watch for more information.

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday School Needs YOU!

We are very blessed with wonderful Sunday School teachers that share Jesus every week with our children. With summer approaching, and a new summer Sunday school program beginning in June, it's a perfect time to give them a break! To that end, we are seeking aides to assist with the Sunday morning program. There is No preparation or experience necessary. The program and curriculum is set, but adults are needed to help assist the leader on Sunday mornings. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Cheryl in the church office or email at cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org

Sunday School Teacher Needed for the “Grades 3-5” class starting in August. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Cheryl in the church office.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Audio and Video

Are you interested in learning a new skill or picking up a new hobby that can support the ministry at St James? St James could really use your help to ensure that we are able to continue offering audio and video recordings and live streaming of our worship services.

No experience required. The media ministry and technology team is in need of individuals that can assist with audio or video and cameras during worship and other events at St James.

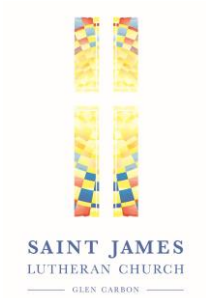
All tasks are easy to learn regardless of your age! Whether you have never done any of them or are an experienced audio engineer or video producer, your help would be greatly appreciated and welcomed. If you are interested or have questions regarding this opportunity, please email Larry O’Leary larry@stjamesglencarbon.org or contact the church office.

The Altar Guild is in need of volunteers! This could be a great individual or family service opportunity. If you’re available to assist one Sunday per month or more, contact judyreese@saintjamesglencarbon.org or call the church office for more information!

Help Fill Glen-Ed Pantry’s Shelves with Most-Needed Items. Consider donating some items Glen-Ed Pantry always needs: pasta side dishes, hamburger helper meal starters, oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop-tarts, saltines, other crackers, jelly, ketchup, mayo, mustard, all condiments, spices, white sugar, flour, cooking oil, pancake syrup, laundry detergent and dish soap. **Donation Idea:** Glen-Pantry runs because of volunteers. Go to www.glenedpantry.org and find out about regular or special project volunteer opportunities.



[St. James Attendance](#)



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