

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Hymn of Invocation

Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

How can it be? The One who died has
For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when
Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they
Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they
The pow'r that raised Him from the grave now

borne our sin through sac - ri - fice, to
Christ's dis - ci - ples lift their eyes; A -
saw Him and their hearts be - lieved; But
preached the truth and pow'r of grace; And
works in us to pow'r - fly save; He

con - quer ev - 'ry sting of death; Sing, sing hal - le -
live He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ, He is
blessed are those who have not seen, yet sing hal - le -
pour - ing out their lives they gained life, life ev - er -
frees our hearts to live His grace; Go, tell of His

lu - jah!
ris - en.
lu - jah. Christ is ris - en He is ris - en in - deed!
last - ing.
good - ness.

Oh, sing hal - le - lu - jah. Join the cho - rus, sing

with the re - deemed. Christ is ris - en, He is ris - en in - deed!

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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.

Exhortation

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession and Absolution

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen
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Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Romans 8:35-39

- P** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?
- C** **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**
- P** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth,
- C** **Nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 148

- P** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
 - C** **Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!**
 - P** Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
 - C** **Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**
 - P** Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.
 - C** **And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**
 - P** Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,
 - C** **fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!**
 - P** Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
 - C** **Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**
 - P** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
 - C** **Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**
 - P** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.
 - C** **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**
 - 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**
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Hymn

This Is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

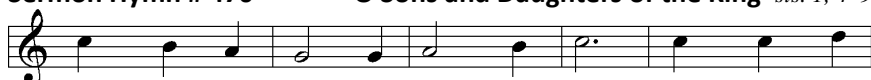
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn # 470

O Sons and Daughters of the King *sts. 1, 4-9*



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

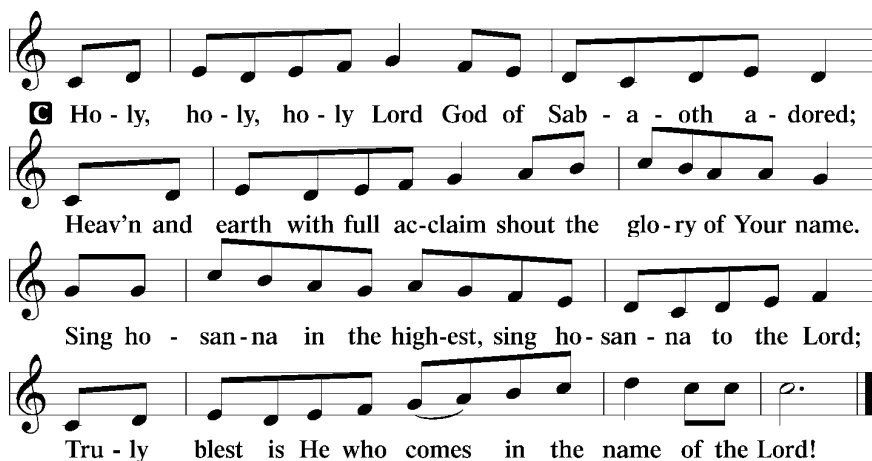
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
G hear our prayer.

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 good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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



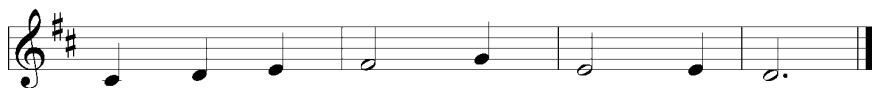
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



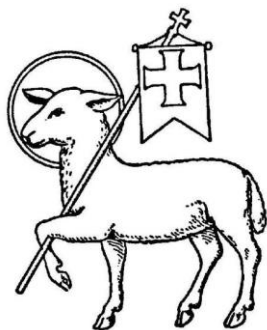
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

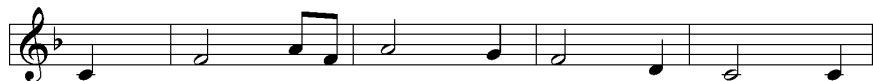
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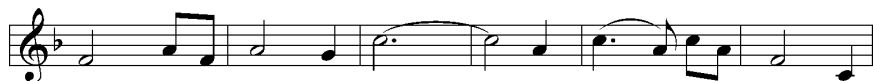


Distribution Hymn # 744

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

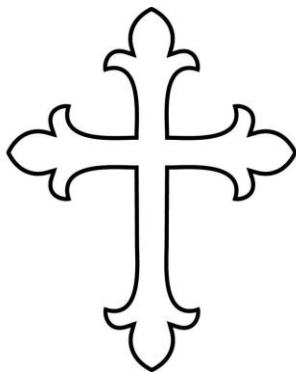


saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



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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Distribution Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above



Be - fore the throne of God ab - ove I have a strong and per - fect
When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - iour and my God, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.

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Distribution Hymn # 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed



1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so



gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might



life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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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**
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This Week at a Glance

Sunday

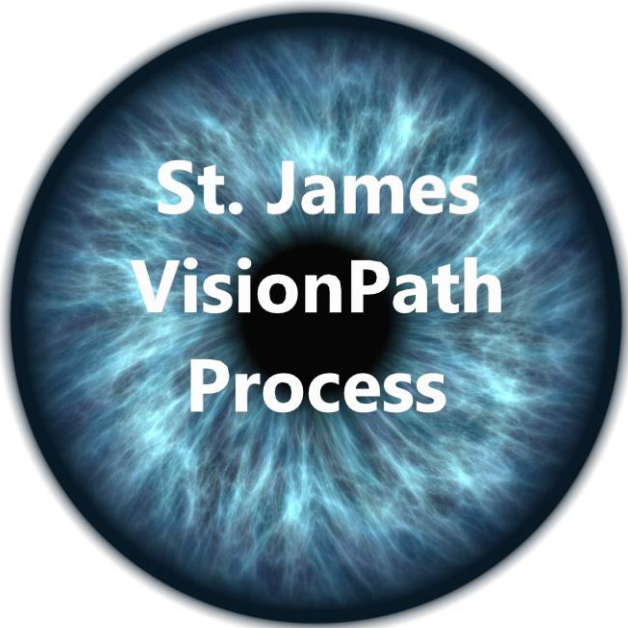
- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study and Sunday School (downstairs) 10:30 AM

Tuesday

- Youth Group – 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday

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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



Among the many different Christian denominations and non-denominations, there is something called Fundamentalism. You probably know many Fundamentalist Christians. But do you know what it is? Our newest episode of [Craving Answers Craving God](#) features a discussion on this topic.

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.

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.



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