

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

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 nigh 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.
C Amen.

Kyrie

To the tune New Britain ("Amazing Grace")

Look down in mercy on us, Lord.
Receive our prayers and praise,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word,
For your amazing grace.

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Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

- P** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.
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- P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- C** Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 40:1-3

- P** I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
C He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
P and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
C He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
P Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 111

- P** ¹Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- C** ²**Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**
- P** ³Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- C** ⁴**He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**
- P** ⁵He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- C** ⁶**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**
- P** ⁷The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- C** ⁸**they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- P** ⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
- C** ¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise 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**

Gloria *To the tune* Mendelssohn ("Hark the Herald Angels Sing")

Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"
God who flung the stars in space, God who formed the human race,
God the mind and God the cause, God the source of nature's laws,
God of wisdom, pow'r, and love, God of gods, all gods above.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

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God who saw your creatures fall, loved them still, and loved them all,
Gave your only Son to prove what is mercy, what is love;
And the Spirit, given free, recreates your family.
Angels, sing, and earth reply: "Glory be to God on high!"

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:7–21

⁷And he said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” ⁸But he said, “O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” ⁹He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” ¹⁰And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half.

¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. ¹³Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions. ¹⁵As for yourself, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, ¹⁹the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

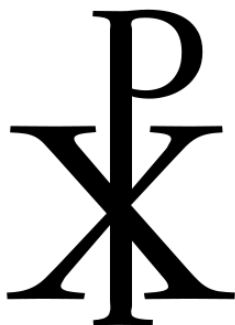
Epistle

Romans 3:21–26

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Sermon Hymn # 576

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

⁴⁶And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent empty away.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.



Credo

To the tune St Denio ("Immortal, Invisible")

Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in you we believe.
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in you.

And you, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, you paid for our sins,
And, joined in your rising, our new life begins.

Free Spirit of wisdom and power and love,
On us, as on Christ, you descend from above;
You call us, you cleanse us, you open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, you restore paradise.

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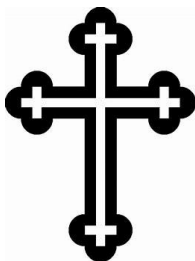
Sermon

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

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



Nicene Creed

☩ 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.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

To the tune Nicaea ("Holy, Holy, Holy")

"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory

Fill your temple with their song around your golden throne;

"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore Thee;

God in three persons, all in Christ as one.

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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

To the tune Olivet ("My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

Meek, slaughtered lamb of God,
Bearing the sinners' load
To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned,
With life and glory crowned,
To all the lost and found
Please grant your peace.

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Distribution

Distribution Hymn

His Mercy is More

What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We

in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,
sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,

new ev - 'ry morn. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.

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Distribution Hymn

Blessed Assurance



Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di -
Per - fect for - give - ness, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my
Per - fect for - give - ness, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and



vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his
sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of
blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his



blood.
love. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day
love.



long; this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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Distribution Hymn # 619

Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me. No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
 soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
 thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
 death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
 prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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The Dismissal



Closing Hymn # 918

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
more; Feed me till I want no more.

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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
- Sunday School, 10:40 AM, Sanctuary
- Adult Bible Study, 10:45 AM, Downstairs
- Youth Confirmation 11:45 AM, Downstairs
- New Member Class 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Wednesday

- [Mens Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- [Youth Group](#) 6:30 - 8:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wacky Water End-of-Summer Sunday School Party

All Students PreK- 12th Grade are invited to join us for a Wacky Water End-of-Summer Sunday School Party next Sunday, August 20th, during the Sunday school hour. Please note that students may (probably will) get wet. Please dress accordingly and bring extra dry clothes/towel to change after Sunday school. Questions? Contact Cheryl at the church office or at Cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org

Building Community

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service in Fellowship Hall.

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.

Volunteers are needed at Glen-Ed Pantry. Consider using your time and talents to support Pantry families for a special project or on a regular basis. Visit glenedpantry.org to see what volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, please call Tina Barnard 618-406-1932.

Together we have found healing and hope in Jesus Christ and welcome others to experience these same Gospel promises.



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