

The Twenty-Second Sunday after

Pentecost

October 29, 2023

Hymn of Invocation # 790

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with

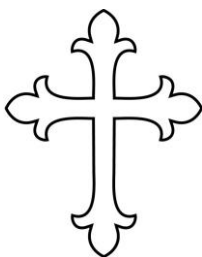


health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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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** 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 Psalm 103:
"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagles."
- C** Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Psalm 86:3-5

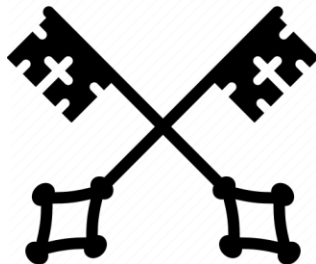
- P** Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you I cry all the day.
- C** Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- P** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
- C** Abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 47

- P** ¹Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- C** ²**For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**
- P** ³He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
- C** ⁴**He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- P** ⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- C** ⁶**Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**
- P** ⁷For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
- C** ⁸**God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**
- P** ⁹The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!
- 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!"

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1–3

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A Ω

¹O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ²Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? ⁴Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? ⁵Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— ⁶just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. ¹⁰For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” ¹¹Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” ¹²But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— ¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

¹⁵To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

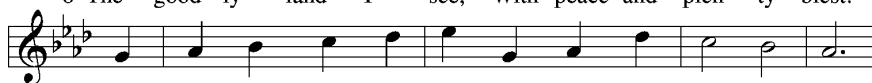
²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

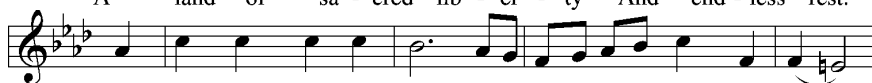
C Thanks be to God.



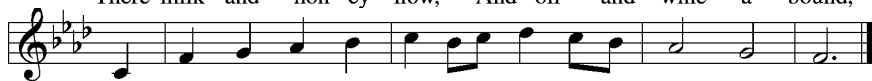
1 The God of A-br'ham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2 The God of A-br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com-mand
 3 The God of A-br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
 6 The good - ly land I see, With peace and plen - ty blest:



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
 From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
 Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
 A land of sa - cred lib - er - ty And end - less rest.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
 I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
 He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
 There milk and hon - ey flow, And oil and wine a - bound,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
 And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
 And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
 And trees of life for - ev - er grow With mer - cy crowned.

7 There dwells the Lord our king, The Lord our righteousness,
 Triumphant o'er the world and sin, The Prince of Peace.
 On Zion's sacred height His kingdom, He maintains
 And glorious with His saints in light, Forever reigns.

8 The God who reigns on high, The great archangels sing,
 And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
 Who was and is the same, And evermore shall be:
 Jehovah, Father, great I AM! We worship Thee!"

△ 9 The whole triumphant host, Give thanks to God on high.
 "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" They ever cry.
 Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays:
 All might and majesty are Thine, And endless praise!

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

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

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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.

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 of the Church

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

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.

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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. But mainly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who was sacrificed for us and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life. 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

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

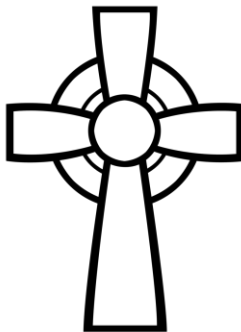


blood.
love. This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day
love.



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

By Grace Alone



Out of the depths I cry to You; Lord, hear my voice of
Your par-don is a gift of love; Your grace a-lone must
Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more a-



plead-ing. Bend down Your gra-cious ear, I pray, Your hum-ble
save us. Our works will not re-move our guilt; the strict-est
bound-eth. His help-ing love no lim-it knows; our ut-most



ser-vant heed-ing. If You re-mem-ber each mis-
life would fail us. Let none in deeds or mer-its
need it sound-eth. Our kind and faith-ful Shep-herd



deed, and of each thought and word take heed, who can re-
boast, but let us own the Ho-ly Ghost, for He a-
He, who will set all His peo-ple free from all their



main be-fore You? On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.
lone can change us: On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.
sin and sor-row: On-ly by grace, by grace a-lone.

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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.

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855–1928; Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838–96; Text and tune: Public domain

The Dismissal

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.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; Tune: John Hughes, 1873–1932; Text and tune: Public domain

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

Today

- Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- [Sunday School, 10:45 AM](#), Downstairs
- [Adult Bible Study, 10:45 AM](#), Downstairs
- Youth Confirmation 11:45 AM, Downstairs

Wednesday

- [Mens Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- Midweek Fellowship 6:30 PM, Downstairs

Saturday

- Women's Bible Study – 9:00 AM Downstairs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Fellowship

Join us this Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30 PM at St. James Fellowship Hall for a midweek fellowship meal, communion and praise music!

Ministry Planning

Please join us for a Congregational Event to be held on **Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 PM. Your input and attendance are vital to this process.**

What opportunities has the Lord laid before St. James Church and how will they shape our future? How will you be engaged? Come, add your voice to the discussion at our Congregational Event. Dinner and childcare will be provided.

Please contact Cheryl in the church office to sign up.

cheryl@stjamesglencarbon.org or 618-288-6120.

New Adult Bible Study: A new adult Bible study will be starting November 5th at 10:45 AM. This study will cover the book “When Helping Hurts,” How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor, by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert. This book is available in print, Kindle format and Amazon Audiobook. Please contact the church office for more information.

Operation Christmas Child is underway! What is Operation Christmas Child? People pack shoebox gifts to bless children in need around the world. After receiving a shoebox gift, children can enroll in a 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey.” As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others! Please take a shoebox, label and instructions from the narthex or downstairs and return it to church no later than November 12th. These shoeboxes should be packed, wrapped and returned by November 12th. For more information about youth events or to get involved with the Youth Ministry Team please contact [Stacey Staake](#)

October Ministry Spotlight: Community Groups – Shanna Covarrubias – shanna@stjamesglencarbon.org. Community Groups are a great way to get “in community” in a small group setting. Many days/times and locations are available. Please contact Shanna for more information.

Mercy Ministries

Glen-Ed Pantry suggests you “TP the Pantry” in October. Toilet paper, paper towels as well as hygiene products are basic needs for everyone but are not covered by SNAP (Food Stamps). By donating these items, you help our families’ dollars to go much further. Please drop donations in the basket at the top of the stairwell. Thank you!

St. James Guiding Statement

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

St. James Mission Pillars

**Healing
Community
Restoration**



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