

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023

Hymn of Invocation # 802

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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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.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Zephaniah 3:14-17

- P** Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
 - C** **The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.**
 - P** On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.
 - C** **The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."**
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Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 24

- P** ¹The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,
the world and those who dwell therein,
- C** ²**for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**
- P** ³Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
- C** ⁴**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.**
- P** ⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- C** ⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**
- P** ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- C** ⁸**Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!**
- P** ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
- C** ¹⁰**Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!**
- 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.
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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!"

- ⁷Be silent before the Lord God!
 For the day of the LORD is near;
 the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
 and consecrated his guests.
- ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
 "I will punish the officials and the king's sons
 and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
- ⁹On that day I will punish
 everyone who leaps over the threshold,
 and those who fill their master's house
 with violence and fraud.
- ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD,
 "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
 a wail from the Second Quarter,
 a loud crash from the hills.
- ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
 For all the traders are no more;
 all who weigh out silver are cut off.
- ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
 and I will punish the men
 who are complacent,
 those who say in their hearts,
 'The LORD will not do good,
 nor will he do ill.'
- ¹³Their goods shall be plundered,
 and their houses laid waste.
 Though they build houses,
 they shall not inhabit them;
 though they plant vineyards,
 they shall not drink wine from them."
- ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
 near and hastening fast;
 the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
 the mighty man cries aloud there.
- ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day,
 a day of distress and anguish,
 a day of ruin and devastation,
 a day of darkness and gloom,
 a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
 against the fortified cities
 and against the lofty battlements.

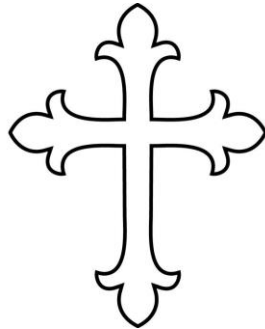
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Sermon Hymn

My Savior's Love



What tongue could tell my Sav - ior's love What
What tune could car - ry on its wings The
And when in death this tongue is stilled, My



song of an - gels could de - scribe; Could end-less prais-es be e - nough To
beau - ty of that fi - nal breath; What words dare paint the awe-some scene When
song of life has reached the end; Though as a flow - er I may wilt This



e - cho full His sac - ri - fice? How wor - thy is the Lamb of God Be -
God stood in the stead of man? When Je - sus Christ the ra - diant One Took
ev - er - last - ing truth will stand. No death or life could se - pa - rate Me



yond all might or skill of pen; Still we con - fess and strain to - wards Such
on the sha - dows of our hate; Then rose a - gain just as the sun With
from the love of Christ my Lord; This hope is sure from age to age My



mys - tery and mag - ni - fi - cence.
light and power in full - est grace. My
song will be for - ev - er - more.

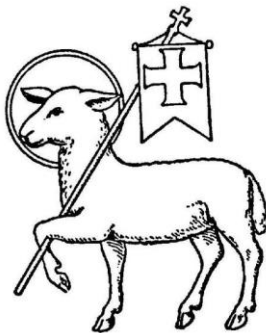


Sav - ior's love, My Sav - ior's love. What



could com - pare, what tongue could tell My Sav - ior's love.

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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.

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.
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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 Hymn

Be Unto Your Name

We are a mo - ment, You are for-ev - er, Lord of the a -
 We are the bro - ken, You are the heal - er, Je-sus, Re-deem-
 ges, God before time; We are a va - por You are e - ter -
 er, might - y to save; You are the love song we'll sing for-ev -
 nal, Love ev - er - last - ing, reign - ing on high.
 er, bow - ing be - fore You, bless - ing Your name.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God Al - might - y, Wor - thy is the
 Lamb who was slain; High - est prais - es hon - or and glo - ry
 be un - to Your name, be un - to Your name.

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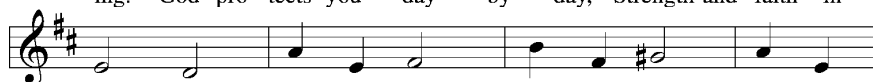
Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

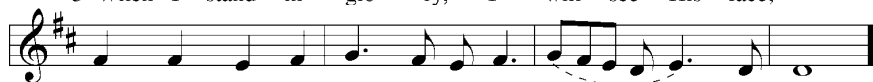
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There Is a Redeemer

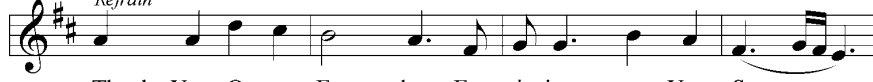


1 There is a Re - deem - er— Je - sus, God's own Son;
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all names;
 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see His face;

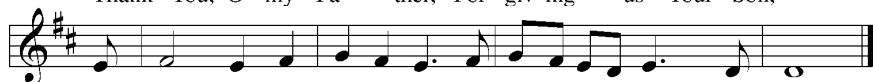


Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Hope for sin - ners slain.
 There I'll serve my King for - ev - er In that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank You, O my Fa - ther, For giv - ing us Your Son,



And leav - ing Your Spir - it Till the work on earth is done.

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The Dismissal

Closing Hymn # 848

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-
Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring
com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.
love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.
us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.
ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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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, 10:45 AM](#)
- [Adult Bible Study, 10:45 AM](#)
- Youth Confirmation 11:45 AM, Downstairs

Wednesday

- [Mens Bible Study](#) 6:30 – 7:30 AM
- Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service - 6:30 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are interested in singing in a choir during the Christmas season, please join us for a meeting immediately after the worship service in the sanctuary this morning.

Women's Saturday Morning Bible Study will not meet next Saturday, November 25. We will resume on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 AM. We will be studying 2 Chronicles 20, Lesson 8 titled "Help."

"A [New Members class](#) will begin on Sunday afternoon, December 3rd, at 6:00pm. If you're interested in joining St. James, looking to learn more about the Bible and Christianity, or just want to hang out and talk about theology, let Pastor Aaron know."

November Ministry Spotlight: – [Property Team](#)

In addition to maintaining our building and property, the Property Team has been hard at work researching and collecting bids for renovating the sanctuary/narthex! To see more about what the property team has been up to, go to <https://saintjamesglencarbon.org/property-team-411/> If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact our Property Deacon, Tim Schnicker at tim@saintjamesglencarbon.org.



We live in challenging times. We experience different challenges that require us to make judgments based on our worldview. For Christians, the Bible is at the center of our worldview. Or is it? How does our citizenship in Heaven relate to our citizenship in America? On our most recent episode of **Craving Answers Craving God**, that's our newest timely topic of discussion.

Mercy Ministries

Help [Glen-Ed Pantry Gather Fixing's for Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner Baskets](#). A special Thanksgiving and Christmas meal will be provided this year for Glen-Ed Pantry families. Here's what's most needed: instant potatoes (mashed or au gratin), gravy mixes, stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, pineapple, canned fried onions and canned carrots and mixed vegetables. If you'd like to donate toward the purchase some perishable items like rolls, turkeys and hams, or pies please visit www.glenedpantry.org/donors and designate your donation "holiday baskets."

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
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Restoration**



St. James Attendance



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