

# The First Sunday in Lent

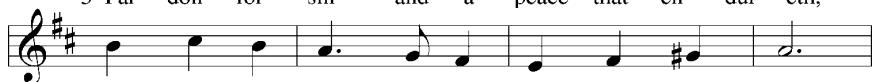
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Hymn of Invocation # 809

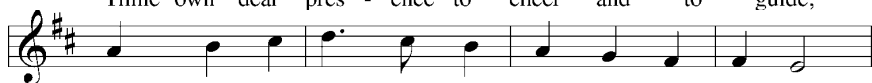
Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



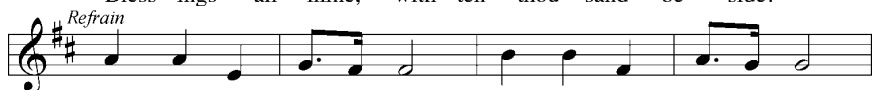
There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



*Refrain*  
Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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# Confession and Absolution

## Invocation

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

## Exhortation

- L** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

## Kyrie

- L** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**C** **Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Confession and Absolution

- L** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- L** Because of Jesus, God has forgiven all our sin. Hear the gospel of Christ from 1 John:  
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."  
**C** Amen.
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- L** 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.**
- L** 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."**

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10

- L** To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.
  - C** **O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;**  
let not my enemies exult over me.
  - L** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
  - C** **Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**
  - L** Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.
  - C** **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**
  - L** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
  - C** **Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**
  - L** He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.
  - C** **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**
  - 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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<sup>1</sup>After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>2</sup>He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. <sup>4</sup>On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. <sup>5</sup>Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. <sup>7</sup>And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” <sup>8</sup>Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

<sup>9</sup>When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. <sup>10</sup>Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. <sup>11</sup>But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” <sup>12</sup>He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” <sup>13</sup>And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup>So Abraham called the name of that place, “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

<sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven <sup>16</sup>and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, <sup>18</sup>and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## Epistle

*James 1:12–18*

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:9–15*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

**L** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

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# Sermon 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.

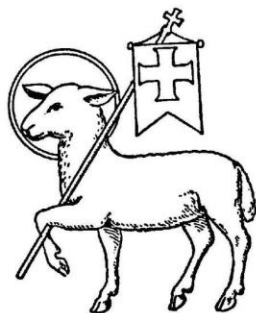


Oh, my soul, put your hope in God, my help, my rock, I will praise Him.



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

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# 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.

## 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

- P** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
**C** Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna, in the highest.  
Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:  
Glory to You, O Lord in the highest.
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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

- P** Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
**C** Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

## Distribution

### Distribution Hymn

### Come Ye Souls by Sin Afflicted



Come ye souls by sin a - flic - ted, Bowed with fruit - less, sor - row  
Take His ea - sy yoke and wear it; Love will make your o - be - dience  
Bless - ed are the eyes that see Him, Bless the ears that hear His  
Sweet as home to pil - grims wea - ry, Light to new - ly o - pened



down; By the bro - ken law con - vic - ted, Through the  
sweet; Christ will give you strength to bear it, While His  
voice; Bless - ed are the souls that trust Him, And in  
eyes, Like full springs in de - serts drea - ry Is the



cross, be - hold the crown; Look to Je - sus, Look to  
grace shall guide your feet Safe to glo - ry, Safe to  
Him a - lone re - joice; His comm - and - ments, His comm -  
rest the cross sup - plies. All who taste it, All who



Je - sus, look to Je - sus; Mer - cy flows through Him a - lone.  
glo - ry, Safe to glo - ry, Where His ran - somed cap - tives meet.  
and - ments, His comm - and - ments Then be come their hap - py choice.  
taste it, All who taste it Shall to rest im - mor - tal rise.

## Distribution Hymn # 411

## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

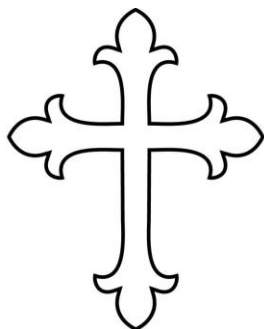
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In Him there is no dark - ness at all.  
 The night and the day are both a - like.  
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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# Distribution Hymn # 621

# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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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.

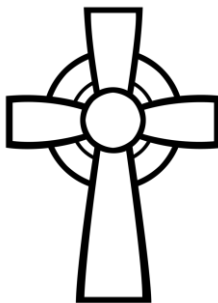


long; this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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## Nunc Dimittis

- P** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace according to Your Word.
- C** For my eyes have seen Your salvation,  
Which You have prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Your people  
Israel.  
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.



## Closing Hymn # 922

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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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  $\text{✠}$  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](#)
- [Adult Bible Study - 10:45 AM](#)
- Discovering Christianity – 6:00 PM

## Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 AM](#)
- Midweek Lent Worship Service - 6:30 PM

# Announcements

## February Ministry Spotlight: [Altar Guild](#)

The role of the Altar Guild extends far beyond creating an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere, encompassing a variety of tasks that contribute to the smooth functioning of worship services. One of the primary responsibilities of the Altar Guild is preparing and maintaining the communion trays and their contents. This task involves attention to detail and a deep sense of reverence. The Guild not only sets up the trays but also ensures their cleanliness.

In addition to communion preparations, the Altar Guild takes charge of adorning the narthex and the church entrance with thematic decorations. These visually appealing displays serve as a warm welcome for worshippers and create an atmosphere that reflects our St. James community. The Guild's creative touch contributes to the overall ambiance of the church, enhancing the worship experience for the congregation.

They are also instrumental in preparing for special ceremonies, ensuring that every detail aligns with the significance of the event.

The work of the Altar Guild requires a collaborative effort, and they are always in need of more helping hands. Volunteers, whether able to commit to one Sunday a month or desiring a more involved role, are welcome to join the team. Nic Schatte, the contact person for the Altar Guild, can be reached at [nic@saintjamesglencarbon.org](mailto:nic@saintjamesglencarbon.org).

The decorations in the church were changed to black for Ash Wednesday. Black is the color of mourning, humiliation, and death. Lent began on Ash Wednesday with a call to repentance and a reminder that we are dust, and to dust we shall return. Then the decorations in the church change to purple for the Season of Lent, a time of repentance and spiritual renewal. Purple symbolizes sorrow and repentance. Purple also reminds us of the mocking royal robe placed on Jesus by the soldiers.

**Youth Gathering** – All youth who will be between the ages of 13-20 on July 15, 2025 are invited to a brief informational meeting right after worship next Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the next Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. We will meet in the sanctuary immediately following the service.

## **Ministry Clarity**

### **INTENTIONALLY MOVING FORWARD WITH MISSION & MINISTRY**

St. James held a congregational ministry planning event/dinner late last year. Our discussion was led by Pastor Tom Eggebrecht from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. The purpose of this event was to present opportunities, previously defined by the Ministry Planning Team, that can help us bridge the gap between where we are now in ministry and where we want to be based on our Mission Pillars (Community, Healing, Restoration). This was a very successful event that provided great insight. The Ministry Planning Team is now in the process of taking the information gathered at the event and using it to create a ministry plan for each of our three pillars. This is a very exciting process that should be completed by mid-spring. At that time, it will be presented to the congregation for review/approval.

#### **We encourage everyone to please:**

- Pray for this process - That God would lead us to understand His will for St. James.
  - Pray for our Ministry Team - That each member would seek God's will and apply it to this process of creating a ministry plan to His glory.
  - Approach any Ministry Team member with questions you may have.
    - Eric Robinson
    - Shanna Covarrubius
    - Nic Schatte
    - Stacey Staake
    - Joe Rathert
    - Aaron Mueller
    - Cheryl Schnicker
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**Mark your calendars and join us for the following additional Easter season services:**

Wednesday, Feb. 21 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Service
Wednesday, Feb. 28 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Service
Wednesday, March 6 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Service
Wednesday, March 13 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Service
Wednesday, March 20 @ 6:30 PM	Midweek Lent Worship Service
Thursday, March 28 @ 6:30 PM	Holy Thursday Worship Service
Friday, March 29 @ 6:30	Good Friday Worship Service
Sunday, March 31 @ 9:00 AM	Easter Worship Service

**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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