

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

Hymn of Invocation # 801

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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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.**
- L** 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 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

1 Corinthians 15:20, 54-57

- L** Christ has been raised from the dead, **L** the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
- C** **Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**
- L** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
- C** **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 19

- L** The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- C** **Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.**
- L** There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.
- C** **Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,**
- L** which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
- C** **Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**
- L** The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
- C** **the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;**
- L** the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the just decrees of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
- C** **More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- L** Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
- C** **Who can discern his errors?
Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**
- L** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;
let them not have dominion over me!
Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.
- C** **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**
- 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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¹And God spoke all these words, saying,

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 2:13–22

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.

¹⁶And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸So the Jews said to him, “What sign do you show us for doing these things?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²²When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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.



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Offering

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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.

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 # 425

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

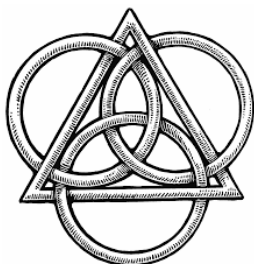


Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748; Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792–1872; Text and tune: Public domain



Distribution Hymn

Merciful God



Mer - ci - ful God, O a - bound - ing in love, faith - ful to
 Mer - ci - ful God, O a - bound - ing in love, faith - ful through
 Mer - ci - ful God, O a - bound - ing in love, faith - ful to



all who draw near You, hear - ing the cries of the
 times we have failed You. Self - ish in thought and un -
 keep us from fall - ing, guid - ing our ways with Your



hum - ble in heart, show - ing the cross they may cling
 car - ing in deed, fool - ish in word and un - grate -
 fa - ther - ly heart, grow - ing our faith with each test -



to. Help - less I come bro - ken in sin,
 ful. Spir - it of God, con - quer our hearts
 ing. God speed the day strug - gles will end,



found at the feet of Your mer - cy. Fa - ther, for -
 with love that flows from for - give - ness; Cause us to
 fault - less we'll gaze on Your glo - ry; Then we will



give, may my sin be re - mem - bered no more.
 yield and re - turn to the mer - cy of God.
 stand o - ver - whelmed by the mer - cy of God.

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Distribution Hymn # 570

Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871; Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68; Text and tune: Public domain

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.**

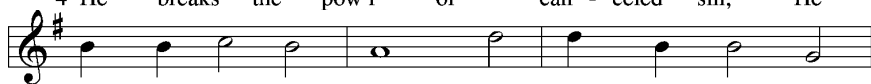


Closing Hymn # 528

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 Your God, ye fallen race.
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an off'ring made
 For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

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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.**
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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](#)
- Fellowship Meal – 5:30 PM
- Midweek Lent Worship Service - 6:30 PM

Announcements

Fellowship Meals – Please join us on Wednesdays, March 6, 13, & 20 in the fellowship hall at 5:30 PM for a meal before the Midweek Service. Free-will offerings will be collected to support the youth mission trip.

Volunteers needed: We are looking for volunteers to hide eggs for the Glen Carbon Village Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, March 24th** following Bible study. Rain date is **Sunday, March 30th**. Please join us for this fun service event by signing up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Easter Lilies – Help Saint James' altar look beautiful for Easter Sunday! Order your Easter lilies In Honor of, In Memory of, or In Thanksgiving for your loved one(s). We will list the donations in our Easter service bulletin. You are welcome to take the lily home after our Easter Services or leave it for the rest of the season. To order your lily, please complete the form in the narthex no later than March 18th.



Does it seem sometimes that the intellectuals and sophisticates of our day have captured the flag in debate over the important controversial topics of the day? Does it seem like the atheists are the smart ones and Christians are the superstitious ones? Aaron and Chuck address this dilemma on our most recent episode of [Craving Answers Craving God](#).

March is Spring Cleaning month at Glen-Ed Pantry. Please consider donating cleaning products such as dish detergent, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners, bleach or other cleansers this month. Cleaning products are not eligible for purchase with SNAP (Food Stamp) benefits. Thank you

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

Mark your calendars and join us for the following additional Easter season services:

Wed., March 6	@ 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal @ 6:30 PM Midweek Lent Worship Service
Wed., March 13	@ 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal @ 6:30 PM Midweek Lent Worship Service
Wed., March 20	@ 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal @ 6:30 PM Midweek Lent Worship Service
Thurs., March 28	@ 6:30 PM Holy Thursday Worship Service
Fri., March 29	@ 6:30 PM Good Friday Worship Service
Sun., March 31	@ 9:00 AM Easter Worship Service, Family Brunch & Egg Hunt

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

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