

Confession and Absolution

Invocation

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

Exhortation

- P** 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.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** 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

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

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- P** Let us confess our sin to God:
O Lord, merciful Father, you keep covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments.
- C** **We confess that we have not listened to your servants the prophets. We have not heeded your law nor have we rejoiced in your gospel. We confess that things have fallen apart. But Lord, you keep covenant even when we do not. Your love is steadfast when ours is frail and fallible. You are faithful even when we are faithless. We want you to be our God and we want to be your covenant people. Grant us the gift of faith. By your Holy Spirit work in us steadfastness and singleness of heart, that we might manifest your love in the keeping of your commandments and the living of your gospel.**
- P** O Lord, merciful Father, hear our prayers in the name of your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new and eternal covenant, to whom be glory forever and ever.
- C** Amen.
- P** Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Savior Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Psalm 40:1-3

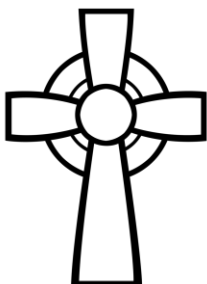
- P** I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.
- C** **He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,**
- P** and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- C** **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.**
- P** Many will see and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

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 107:1-9

- P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
- C** **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble**
- P** and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
- C** **Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;**
- P** hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
- C** **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.**
- P** He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.
- C** **Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men!**
- P** For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.
- 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**



⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

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

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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.**

Sermon Hymn

His Mercy is More



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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.
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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, 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

Before the Throne of God Above



Be - fore the throne of God ab - ove I have a strong and per - fect
 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me of the guilt with -
 Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect spot - less right - eous -



plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
 in, up - ward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my
 ness, the great un - change - a - ble "I Am", the King of glo - ry and of



me. My name is grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
 sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - iour died my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 grace. One with Him - self I can - not die, my soul is pur - chased with His

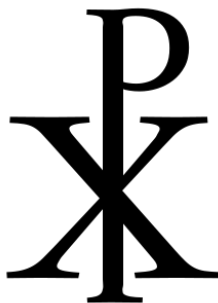


heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands, no tongue can
 free, for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
 Sav - iour and my God, with Christ, my Sav - iour and my God.

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Distribution Hymn # 618

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



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

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Distribution Hymn # 542

When I Behold Jesus Christ



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-ered pain;
 3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
 4 What love is this? Great-er love No one has ev - er known.



I won-der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
 I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
 On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
 My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



Refrain
 What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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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 # 918

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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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
- [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

March Ministry Spotlight: [St. James Technology Team](#)

Join the Media Ministry in serving our community! Opportunities include graphic design, website maintenance, managing our computer systems and network equipment, and running audio or video for our worship services.

Our live stream reaches both our congregation and individuals beyond, providing a vital connection to worship for many. Your help ensures that this lifeline continues to thrive. No prior experience is required as training will be provided, but seasoned individuals are also warmly welcomed. Together, we strengthen our faith community through learning and collaboration.

We have several overdue projects, such as implementing a scalable data backup solution, completing our WiFi networks, organizing our network equipment rack, and redesigning our website. Additionally, assistance is needed in creating image and video assets for our website, live stream, and video recordings.

If you're able to volunteer your time in any capacity, please contact Larry, our Deacon of Technology, at larry@stjamesglencarbon.org. Your contribution makes a difference!

Thank you for your support in enhancing our church's digital presence and operations!

Fellowship Meals – Please join us on Wednesdays, March 13 & 20 in the fellowship hall at 5:30 PM for a meal before the Midweek Service. A free-will offering 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 which will be happening on **Sunday, March 24th** following Bible study. Rain date is **Sunday, March**. 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 and drop off your \$14 donation in the locked mailbox on the church office door 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.

Easter Brunch

Mark your calendars for Easter Sunday Brunch immediately following worship Sunday, March 31, 2024. The Fellowship Team has a wonderful brunch and egg hunt planned. Come and enjoy the food, the fellowship, and the fun! Please bring your own basket/bag for the egg hunt.

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

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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