

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

Hymn of Invocation # 686

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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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.

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.

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.
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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 119:9–16

- P** How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
- C** **With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!**
- P** I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
- C** **Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!**
- P** With my lips I declare
all the just decrees of your mouth.
- C** **In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.**
- P** I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
- C** **I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.**
- 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**



³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 5:1–10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

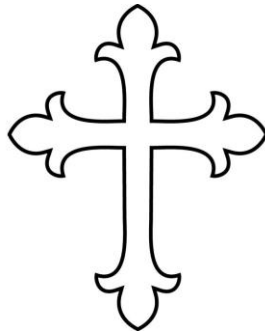
³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

³⁸Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” ³⁹And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

P 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.

Sermon Hymn # 430

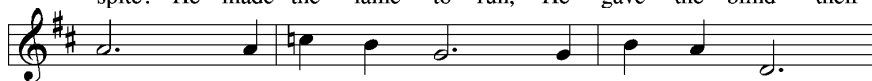
My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

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 # 550

Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



Refrain
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymn

Oh, How Good It Is



1. Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God
 2. Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share,
 3. Oh, how good it is to em - brace His com - mand



dwells to - ge - ther in spir - it, in faith and un - i - ty.
 to re - joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn.
 to love one a - noth - er, for - give as He for - gives.

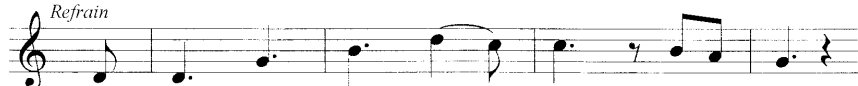


Where the bonds of peace, of ac - cep - tance and love
 For the weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace,
 When we live as one, we all share in the love



are the fruits of His pre - sence here a - mong us.
 when we of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.
 of the Son with the Fath - er and the Spir - it.

Refrain



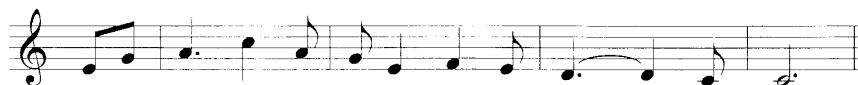
So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;



and with one heart we'll live out his Word.



Till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come



For He dwells in the pre - sence of his peo - ple.

Distribution Hymn

I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, most gra - cious
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour; stay thou near
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, in joy or
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, teach me Thy
 I need Thee ev - 'ry hour, Most Ho - ly

Lord; no ten - der voice like thine can peace af -
 by; temp - ta - tions lose their pow'r when Thou art
 pain; come quick - ly and a - bide, or life is
 will; and Thy rich pro - mis - es in me ful -
 One; O make me Thine in - deed, Thou Bles - sed

ford.
 nigh.
 vain. I need thee, O I need thee; ev - 'ry hour I need thee. O
 fill.
 Son!

bless me now, my Sa - vior; I come to thee.

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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 # 805

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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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
- Confirmand Questioning – 11:45 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
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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!

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.

Spring College Packages will be sent soon. We will be using the students' fall 2023 college addresses. If there have been any changes to their address, please contact Cheryl so we can include everyone!

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 no later than March 18th.



The latest episode of [Craving Answers Craving God](#) is available. The topic of discussion: Is Christianity just a psychological crutch? How would you respond to someone who has elevated the science of psychology above the truth of Scripture? You can access our podcast through our church’s website. Check it out at saintjamesglencarbon.org.

A Women’s Bible Study, “I Have Set My King on Zion,” will begin at 9:00 AM, Saturday, April 6 in Fellowship Hall. We’ll study Messianic Psalms through daily faith narratives, personal reflection questions and small group discussion. All ladies high school age and up are invited to sign-up on the table in the entryway. Bible Study books will be provided.

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.

Youth Annual Yard Sale

As you start your Spring Cleaning, please be looking for items that you would be willing to donate to the Youth Yard Sale. The Yard Sale will be on Saturday, June 17. Items can be dropped off at church the week before. Funds raised will help with expenses for the Mission Trip and the 2025 Youth Gathering.

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

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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