

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

Hymn of Invocation # 443

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

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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.

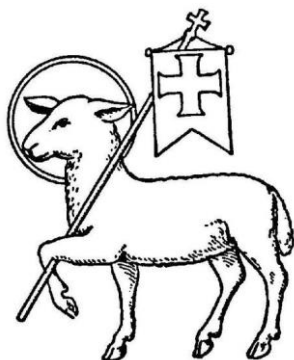
Confession and Absolution

- 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 Romans 5:
"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- C** **Amen.**

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:21-23

- L** Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;
- C** **I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.**
- L** I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like a mist;
- C** **Return to me, for I have redeemed you.**
- L** Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it; shout, O depths of the earth;
- C** **For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.**



Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 118:19-29

- L** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- C** **This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**
- L** I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- C** **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**
- L** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- C** **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!
- C** **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**
- L** The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!
- C** **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**
- L** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 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**

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

- ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

John 12:12–26

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

L 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 # 444

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer;
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn;
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake



With ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 With palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 The palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 The cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's



mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
 cross draws near: The King of glo - ry's throne.
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown.
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns.



To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
 A - stride a colt He pass - es by
 The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
 Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name



No bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 As loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
 The streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 Till heav - en's raf - ters ring, And all the ran - somed



o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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.
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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

Ride On, King Jesus Verses

- L** King Jesus rides to Jerusalem, No one can a-hinder Thee.
Hosanna to King David's Son, No one can a-hinder Thee.

C

Ride on, King Je - sus; No one can a - hin-der Thee.

Ride on, King Je - sus, ride on; No one can a - hin-der Thee.

- L** He rides upon a donkey small, No one can a-hinder Thee.
The King of peace, the Lord of All, No one can a-hinder Thee.
- C** Refrain
- L** The children sing and dance and shout, No one can a-hinder Thee.
If they won't praise the rocks cry out, No one can a-hinder Thee.
- C** Refrain
- L** King Jesus done just what he said, No one can a-hinder Thee.
He healed the sick and raised the dead, No one can a-hinder Thee.
- C** Refrain
- L** The light of God shines on His face, No one can a-hinder Thee.
He offers all His pardoning grace, No one can a-hinder Thee.
- C** Refrain
- L** Come join the throng, your voices raise, No one can a-hinder Thee.
The King of Love deserves your praise, No one can a-hinder Thee.
- C** Refrain

Distribution Hymn

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

- 1 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.

- 2 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedeth,
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

- 3 O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee.

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1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
 The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
 Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
 My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
 And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

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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.
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Distribution Hymn # 343

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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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](#)– 6:30 PM

Wednesday

- [Men's Bible Study 6:30](#)

Thursday

- Holy Thursday Worship Service – 6:30 PM

Friday

- Good Friday Worship Service – 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 31

- Easter Worship Service – 9:00 AM
- Easter Brunch – Immediately Following Service

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.

The beautiful red bouquets in the narthex are in honor of **Harry and Donna Schlechte's 50th Wedding Anniversary** from their family and friends with much love.

Easter Brunch

Join us for Easter Sunday Brunch immediately following worship next 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!



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. Please contact William Ellington at 618-407-4558 or williamellington@stjamesglencarbon.org if you require childcare.

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 15. 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.

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.

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

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.

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