

Holy Cross Sunday

September 13, 2026

895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv-en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re-joice;
With ev-er joy-ful hearts And bless-ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high-est heav-en,



Who from our moth-ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per-plexed
The one e-ter-nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev-er-more.

Text: Martin Rinckart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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Invocation

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

Kyrie

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

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- 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:
- "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."
- C** Amen.

Reflection on God's Forgiveness

Romans 5:8-11

- L** God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- C** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
- L** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.
- C** More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.
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Service of the Word

Psalm 40:1–11

- L** 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, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- L** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
- C** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
- L** You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.
- C** Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.
- L** Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C** I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."
- L** I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.
- C** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.
- L** As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
- 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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Gloria in Excelsis



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

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.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

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.

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Holy Gospel

John 12:20–33

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

²⁷“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

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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.

There Is One Gospel



There is one Gos-pel on which I stand for all e - ter - ni -
There is one Gos-pel to which I cling, all else I count as
There is one Gos-pel where hope is found, the emp - ty tomb still
And in this Gos-pel, the church is one, we do not walk a -



- ty. It is my sto - ry, my Fa - ther's plan, the Son has res - cued
loss. For there, where jus - tice and mer - cy meet, He saved me on the
speaks. For death could not keep my Sav - iour down, He lives and I am
- lone. We have His Spir - it as we press on to lead us safe - ly



me. Oh, what a Gos - pel, oh what a peace. My high - est joy and my
cross. No more I boast in what I can bring, no more I car - ry the
free. Now on my Sav - iour I fix my eyes, my life is His and His
home. * And when in glo - ry still I will sing of this old sto - ry that



deep - est need. Now and for - ev - er, He is my light. I
weight of sin. For He has brought me from death to life. I
hope is mine. For He has prom - ised I too will rise. I
res - cued me. Praise to my Sav - iour, the King of life. * I



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Tune: Rich Thompson; Jonny Robinson

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Sermon - Pastor William Engfehr

Offering - *Please record your attendance in the Friendship Book located in each pew.*

Prayer Response

- L** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

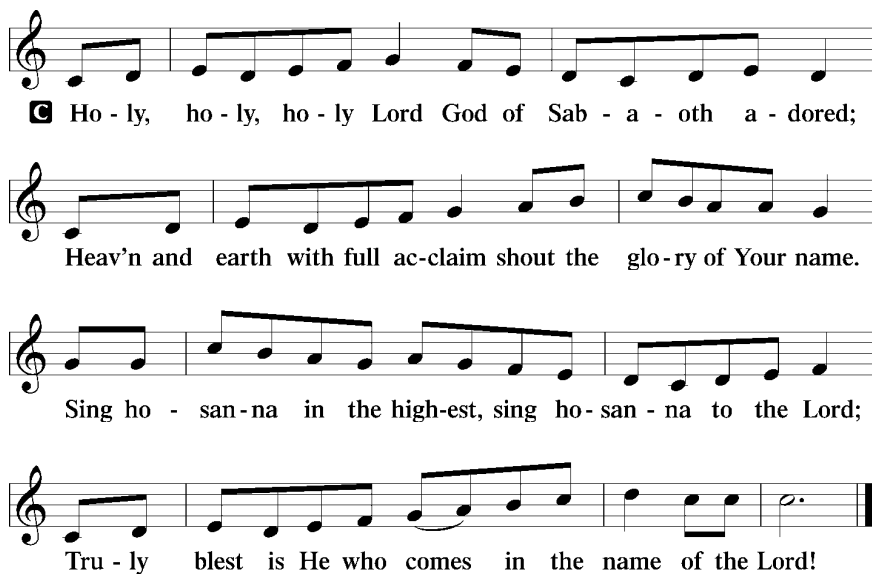
- L** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

- L** Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

- L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

- L** 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 singing:
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Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord's Prayer

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- 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

Behold the Lamb



1. Be hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for
2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re -



us: And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who
you: Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that
you: Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may
spond and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this
brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So, we share in this
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So, we share in this
steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth. As we share in His



Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our
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suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

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Tune: Keith Getty; Kristyn Getty

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761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–78
 Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872
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710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by,
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650, Edinburgh
 Tune: William Gardiner, 1770–1853
 Text and tune: Public domain

The Dismissal

L The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

C Amen.

Call to Christian Community

L "For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another" (1 John 3:11). After the last song, please take time to greet one another, and if you see someone you don't know, introduce yourself. The Christian life isn't meant to be lived alone, but in community. Now receive God's Blessing:

Benediction

L Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

L 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.

Christus Victor



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3. O Most High, King of the na - tions, robed in praise, crowned with



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through might - y wa - ters, our strength, our song, our sure sal - va - tion. Chorus 1
Lamb, might - y Sav - ior who lived, who died, who rose vic - to - rious. Chorus 2 & 3
stand Christ the Vic - tor, who was and is and is for - ev - er. Chorus 2 & 3

CHORUS



(Chorus 1) Now to the Lamb up - on the throne,
(Chorus 2) Now to the Lamb up - on the throne,
(Chorus 3) With ev - 'ry tribe and ev - 'ry tongue,



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be bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, pow - er, for the bat - tle You have
we join the an - them of the an - gels in the tri - umph of the



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This Week at-a-Glance

Today

- Worship Service (Pastor William Engfehr) – 9:00 AM
- Adult Bible Study – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)
- [Sunday School](#) – 10:45 AM (Downstairs)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- AA Meeting – 6:30 PM (Downstairs)

Saturday

- Women's Bible Study – 10:00 AM (Downstairs)
- AA Meeting – 1:30 PM

Announcements

Mark your calendars for the St. James Picnic on September 27th! Questions?
Contact Jen Weber Jen@stjamesglencarbon.org.

If you have any questions or would like to share a comment, please feel free to reach out to one of our St. James Elders at elders@stjamesglencarbon.org.

Thank you to all our visitors for joining us today! We would love to connect with you. Please complete a visitor card located in the pew or sign in the register in the entryway so we can reach out!

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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