

Wednesday of *Ad Te Levavi*:

Office Hymn:

332. Savior of the Nations, Come

Epistle

James 5:7–11a

Dearly Beloved: Be patient until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! My brethren, take, as an example of suffering and patience, the prophets, who spoke in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Indeed we count them blessed who endure.

✠ O Lord, have mercy upon us.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Matthew 3:1–6

At that time: John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying:

*“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the LORD;
make His paths straight.”*

Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

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