



ST. PAUL'S  
PRESBYTERIAN

*For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples*

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 2025, at 10:30



*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

The sounding of the  
bells calls us to quiet our  
hearts before worship.

## Welcome

## Introit

## Canon of Praise

Johann Pachelbel  
Arr. by Hal H. Hopson

*All within me bless the Lord, all within me bless his holy name.*

*Bless the Lord, O bless his holy name.*

*O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good.*

*We remember all his love, he crowns our lives with hope and truth.*

*God the Lord is gracious, his mercy is the same forever.*

*As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves his own.*

*Those who know the Lord shall claim his ever present help.*

*O bless the Lord, O all within me bless his holy name.*

*O bless the Lord, my soul, O bless his holy name.*

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling

## Call to Worship

From Psalm 30

**Minister:** Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

**People:** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

**Minister:** Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**People:** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

**Minister:** O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

*Worship is a dialogue. God calls us to worship and speaks to us through his Word. And we respond in prayer.*

### ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

## † Hymn of Praise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #660

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED

## † Prayer of Adoration

**Unison:** Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## † Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 1:1-12

Pew Bible, page 45

**Minister:** The Word of the Lord!

**People:** Thanks be to God!

*The story we read in Scripture revolves around an epic battle (Genesis 3:15; 1 John 3:8).*

*"Humble yourselves before the  
Lord, and he will exalt you"  
(James 4:10).*

## ✠ Prayer of Confession

**Unison:** Lord of grace and truth, you command us to have no other gods before you. But we have run after idols. You command us to worship according to your Word. But we have worshiped according to our own preferences. You command us to hallow your name. But we have dishonored it. You command us to keep the Sabbath holy. But we have treated it like any other day. You command us to honor our father and mother. But we have dishonored and disobeyed those in authority. You command us to preserve life. But we have committed murder in our hearts. You command us not to commit adultery. But we have been unfaithful. You command us not to steal. But we have taken what does not belong to us. You command us not to bear false witness. But we have slandered our neighbor. You command us not to covet. But we have been discontent. You tell us that if we love you we will keep your commandments. But we have not loved you or kept your commandments. And so, we humbly repent and ask you to forgive us. Help us to love you out of the great love with which you have first loved us through your faithful and beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.*

## ✠ Assurance of Pardon

From Titus 3

*In the Assurance of Pardon,  
tired and weary sinners are  
comforted with the good news  
of God's grace and forgiveness.*

**Minister:** Hear this good news! When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**Unison:** Thanks be to God!

## RENEWING OUR FAITH

### † Affirmation of Faith

### Westminster Larger Catechism

Question #165

Minister: What is Baptism?

People: Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ has ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

### † Gloria

### Glory Be to God I

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



1. Glo-ry be to God our Fa-ther. Glo-ry be to Christ His  
2. was in the be-gin-ning is now and ev-er



Son. Glo-ry be to thee, O Ho-ly Ghost. The  
shall be. For-ev-er-more world with-out end. A-



bles-sed three in one. As it  
men A - - men.

*As a part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), St. Paul's affirms the doctrinal standards found in the Westminster Confession of Faith, as well as in the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.*

*"Before they call, I will answer;  
while they are yet speaking,  
I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24).*

## ✠ Prayers of the People

**Minister:** Dear Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for Troy and Brooke Jackson, who come with Ginny May to declare publicly their allegiance to your Son our Savior. Daily open their hearts to your grace and truth. Fill them with your life-giving Spirit. Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Grant them grace so to live before this child, loving her, teaching her, praying with her and for her, that by their faithful living, and through the power of the gospel, all of the promises of the covenant may be fulfilled in her life.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Minister:** Father, we pray for this child, Ginny; deliver her from the way of sin and death; open her heart to your grace and truth; fill her with your life-giving Spirit; keep her in the faith and communion of your Church; prepare her to witness to your love; and bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Minister:** And we pray for ourselves, the congregation of St. Paul's Church: Grant us grace to see this child as our own; to love her, pray for her, and assist her parents as duty done to you, the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

## Presentation of Candidate & Questions

### Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Minister: Renew and strengthen, O Lord, this child of the covenant.  
By your Holy Spirit, empower her for your service and  
sustain her all her days. Defend her by your grace and  
claim her as your adopted child in your mercy. May you  
keep her by your Holy Spirit until at last she comes to your  
everlasting kingdom and her heavenly home. We humbly  
yet boldly ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

#### † Hymn of Consecration

Hymn B • Trinity Hymnal #189

Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

JESUS LOVES ME

#### † New Testament Lesson

Acts 12:1-25

Pew Bible, page 920

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

#### † Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Borger

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

*Peter's Exodus*

*The Christian life begins with a bath and ends with a banquet. In the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, we are washed and fed.*

*Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Hymn of Consecration, a specifically designed time for children aged four through first grade is also provided. Those interested can meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall.*

# RESPONDING IN THANKS

## † Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #455

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

SAGINA

*“Ascribe to the LORD the  
glory due his name; bring an  
offering, and come into his  
courts!” (Psalm 96:8)*

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## Giving to God & Choral Offertory

## Wondrous Love

Arr. by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse, for my soul.*

*When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, O my soul,  
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.*

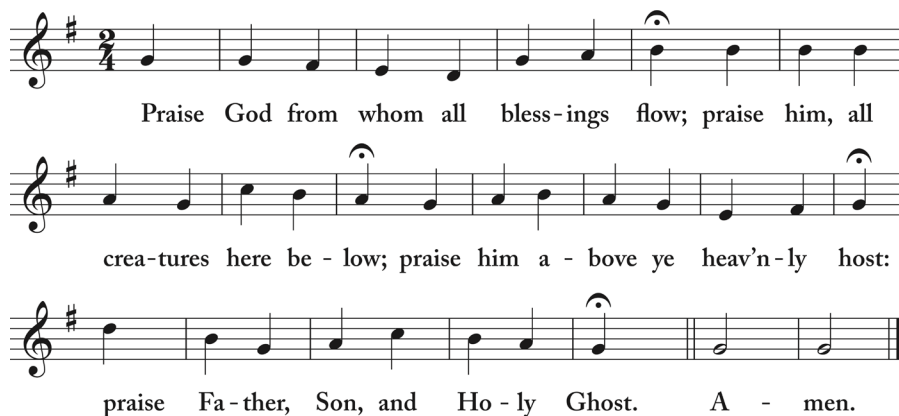
*To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I 'am',  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

*And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be.  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul.  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
And through eternity I'll sing on.*

## † Doxology #731

OLD HUNDRETH



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.

## † Prayer of Dedication

## † Benediction

## † Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #642 (Verses 1, 3, and 5)

## Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

## No 1. Allegro

Concerto in D major, after Vivaldi, BWV 972

J. S. Bach

*Please take a moment to greet those around you.*

*Both the initiating ritual of baptism (Matthew 28:19) and the regular pronouncement of the Lord's benediction place God's name upon his people (Numbers 6:27).*

*Welcome, visitors! If you are visiting St. Paul's today, we are so glad you have joined us for worship! We would love to get to know you. Email [staff@stpaulsorlando.com](mailto:staff@stpaulsorlando.com) to let us know your name, contact information, how you heard about St. Paul's, and any questions you may have. Please feel free to introduce yourself to our pastors or ushers.*

# O God Beyond All Praising

*I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1*

*Unison*

1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day  
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
to mar - vel at your beaut - y and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

# Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

*I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20*



1. Je - sus loves me, this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
 2. Je - sus loves me, he who died, heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
 3. Je - sus loves me, loves me still, though I'm ver - y weak and ill;  
 4. Je - sus loves me, he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak but he is strong.  
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
 from his shin - ing throne on high comes to watch me where I lie.  
 if I trust him, when I die, he will take me home on high.



## REFRAIN



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.



# And Can It Be That I Should Gain

*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8*



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest  
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -  
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so  
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in  
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his  
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph  
 in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his  
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning  
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing



pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!  
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!  
 love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,  
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flame with light; my chains fell off,  
 Head, and clothed in right - eous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach



How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst  
 Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -  
 im - mense and free; for, O my God, it  
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and  
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

REFRAIN

die for me?  
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it  
 found out me.  
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz-ing love! How  
 Christ, my own.

be that thou my God, shouldst die for me?  
 can it be that thou my God,

# Be Thou My Vision

*Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7*

*Unison*

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by  
 dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
 heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.

Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905

Verified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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Traditional Irish melody

Arr. by David Evans, 1927

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

*Peter's Exodus*

Acts 12:1-25 | Rev. Justin Borger

**The Big Idea:** Luke echoes the story of the Exodus as he recounts the persecution of the church (12:1-5), the great escape of Peter (12:6-19), and the divine judgment of King Herod (12:20-25). Even when opposed by powerful political enemies and Pharaoh-like rulers who claim to be gods, the mission of the church increases and multiplies, and the plan of God continues unhindered (12:24).

- i. The persecution of the church (12:1-5)*
- ii. The exodus of Peter (12:6-19)*
- iii. The execution of Herod (12:20-25)*

## DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

*Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.*

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| • Sunday, May 18    | Isaiah 17-18 • 1 Peter 5 |
| • Monday, May 19    | Isaiah 19-20 • 2 Peter 1 |
| • Tuesday, May 20   | Isaiah 21 • 2 Peter 2    |
| • Wednesday, May 21 | Isaiah 22 • 2 Peter 3    |
| • Thursday, May 22  | Isaiah 23 • 1 John 1     |
| • Friday, May 23    | Isaiah 24 • 1 John 2     |
| • Saturday, May 24  | Isaiah 25 • 1 John 3     |
| • Sunday, May 25    | Isaiah 26 • 1 John 4     |

## WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Use these questions to reflect more deeply on this week's sermon.*

1. What are some ways in which the story of Peter's great escape from prison in Acts 12 echoes the story of Israel's exodus from Egypt? What might be the theological significance of these echoes?
2. What can we learn from the way the early church responded to the crisis of persecution? What did they do in an "earnest" (12:5) and "gathered" way (12:12)?
3. Why did God strike Herod down in such a dramatic way (12:20-25)? And how should this story of divine judgment both encourage and challenge us?
4. What is the point of the summary statement: "But the word of God increased and multiplied" (12:24)? Compare with Exodus 1:12.

## MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

**"But the word of God increased and multiplied" (Acts 12:24).**

## ABOUT WORSHIP

In his encounter with the woman of Samaria, Jesus explained that “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). The reason Jesus says true worshipers must worship in this way is because God himself “is spirit.” Here we discover the simple yet profound principle that true worship is a response to God as he has personally revealed himself. Thus, conformity to God’s character is the key to true worship. “Great is the LORD,” as the psalmist puts it, “and greatly to be praised” (Psalm 48:1)! In worship, we seek to reflect this divine reality, declaring with our lips and demonstrating with our lives that God is supremely precious and therefore worthy of all glory and honor and praise.

## THE SHAPE OF WORSHIP



**Entering God’s Presence**—We gather in response to God’s call to worship, joyfully offering praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. With reverence and awe, we confess our sins and receive God’s forgiveness, which is declared in Jesus’ name.



**Renewing Our Faith**—Worship continues with a focus on God’s Word. Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God, join our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to God, and hear the good news of God powerfully proclaimed.



**Responding in Thanks**—As hearing becomes doing, we respond to the proclamation of God’s Word. Songs of praise continue to be raised and the gifts and offerings of God’s people are collected. On Communion Sundays we are invited to celebrate the Lord’s Supper. With God’s blessing upon us, we are sent into the world to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus Christ!

### Why Do We Worship in This Way?

*In this section, we answer a question about worship each week.*

**Question:** Why do we baptize babies?

**Answer:** For the same reason that Abraham and his descendants circumcised their infants under the old covenant. The children of believers have always been included in God’s covenant promises (Genesis 17:1-27; Acts 2:39) and are called “holy” (1 Corinthians 7:14). They are included among God’s people. Therefore, it would be wrong to withhold from them the covenant sign or to fail to distinguish them from the children of unbelievers (cf. Exodus 4:24-26). This was done under the old covenant by circumcision, which was replaced under the new covenant by baptism (Colossians 2:11-12).

## WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted you have joined us for worship. Our hope is that you find our worship service glorifying to God and personally refreshing.

We would love to connect with you. Please stop by our Welcome Kiosk in the Narthex after the service so that we may greet you in person and provide you a *Welcome Bag*. To connect with us, please use the QR code below to fill out a *Connect Card*.

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### ***Our Vision***

To see the invisible kingdom of heaven made visible,  
for the glory of God and the joy of all peoples.

### ***Our Mission***

To grow in grace and give away our lives  
in the following seven major ministry areas:

**Worship** that exalts God in Christ and promotes unity in the Spirit

**Discipleship** that is rooted in the Scriptures and centered in the gospel

**Community** that is characterized by discipleship and care for one another

**Local Missions** that promotes the common good and evangelizes the lost

**Global Missions** that participates in church planting and spreading the gospel  
to the ends of the earth

**Children's Ministry** that partners with parents to build children up in the  
faith through loving care and Reformed biblical teaching

**Youth Ministry** that promotes maturity, joy, and identity in Christ

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