



ST. PAUL'S
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For The Glory of God & The Joy of All Peoples

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Morning
Tenth Sunday after Epiphany
March 15, 2026, 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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Traditional English Melody
Arr. Michael Bedford

*I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word,
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky.*

† congregation standing
✠ congregation kneeling

Call to Worship

From Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Unison: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Worship begins when God, through the pastor ministering in his name, summons us to the praise of his glory.



ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† Hymn of Proclamation

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #38

JOANNA

The Lord is "enthroned on the praises" of his people (Psalm 22:3).

† Prayer of Adoration

Unison: Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

† Old Testament Reading

Exodus 23:14-17 and 34:21-24

Pew Bible, pages 64 and 74

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16).

✠ **Prayer of Confession**

Unison: O God of mercy and justice, in your holy presence we confess our sin. You have shown us what is good and what you require of us. But we have not done justice, loved mercy, or walked humbly with you, our God. We have not loved you as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for our sin and restore us to paths of righteousness for Christ's namesake. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ **Assurance of Pardon**

From 1 Peter 2

Minister: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

✠ **Prayers of the People**

The Lord's Prayer

Unison: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

✠ **Pastoral Prayer**

The Assurance of Pardon is spoken with authority in Jesus' name. If you trust Jesus as he is offered in the gospel, you can rest assured that you are forgiven.

RENEWING OUR FAITH

† **Psalm of Consecration**

Hymn B • From the Trinity Psalter

Psalm 13

PASSION CHORALE

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism

Question and Answer #52

Minister: How does Christ's return to judge the living and dead comfort you?

People: In all my distress and persecution I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All his enemies and mine he will condemn to everlasting punishment: but me and all his chosen ones he will take along with him into the joy and glory of heaven.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

The Heidelberg Catechism is a beloved Protestant confessional document that takes the form of a series of questions and answers for use in teaching the Christian faith. It was originally published in 1563 in Heidelberg, Germany.

Children are welcome for our entire service. Following the Gloria, 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.

† Gloria

Gloria Patri #735

GREATOREX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be, world with - out
end. A - men, a - men.

† New Testament Lesson

Acts 24:1-27

Pew Bible, page 933

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Rev. Justin Berger

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Paul's Trial Before Felix

"Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law" (Psalm 119:18).

RESPONDING IN THANKS

† Hymn of Response

Hymn C • Trinity Hymnal #154

Thou Art the Way

Alt. Tune: ST. ANNE

Giving to God and Offertory

Bow Down Low

Traditional Shaker Song

*Bow down low and bend your head,
Bow down low and bend your head,
For I've come to sweep this house,
For to sweep the Lord's house clean.*

*Yes, I've come to wash and clean,
From this floor the stains of sin.
For lo, I've come again,
And I've not come in vain.*

*Sweep high, sweep low,
Sweep clean as you go.
Bow down low and bend your head,
For to sweep the Lord's house clean.*

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (Hebrews 13:16).

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The word “doxology” comes from the Greek *doxa* (“glory”) and *logos* (“word”). Thus, to sing the doxology is to ascribe a word of glory to God.

† Doxology

Vikki Cook

Praise God from whom all bles-sings 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. All glo - ry
 be to God a - bove, who gave his Son in ho - ly
 love, who sends his Com - for - ter to be his seal for
 all e-ter - ni - ty, his seal for all e-ter - ni - ty.

† Prayer of Dedication

† Benediction

† Sending Forth Hymn

Hymn D • Trinity Hymnal #32 (Verses 1 and 3)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Give Praise to God

SOLI DEO

Please take a moment to greet those around you.

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 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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!



Psalm 13

1. How long wilt Thou for - get me? Shall it for - ev - er be?
 2. O LORD, my God, con - si - der, and hear my ear - nest cries;
 3. But on Thy ten - der mer - cy I ev - er have re - lied;

O LORD, how long neg - lect me? And hide Thy face from me?
 lest I in death should slum - ber, en - light - en Thou mine eyes:
 with joy in Thy sal - va - tion my heart shall still con - fide.

How long my soul take coun - sel, thus sad in heart each day?
 lest foes be heard ex - claim - ing a - gainst him we pre - vailed;
 And I with voice of sing - ing will praise the LORD a - lone,

How long shall foes ex - ult - ing, sub - ject me to their sway?
 and they that vex my spi - rit re - joice when I have failed.
 be - cause to me His fa - vor He has so large - ly shown.

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

Arr. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

Thou Art the Way

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6



1. Thou art the Way: to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2. Thou art the Truth: thy Word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3. Thou art the Life: the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm,
4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that Way to know,



and he who would the Fa - ther seek must seek him, Lord, by thee.
 thou on - ly canst in - form the mind, and pu - ri - fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
 that Truth to keep, that Life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22, 23*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro -

vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

TO THE END OF THE EARTH:

Paul's Trial Before Felix

Acts 24:1-27 | Rev. Justin Borger

The Big Idea: When accused by a shrewd lawyer before the corrupt court of the Roman governor Felix—who cared more about keeping his options open than executing justice—Paul not only defends himself but seizes the opportunity of delayed justice for gospel witness. This and other trials at the end of Acts continue to fulfill Jesus' prediction: "they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake" (Luke 21:12).

i. The case against Paul (24:1-9)

ii. Paul's defense (24:10-21)

iii. Delayed justice and gospel witness (24:22-27)

DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

Use this plan for your daily Bible reading.

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| • Sunday, March 15 | Proverbs 2 • Galatians 1 |
| • Monday, March 16 | Proverbs 3 • Galatians 2 |
| • Tuesday, March 17 | Proverbs 4 • Galatians 3 |
| • Wednesday, March 18 | Proverbs 5 • Galatians 4 |
| • Thursday, March 19 | Proverbs 6 • Galatians 5 |
| • Friday, March 20 | Proverbs 7 • Galatians 6 |
| • Saturday, March 21 | Proverbs 8 • Ephesians 1 |
| • Sunday, March 22 | Proverbs 9 • Ephesians 2 |

WEEKLY SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What accusations does Tertullus bring against Paul in Acts 24:1-8?
2. How does Paul refute Tertullus and defend himself in Acts 24:10-21?
3. What was the purpose of Paul's final visit to Jerusalem according to Acts 24:11 and 17?
4. What can we learn from the way Paul seizes the opportunity of delayed justice for gospel witness in Acts 24:22-27?
5. When Paul speaks to Felix about "faith in Christ Jesus" (Acts 24:24) he proceeds to reason with him "about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment" (Acts 24:25). How are these things related?
6. Why might Paul have chosen to focus on these four topics (faith in Christ, righteousness, self-control, and judgment) during his time with Felix and his wife, Drusilla?

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

Devote time to memorizing this passage of Scripture throughout the month.

"I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down in the Law and written in the Prophets, having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust" (Acts 24:14b-15).

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 are we asked to kneel at various times in worship?

Answer: Body language is powerful, and God’s Word frequently commands us to use our bodies to communicate the disposition of our hearts in worship. “Oh come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!” (Psalm 95:6, 63:4, 150:5; 1 Timothy 2:8)

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 New Visitor Table 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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